# COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE July 6, 2010 7:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conduct nuisance abatement hearing regarding 2002 W 71<sup>st</sup> Terrace as requested by Jeff House, Member of DJ Builders, LLC, pursuant to Section 4-502 of the City of Prairie Village Municipal Code, K.S.A. 12-1617e and Resolution No 2010-09.

Conduct nuisance abatement hearing regarding 7925 Reinhardt Lane, as requested by Millicent A. Seested pursuant to Section 4-502 of the City of Prairie Village Municipal Code, K.S.A. 12-1617e and Resolution No 2010-10.

#### VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed below are considered to be routine by the Governing Body and will be enacted by one motion (Roll Call Vote). There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

#### By Staff:

- 1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 21, 2010
- 2. Approve an entertainment contract with Tree Lawn Artists, Inc. for the performance of Karrin Allyson at the 2010 Jazz Fest celebration on Saturday, September 11, 2010, in the amount of \$3,000.00.

### VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

#### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Committee of the Whole - Charles Clark

COU2010-37: Consider Engineering Change Order No. 1 for Project 190870: 2010 Street Resurfacing Program for Design of the Somerset Drive Project from East of Mission Road to Roe Avenue

COU2010-39: Consider Project 190890: 2010 Bond Project - Construction Change Order #4 Adding Project 190876, 2010 CARS Project on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street from Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue

VillageFest Committee - Diana Ewy Sharp

- IX. STAFF REPORTS
- X. OLD BUSINESS
- XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

### CITY COUNCIL

# CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE July 6, 2010

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

### ROLL CALL

Mayor Ron Shaffer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Al Herrera, Dale Warman, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Andrew Wang, Dale Beckerman, Charles Clark, David Morrison and Diana Ewy Sharp.

Also present were: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Interim Public Works Director; Jason Peters for the City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator; Karen Kindle, Finance Director and Jeanne Koontz, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Shaffer led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Daniel Andersen, 3304 W. 71<sup>st</sup> St, gave an update on the Arts Council and JazzFest. The Arts Council has released a new look for its website and has begun taking applications for State of the Arts. JazzFest has two upcoming events. The first will be a beer tasting at the end of July. The second will be an Eldar Solo Concert at Indian Hills Country Club on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at <a href="https://www.pvkansasjazz.org">www.pvkansasjazz.org</a>. There is a growing list of sponsors listed on the website and

the committee is still in the process of fundraising. Eldar is an internationally renowned pianist who lived in Prairie Village for 10 years. His trio will perform at the Jazz Festival.

Jay Senter, 4121 W. 74<sup>th</sup> St, said he recently started an online news site, <a href="https://www.pvpost.com">www.pvpost.com</a>. It will cover the Shawnee Mission East school district area including Prairie Village, Fairway and Mission Hills. Quinn Bennion said he has met with Mr. Senter and this will be another avenue to get information out to the public.

Jim Lichty, 7020 Belinder, stated he has a property on 71<sup>st</sup> Street and is perplexed regarding the recent installation of speed humps on 71<sup>st</sup> Street. He said he heard discussion on this topic about one year ago. A portion of the outcome of those discussions was that speed is not an issue on 71<sup>st</sup> Street. The new speed humps are taller than the ones on Cherokee. He is curious as to how they came about if speed is not a concern. He understands there is a petition that addresses the issue. He asked if each household or household member gets to vote. He expressed concern that a vocal minority has gained influence. He asked for clarification on how the speed humps were approved. Mayor Shaffer said the committee and Council voted on it. It was vetted by Council, Public Works and the Police Department. There is no intention to take them out in the near future and the decision process is well documented. He asked Mr. Bredehoeft to review the process with Mr. Lichty at another time. Dale Beckerman noted the process began with a petition from the neighbors.

Marilyn Uppman, 7401 High Drive, said she has lived in Prairie Village for about 50 years and was the third woman elected to the Prairie Village City Council in 1978. She was the recipient of the VillageFest Community Spirit Award on Sunday. She thanked Marcia Jacobs and Barbara Vernon for nominating her and Diana Ewy Sharp for the VillageFest event. She also thanked former Mayor, Bill Franklin, for getting her

to run for the City Council. She said there is no place better to volunteer than Prairie Village. Diana Ewy Sharp said there were two awards given at VillageFest. Johnny's Tavern received the Business Community Spirit Award and Mrs. Uppman received the Lifetime Community Spirit Award. Mayor Shaffer thanked Mrs. Uppman for her service and dedication to Prairie Village.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Consider Resolution 2010-09 declaring that a Nuisance, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1617e and Sections 4-503 of the Prairie Village Municipal Code, exists at 2002 West 71<sup>st</sup> Terrace and ordering the nuisance be abated by the property owner of record

Dennis Enslinger stated that on June 7, 2010, the Governing Body approved Resolution No. 2010-09 directing the property owner of 2002 W. 71<sup>st</sup> Terrace to remove and abate the nuisance conditions as outlined in the resolution. Mr. Enslinger showed pictures of the site taken today. He pointed out that there used to be a bridge over the creek but it has been washed away. He noted the conditions of the property have continued to deteriorate. The site continues to have overgrown vegetation and standing water in the basement. In addition, the lack of maintenance of the silt fence continues to have a negative impact on the adjacent stream. Such conditions are conducive to blight, rodent and insect infestation, and are a menace and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants of the surrounding properties within the neighborhood. He noted there is standing water inside the basement and some vegetation in the basement is approaching eight to nine feet high. There have been continued issues with mowing the property. The City has mowed the property once this year and received payment today. The City is preparing to cite the property again for weed abatement.

Dennis Enslinger stated as provided in Resolution 2010-09, the property owner of record may request a public hearing regarding the nuisance violation. The property owner of record, DJ Builders, LLC, represented by Jeff House, requested the Governing Body hold a public hearing at the July 6, 2010 meeting.

Dennis Enslinger noted the Governing Body has the following options after the public hearing.

- 1. Continue the public hearing to a specific date.
- 2. Direct staff to move forward with the abatement process which would require the removal of the foundation. A lien would be placed on the property for the associated costs.
- 3. Indicate to the property owner that they have more time and not continue the hearing.

Dale Beckerman asked how much the abatement would cost. Mr. Enslinger replied between \$3,000 and \$8,000 dollars. He said it may be more because of the uniqueness of the site. The property would have difficulty being redeveloped to the cost of the abatement unless the City was willing to forgive a large portion of the lien.

Jeff House, 13830 Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa, KS, with DJ Builders thanked the Council for granting the public hearing. He noted the issue has been frustrating to all parties including the neighbors. He said he has been tied up in litigation with the bank and thought that it had been resolved back in December; it is still not resolved. He said he has tried to be responsive as he has received calls from the City. He has pumped out the structure on several occasions and it has been mowed. He noted he spoke with the bank, Great Southern, and both parties believe the best possible solution would be to build the original structure. The value of the lot is far higher as a finished house. He

stated Great Southern would be amenable to releasing the mortgage on the property for less than the debt owed. He has contacted someone to market the property to other builders, so another builder could come in and complete the house. He requested additional time to sell the property to another builder who can complete the plans.

Al Herrera commented that the drawings are fantastic but expressed concern that another builder would not follow the plans. Mr. House replied it is unlikely they would build a different structure on the existing foundation. Mr. Herrera asked if anyone was interested yet and if Mr. House had received the release from the bank. Mr. House replied "no" to both questions.

Charles Clark asked Mr. House how much time he needs to sell the property. Mr. House asked the Council to continue for 60 days. Mr. Clark asked him if he is sure 60 days is enough time. Mr. House said he cannot guarantee it will be enough time but stated it is in everyone's interest to have a completed house.

Dale Beckerman stated it has been almost two years that the neighbors have had to deal with an open hole in their neighborhood and asked when the situation might change in this market. Mr. House replied that there are not many building lots in Prairie Village and it is an attractive location. The real estate agent is excited about selling the project. Mr. Beckerman said there is a difference between having a builder buy it and building it. The buyer will need financing to build as a house. Mr. House responded given the attractiveness of the location, it should not need a large construction loan.

Diana Ewy Sharp said she agrees that a finished house would be best for the neighborhood but asked Mr. House what he would be willing to do in the next 60 days to maintain the property. Mr. House said he would try to be responsive to cut the grass and pump the basement out.

Ruth Hopkins said Mr. House makes it sound like an easy 60 day turn around so why has it not been a priority to settle it before now. Mr. House said in 2009 he had financing lined up with another bank and it fell through and foreclosure proceedings began in January.

Corey Wolf, 12284 S Clinton, with Great Southern Bank, introduced himself. Mr. Herrera asked if the papers have been drawn up to begin the process. Mr. Wolf said the bank needs the money before releasing the mortgage. The bank will look at any offer presented. Mr. Herrera asked if 60 days would be sufficient. Mr. Wolf said there was a similar situation in Gardner and a buyer was found before the property was abated; it took around ninety days. Mr. Wolf stated he believes in the site and thinks there will be interest in it. Mr. Beckerman asked how big the mortgage is. Mr. Wolf replied \$138,000.

Michael Dolly, 2106 W. 71<sup>st</sup> Ter, stated he lives four houses from the property and was really happy with the site when the project started out. He thought it would be a great addition to the neighborhood. He said he wants to know why Mr. House does not finish building the house. He said Mr. House's plan does not seem feasible to him. Mr. House replied he does not have the money to finish the project.

Jason Peters stated, as a point of order, questions need to be directed to the Council and then Council can direct the questions to the property owner or the bank if they see fit.

Bruce Johnson, 2115 W. 71<sup>st</sup> Ter, said he would like to have a house on the lot but it seems far-fetched that it will sell in 60 days.

Diana Ewy Sharp asked the neighbors if they would be willing to wait 90 days to see if the house will sell. Both neighbors agreed to wait.

Al Herrera asked if the contractor could keep it clean, mowed and pumped out during the 90 days. Mr. Dolly said the fence and concrete at the front part of the property is the immediate detriment.

Marcia Gradinger noted the debris needs to be cleaned up, the bridge reestablished and the weeds cleaned up. She said Mr. House needs to keep an eye on
the property so that she does not have to. Mr. Dolly stated the mosquitoes are really an
issue. Ruth Hopkins asked Mr. House how he expects to show the property if the bridge
is out. Mr. House noted you can cross over without the bridge or there is a bridge on the
property next door. Ms. Gradinger said the only way she can get access is to use the
neighbor's bridge.

Dennis Enslinger emphasized that the property owner needs to take responsibility for the property. It is not the City's responsibility to watch the property and call the property owner when there is an issue. He asked that continued property maintenance be a condition of approval to continue the public hearing. Andrew Wang agreed with Mr. Enslinger that the property must be constantly maintained in some manner that is acceptable to the neighborhood. He asked if the City has a list of specific items that need to be addressed. Mr. Enslinger replied staff can create a list and it is in the documentation provided. He noted if the property changes hand, the City would have to start over on the abatement process should the construction stall.

David Morrison asked if it would be appropriate to have the property owner post bond so if they fail to maintain the property, the City could take care of the situation. Mr. Enslinger said the City has the ability should the owner agree to post bond. Mr. Enslinger said it is paramount to have the property owner give the City updates every two weeks regarding any interest in the property.

Dale Beckerman asked staff what indications they have seen that there will be any maintenance of the property during the next 90 days. Mr. Enslinger said the history is in the timeline and it is not staff's responsibility to make sure the property is maintained. Mr. Beckerman stated it looks to be a history of irresponsible ownership.

Diana Ewy Sharp asked if all the neighbors were informed of the public hearing. Mr. Enslinger said he notified any neighbor that staff had been in contact with, but the City is not required to send out a notice to all neighbors; he also noted some residents were out of town. Mrs. Ewy Sharp asked Mr. House if he is willing to make certain the property is maintained for the 60 or 90 day period without the City contacting him. Mr. House replied yes. He said he has only received one violation but acknowledged he needs to do a better job of being proactive. Marcia Gradinger noted she has the ability to issue tickets for nuisances and weeds to assure the property is maintained.

Andrew Wang asked what are the choices the Council has and the consequences of those choices. Mr. Enslinger said Council could continue the public hearing to a specific date. During this time, staff could begin preparing the RFP for the abatement process so that more time is not wasted. In order to prepare the RFP, staff would need permission from the property owner to access the site.

Al Herrera clarified that if the Council proceeds with the abatement it will cost \$3,000 to \$8,000 and a lien will be placed on the property. He asked if the property would be in the bank's hands at this time. Mr. Wolf said the bank foreclosure will take longer than 90 days. He said the bank will need to decide whether to finish the foreclosure if the property is abated. Mr. Herrera said he is beginning to think the abatement is the best plan. Mr. Beckerman said he believes the property will be abated at some point.

Dale Beckerman moved the Governing Body direct staff to abate the property at 2002 W. 71<sup>st</sup> Terrace in accordance with Resolution 2010-09, Section 4-503 of the Code of the City of Prairie Village, Kansas and K.S.A. 12-1617e. The motion was seconded by Charles Clark.

David Morrison stated the neighbors are willing to wait and if the property owner provides a bond, there is nothing to lose. Mr. Enslinger noted if the motion is approved, there is nothing precluding the property owner from attempting to sell the property. Council will have to approve the agreement to abate the property and it will take 30-45 days to go through the bid process.

Steve Noll stated he would be comfortable allowing a 60 day window with a good faith promise from the owner that they will maintain the property. Mr. Beckerman said there has been one and a half years of complete disregard from the owner and they have treated the neighbors quite shabbily. Mr. Clark said the Council can always vote to not fund the abatement. Mr. Warman agreed with Mr. Clark and emphasized the need to protect our residents.

Mr. Peters pointed out the owner has ten days to abate the property and has the opportunity to obtain extensions if showing due diligence before the RFP process can begin. He said if the Council agrees to grant a continuance, they would not be giving up their power and could enforce the abatement at the date of continuance.

Al Herrera said we should put the heat on and see how fast they can make the sale happen. Mrs. Ewy Sharp asked if there is a way to require the property owner to maintain the property if the Council votes for the abatement. Mr. Enslinger said technically the property owner is always responsible. Ms. Gradinger stated she can issue tickets for each day there is a violation.

Andrew Wang stated if the Council votes for the abatement, the property owner still has time to make things right and likes the idea of requiring a bond. Mr. Beckerman said the bond would require a layer of staff time that is unappealing to him. Mr. Morrison asked Mr. House if he would be willing to put up a cash bond. Mr. House said he would be willing to have a landscaper out there every week and furnish a written report every Friday. He would be willing to post some sort of bond.

Mayor Shaffer called the question. Mrs. Koontz re-read the motion -

"Dale Beckerman moved the Governing Body direct staff to abate the property at 2002 W 71<sup>st</sup> Terrace in accordance with Resolution 2010-09, Section 4-503 of the Code of the City of Prairie Village, Kansas and K.S.A. 12-1617e noting the motion was seconded by Charles Clark. The motion passed 6 to 4 with the following voting "nay": Mrs. Ewy Sharp, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Noll and Mr. Wang.

Mayor Shaffer said there is now a timeline before us and all issues will be quickly resolved.

Consider Resolution No. 2010-10 declaring that a Nuisance, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1617e and Sections 4-503 of the Prairie Village Municipal Code, exists at 7925 Reinhardt Lane and ordering the nuisance be abated by the property owner of record

Dennis Enslinger noted on June 7, 2010, the Governing Body approved Resolution No. 2010-10 directing the property owner of 7925 Reinhardt Lane to remove and abate the nuisance conditions as outlined in the resolution. Mr. Enslinger showed pictures of the property taken earlier in the day. The soffit material has fallen down since the June meeting. As well, there are a number of holes in the roof that are more visible. Mr. Enslinger noted the conditions of the property have continued to deteriorate and the violations are as follows: chipped and peeling paint, deteriorating roof, holes in

roofing, non-weather tight structure, rotting wood, missing storm windows, construction material, missing and rotten soffits, brush and limb pile, dead and broken limbs in trees, overgrown vegetation, dead vegetation, low sagging power line with overgrown or dead limbs on it, old newspapers, rodent harborage, mosquito infestation, and generally unsightly, unsafe and unsanitary conditions. Such conditions are conducive to blight, rodent and insect infestation, and are a menace and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants of the surrounding properties within the neighborhood.

Mr. Enslinger stated as provided in Resolution 2010-10, the property owner of record may request a public hearing regarding the nuisance violation. The property owner of record, Millicent Seested, requested the Governing Body hold a public hearing at the July 6, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Enslinger said the City's approach would be to abate and repair. The City will likely need to go to district court to gain access to the property to determine the amount of abatement needed.

Mr. Warman asked what the prospects are that it cannot be restored to a habitable condition. Mr. Herrera asked if there are church groups or someone that would repair something like this. Mr. Enslinger said the City has coordinated that with many property owners. Ms. Gradinger has offered that type of assistance but the owner has not accepted. The condition of the property may be too difficult for some of these groups. Ms. Gradinger said she requested help from Johnson County but the resident must reside in the home. She stated Ms. Seested has indicated on numerous occasions that she is going to sell the house to Tim Smith but she has failed to follow through. She has no family in the area but Mr. Smith and various neighbors have offered to help her.

Mr. Herrera asked if the house was made livable, would Ms. Seested move back in? Ms. Gradinger said she did not believe she would. Mr. Noll asked if citations have been issued on the property. Ms. Gradinger replied Ms. Seested has come to court regularly but always tells the court that she will sell the house. Mr. Noll asked if there is utility service in the house. Ms. Gradinger responded she is not sure. Mayor Shaffer asked Ms. Gradinger to relay the gravity of the situation to Ms. Seested. Ms. Gradinger replied she understands the situation completely.

Mr. Herrera asked what the next step is. Mr. Enslinger said staff hopes the property owner will realize the severity of the issue and resolve it. The next step would be to abate the nuisance. Mr. Beckerman expressed concern that an exterior abatement will not completely abate the nuisance if the interior is unlivable. Mr. Enslinger stated at this point only the exterior can be abated. He noted the Council has the ability to release the lien in the future if it so chooses.

Milicent Seested, 7925 Reinhardt, stated she has been a Prairie Village resident since 1956. She stated she has a home she needs to dispose of because she can no longer provide for it. She has a couple of interested parties that want to buy the property.

Mayor Shaffer thanked Ms. Seested for attending the public hearing. Mr. Herrera asked Ms. Seested if she would let Ms. Gradinger inside the house. Ms. Seested gave her consent to allow Ms. Gradinger to enter the house. Mayor Shaffer asked if there is a sincere interest from Mr. Smith to purchase the property. Ms. Seested replied yes. She said she let her heart get in the way of her head.

Steve Noll moved the Governing Body continue the public hearing for the property at 7925 Reinhardt Lane to the August 2, 2010 City Council Meeting in accordance with Resolution 2010-10, Section 4-503 of the Code of the City of Prairie Village, Kansas and K.S.A. 12-1617e to allow the property owner the opportunity to consummate the sale of the property. The motion was seconded by David Morrison.

Marianne Shouse, 3507 W. 79<sup>th</sup> St, said the house is horrendous and a health hazard. She noted she is having to enter a contract with an exterminating company because of the rodent situation. She stated Ms. Seested has been putting this off year after year. She requested the timeline for the continuance be shorter. She stated there is probably standing water in the basement. It is a health hazard for the whole neighborhood. She implored the Council to do something. She said her property values are plummeting.

Mr. Noll said he appreciates Mrs. Shouse's concern and noted the Council's hands are tied to do anything quickly. Mr. Herrera noted the City Council has a meeting on July 19, 2010.

Al Herrera moved the Governing Body amend the motion on the floor to July 19, 2010. The motion was seconded by Diana Ewy Sharp and passed 6 to 4 with the following voting "nay": Mr. Noll, Mr. Wang, Mayor Shaffer and Mr. Morrison.

Mrs. Hopkins asked what the Council's options are. Mr. Peters said there will be 10 days after the public hearing for the property owner to abate the nuisance. Mayor Shaffer said that gives five additional days before the meeting.

Mayor Shaffer called the question. Mrs. Koontz read the amended motion.

Steve Noll moved the Governing Body continue the public hearing for the property at 7925 Reinhardt Lane to the July 19, 2010 City Council Meeting in accordance with

Resolution 2010-10, Section 4-503 of the Code of the City of Prairie Village, Kansas and K.S.A. 12-1617e to allow the property owner the opportunity to consummate the sale of the property. The motion was seconded by David Morrison and passed 6 to 4 with the following voting "nay": Mr. Noll, Mr. Wang, Mayor Shaffer and Mr. Morrison.

Mayor Shaffer thanked Ms. Seested and noted the public hearing would continue on July 19, 2010. Mr. Warman thanked Ms. Gradinger for all her hard work.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

Charles Clark moved the approval of the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2010:

- 1. Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes June 21, 2010
- 2. Approve an entertainment contract with Tree Lawn Artists, Inc. for the performance of Karrin Allyson at the 2010 Jazz Fest celebration on Saturday, September 11, 2010 in the amount of \$3,000.00

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting "aye": Herrera, Warman, Hopkins, Noll, Wang, Beckerman, Clark, Morrision and Ewy Sharp.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Shaffer had no report to give the City Council.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Council Committee of the Whole

COU2010-37 Consider Project 190870: 2010 Street Resurfacing Program

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Charles Clark moved the Governing Body approve Engineering Change Order #1 with Affinis Corporation for the additional design of Somerset from east of Mission Road to Roe Avenue for an increase of \$24,785.00 bringing the new contract amount to \$228,785.00. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman and passed unanimously.

# COU2010-39 Consider Project 190890: 2010 Bond Project

On behalf of the Council Committee of the Whole, Charles Clark moved the Governing Body approve Construction Change Order #4 for Project 290890: 2010 Bond Project with O'Donnell & Sons adding 2010 CARS Project 190876 for an increase of \$600,083.81 bringing the new contract amount to \$7,155,423.81. The motion was seconded by Dale Beckerman and passed 8 to 1 with Mr. Morrison voting "nay".

## VillageFest Committee

Diana Ewy Sharp reported the weather held out for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual VillageFest. There were 4,000-5,000 people in attendance with over 50 volunteers. She thanked Dale Warman and Laura Wassmer for volunteering. The SME Robotics team was a new addition and they shot off free t-shirts. She thanked Headstrong for Jake and Office Taylor for the bike rodeo which gave away over 400 helmets in one and a half hours. The pancake breakfast attendance was down due to the weather. She thanked the committee, the sponsors, Susan Hiland for emceeing, Consolidated Fire District #2, and the US Army Reserve. She thanked Jeanne Koontz, Sgt. Byron Roberson, Mike Helms, Quinn Bennion, Chief Jordan, and Keith Bredehoeft for all their hard work and Mayor Shaffer and the Council for their support.

### STAFF REPORTS

### Public Safety

No report

### **Public Works**

 Keith Bredehoeft reported that he became of aware of Lichty's concern over the weekend and will walk him through the Traffic Calming Process. Ruth Hopkins questioned whether the neighborhood applicants get the 60% of signatures needed and stop so the other 40% don't know what is happening. Mr. Bredehoeft responded that he will be working on a process to make sure all residents are informed. David Morrison asked if there is a procedure for removing the speed humps if the make-up of the neighborhood changes. Mayor Shaffer responded yes but at the cost of the neighborhood.

Construction on the concrete crosswalks on Mission Road will begin this
weekend. It is expected to take four weeks and be finished before school begins.
Mr. Bredehoeft said a letter will be sent to the residences adjacent to the
construction.

### Administration

- Dennis Enslinger reported that 370 households and six truckloads of trash were picked up in response to the rain event. Approximately thirty people called after the deadline and were directed to make other arrangements.
- Mr. Enslinger announced the new bus route on 75<sup>th</sup> Street has begun. It will stop anywhere along 75<sup>th</sup> Street in Prairie Village.
- Mr. Enslinger reported that a part-time intern is being hired to help with additional initiatives. Half their salary may be paid by the Kansas work-study program.
- Mr. Enslinger said the appropriation requests for Brush Creek Trail, 75<sup>th</sup> Street power line undergrounding and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Stormwater were not approved.
- Mr. Enslinger reminded Council of the Art Show this Friday from 6:30 pm 8:00 pm.
- Quinn Bennion handed out an updated council/staff priorities list.
- Quinn Bennion noted the press coverage regarding the mill levy increase. Staff is tracking any comments received.
- Mr. Bennion handed out an item that compares the property tax paid on an average Prairie Village house in 2009 and 2011. The actual dollar amount paid by a resident will be less in 2011 than in 2009. If property values had not decreased, the average homeowner would pay an additional \$17.54.

Andrew Wang asked if the initiatives added in June to create neighborhood design style guidelines and upgrade involvement with the Homes Association Committee are related. Mr. Bennion responded the first item cannot be done without the second.

 Mr. Bennion reported that there is pending legislation regarding mandatory collective bargaining for public safety. If the legislation passes, the City would not have a choice to recognize it if the Police Department unionized.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the City Council.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Al Herrera thanked Chief Jordan and Sgt. Winn for the opportunity to participate in defensive driving training.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks include:

Board of Zoning Appeals	07/06/2010	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	07/06/2010	7:00 p.m.
Sister City Committee	07/12/2010	7:00 p.m.
Communications Committee	07/13/2010	7:00 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole	07/19/2010	6:00 p.m.
City Council	07/19/2010	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce a photography exhibit by Ric Cummings in the R. G. Endres Gallery for the month of July . The reception will be held on July 9th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Moonlight Swim - Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the pool remains open until 10:00 p.m.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Water Show will be Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m.

The City Clerk's office has a new style of ceramic coffee mug for sale. They are \$5.00 each.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books, **Prairie Village Our Story** are being sold to the public.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Jeanne Koontz Deputy City Clerk