

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE**

**January 17, 2017**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Laura Wassmer called the meeting to order and roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Ashley Weaver, Jori Nelson, Serena Schermoly, Steve Noll, Eric Mikkelson, Sheila Myers, Brooke Morehead, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher.

Also present were Teen Council members Helen Sun, Luke Hafner and Zoe Nason.

Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; Melissa Prenger, Public Works Project Manager; David Waters for Katie Logan, City Attorney; Quinn Bennion, City Administrator; Wes Jordan, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Alley Williams, Assistant to the City Administrator and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS**

Mayor Wassmer welcomed a boy scout in attendance to earn his "Citizenship and Community" badge.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one addressed the City Council and public participation was closed at 7:36 p.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Jori Nelson asked that item #1 be removed. She stated the motion for the purchase of the property at 67<sup>th</sup> and Roe was made by Eric Mikkelson and seconded by her; not by Serena Schermoly and Steve Noll as noted in the minutes. The City Clerk stated the minutes would be corrected.

Ted Odell moved the approval of the Consent Agenda items for January 17, 2017 as presented with the correction to the December 19, 2016 City Council minutes:

1. Approval of the regular City Council meeting minutes - December 19, 2016 as corrected
2. Approval of the purchase of a Ventrac 3400 Snow Removal Tractor at a cost of \$27,095
3. Approval of the 2017 SuperPass Interlocal Agreement and Swim Meet Letter of Understanding with the Cities of Merriam, Leawood, Mission, Fairway, Roeland Park and Johnson County Parks and Recreation District for the use of swimming facilities
4. Approval of the 2017 Learn to Swim, Pool Usage and Day Camp agreements with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District
5. Approval of the 2017 agreement with Challenger Sports for the use of city facilities for a British Soccer Camp and Tiny Tyke Camp at Taliaferro Park

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Weaver, Nelson, Schermoly, Noll, Mikkelson, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell and Gallagher.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Council Committee of the Whole**

**COU2017-01 Consider Agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services to conduct comprehensive compensation and benefit study**

Sheila Myers moved the City Council approve Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. as the firm to conduct the city's compensation and benefit study as specified in their proposal at a cost of \$17,150. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll and passed unanimously.

**COU2017-02 Consider 2017 Recreation Fee Schedule**

Sheila Myers moved the City Council approve the proposed 2017 Recreation Fee Schedule reflecting an increase in aquatic lessons from \$35 to \$40 and the reduction of membership costs to half price after July 15<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Ashley Weaver and passed unanimously.

**COU2017-03 Consider 2017 Prairie Village Legislative Platform**

Jori Nelson moved the City Council adopt the 2017 Prairie Village Legislative Platform as amended. The motion was seconded by Eric Mikkelson and passed unanimously.

**COU2017-04 Consider submittal of the Preliminary Engineering Study to the Johnson County SMAC Program for the Delmar/Fontana Low Water Crossing Removal and Stormwater Improvements Project**

Sheila Myers moved the City Council approve the submittal of the Preliminary Engineering Study (PES) to the Johnson County SMAC Program for the Delmar/Fontana low water crossing removal and stormwater improvements project. The motion was seconded by Brooke Morehead and passed unanimously.

**COU2017-05 Consider submittal of the Preliminary Engineering Study to the Johnson County SMAC Program for the Reinhardt & 84<sup>th</sup> Terrace Drainage Project**

Sheila Myers moved the City Council approve the submittal of the Preliminary Engineering Study (PES) to the Johnson County SMAC Program Project REIST0001:

Reinhardt & 84<sup>th</sup> Terrace Drainage Project. The motion was seconded by Eric Mikkelson and passed unanimously with Dan Runion abstaining.

**COU2017-06 Consider Agreement with Affinis Corp for the Reinhardt & 84<sup>th</sup> Terrace drainage project Preliminary Engineering Study**

Ted Odell moved the City Council approve an agreement with Affinis Corporation in the amount of \$11,802 for the preparation of a Preliminary Engineering Study for Project REIST0001: Reinhardt & 84<sup>th</sup> Terrace drainage project. The motion was seconded by Sheila Myers and passed unanimously with Dan Runion abstaining.

**COU2017-07 Consider Construction Change Order #1 (Final) with O'Donnell & Sons Construction for the 2016 Paving Program**

Sheila Myers moved the City Council approve Construction Change Order #1 (Final) with O'Donnell and Sons for the 2016 Paving Program in the amount of \$78,820.68 bringing the final contract amount to \$1,923,420.68. The motion was seconded by Ashley Weaver and passed unanimously

**Planning Commission**

**PC2016-08 Consider renewal of a Special Use Permit for the installation of a wireless communication antenna at 7241 Mission Road**

Wes Jordan stated this installation is an on-building wireless telecommunications installation, with the antenna facilities integrated into the architectural features of St. Ann's Church. It was initially approved in 1996 and most recently in 2014 when three new antennas were added. Clearwire, Sprint and Nextel have antenna panels on the church steeple painted to match the brick or stone on the steeple. The equipment compound is located in a brick walled area that matches the building and are not detectible. The original application was approved in 1996 for Sprint. This permit was renewed in 2001 and 2006. Since these approvals, the City's wireless

telecommunications ordinance has been amended and several site plan applications for upgrades and exchanges of equipment have been approved. The proposed application has no changes to the existing installation. Notice of this hearing was mailed to surrounding property owners and a sign was posted on the site.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended the Governing Body grant the renewal of the Special Use Permit for the operation of a wireless communications facility at 7241 Mission Road subject to the thirteen conditions recommended by staff.

Terrence Gallagher moved the Governing Body adopt Ordinance 2358 approving the renewal of a Special Use Permit for the installation, operation and maintenance of communication antenna and related equipment by Sprint/Nextel on the property described as 7241 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Sheila Myers.

A roll call vote was taken with the following members voting “aye”: Weaver, Nelson, Schermoly, Noll, Mikkelson, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell, Gallagher and Wassmer.

**COU2017-08 Consider Contract with McConnell & Associates for the McCrum Park tennis court rehabilitation**

The discussion about the tennis court rehabilitation project was continued from the committee meeting.

Melissa Prenger stated this is not a repair project but a replacement which was approved in August of 2016 as part of the city’s 2017 Capital Improvement Program.

Terrence Gallagher stated he supports the project; however, he feels the city should investigate the opportunities to secure grant funding. He is aware of several grant opportunities for the construction of new tennis courts. He believes that whenever there

is the opportunity to participate in grant programs, especially for park and recreation projects, they should be explored by the City.

Serena Schermoly asked if the city staff looked at resurfacing the courts instead of replacing them. Melissa Prenger replied that simply resurfacing the courts is not a viable option because of the drainage issues at this site. Mrs. Prenger acknowledged that this is a significant investment, but staff believes it is the appropriate long-term solution.

Mrs. Schermoly stated she visited the courts with a tennis court expert who felt that the cracks could be repaired with resurfacing of the courts. She questioned the amount of use this court receives.

Keith Bredehoeft replied that because of the drainage issue, staff believes that this is the best long-term solution that addresses both the court surface and drainage issues eliminating concerns going forward. These courts are the only courts available for use during team practices on other courts in the city. Mr. Mikkelson stated the courts are used regularly and noted the use of this process on the courts at Harmon Park was very successful with the courts being recognized as some of the best courts in the area. This process is more expensive; however, he feels it brings significant value to the city and he supports the project.

Mr. Mikkelson felt the city had a window of opportunity in which to investigate the possible acquisition of grant funds without putting the project in jeopardy. He would support continuing this item to the next city council meeting to allow for investigation of possible grant funding.

Ted Odell noted this project has already been approved as a CIP project and has already been bid for proposed rehabilitation. He does not want to delay the project.

Brooke Morehead noted another consideration should be the impact of the future development of the property at 67<sup>th</sup> & Roe as park land.

Terrence Gallagher moved the City Council continue COU2017-08 consideration of contract with McConnell & Associates for the McCrum Park tennis court rehabilitation to the February 6<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Courtney McFadden and passed unanimously.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wassmer reported the State of the Cities address will be given by area mayors at the Northeast Johnson County Chamber luncheon on Thursday, January 19. She will be attending City Hall Day in Topeka on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> along with other council members and staff. Briarwood Elementary School will have the dedication of their new building on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Meadowbrook Golf Club has been demolished and progress continues at Meadowbrook. Ten pieces of city statuary have been professionally cleaned under contract with others yet to be cleaned.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Public Safety**

- Chief Schwartzkopf had nothing new to report.

Terrence Gallagher asked what impact the recent Missouri concealed carry legislation would have on the carrying of guns in Prairie Village. Chief replied that he would investigate and get back with him.

### **PUBLIC Works**

- Keith Bredehoeft reported on the ice event coverage over the weekend. The city had ½" to ¾" accumulation with crews working around the clock.
- Staff is analyzing the LED Street Light bids looking at three companies.

Brooke Morehead asked about the cost to synchronize city traffic lights. Mr. Bredehoeft responded that the city does participate in Operation Green Light for the signals along 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Mrs. Morehead suggested the signals on Mission be considered to keep traffic flowing with the reduced traffic lanes. Mr. Bredehoeft stated the city would be having a city-wide traffic study done and it will include possible signal analysis.

#### **.Administration**

- Wes Jordan reported that Channel 5 would be doing a story on “cart recovery” and provided an update on the cart recovery process. He thanked Public Works crews for their assistance in picking up Deffenbaugh carts. Deffenbaugh has been coming to the Public Works facility to reclaim their carts. The cart recovery will continue with the cost of the city doing so being subtracted from the final invoice from Deffenbaugh.

Terrence Gallagher questioned the social media reports that residents would be charged by Deffenbaugh for unreturned carts. Mr. Jordan replied that this has not been confirmed.

- Mr. Jordan reported that Republic has had 2500 requests for cart switch-out for both the 35 gallon and 95 gallon carts. They have order 400 more carts and continue working to complete the requests.

Ashley Weaver questioned the customer service being received by Republic. Mr. Jordan replied there are three call centers, all located out of state. The protocols for the call centers address trash misses, not cart switch-outs and this has been a massive cart switch-out. Both the city staff and Republic are working to address the service requests as quickly as possible.

Eric Mikkelson and Jori Nelson commended Mr. Jordan and all of the city staff on their efforts in communicating to and addressing residents’ questions and needs. Mr. Jordan commended everyone involved in the transition efforts for their cooperation, diligence and patience.



- Quinn Bennion reminded council of the council work session on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Ted Odell stated the work session will take a different format including team building and discussion of council priorities.

- Quinn Bennion reported that staff members continue to meet with residents regarding the Prairie Baptist Church hill slope issue and the Homestead development/drainage issues.

Brooke Morehead asked when the Consolidated Fire District #2 would be addressing the Council on their new location. Mr. Bennion reported that the Fire Board wants to have elevations of the proposed station completed prior to addressing the Council. Mrs. Morehead noted her primary interest was on how the project would impact the Village Square project, adding that the committee would be meeting tomorrow to review proposals.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Serena Schermoly expressed her appreciation to the owners of Bruce Smith Drug and Tiffany Town for their long service to the residents of Prairie Village.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of Layout Options for City Hall Driveway and Parking**

As part of the discussions for the overall campus entrance project, the Governing Body requested staff to review the locations of accessible parking stalls. Melissa Prenger noted the 2017 Paving Program includes resurfacing of the City Hall parking lot and provides an opportunity to reconfigure the driveway and parking adjacent to City Hall. The following three options prepared by Affinis were presented for consideration:

- Option 1: Current driveway with new accessible parking  
(drive on west, parking on east)

Cost: \$50,000  
Stall count: 21 spaces (13 standard, 7 ADA)

- Option 2: New driveway  
(drive on east, parking on west)  
Cost: \$90,000  
Stall count: 17 spaces (13 standard, 4 ADA)
- Option 3: New driveway with double stack parking  
(drive in middle with parking on east and west)  
Cost: \$130,000 - \$150,000  
Stall count: 34 spaces (30 standard, 4 ADA)

Melissa Prenger reviewed each of the options discussing the changes and related costs. Ted Odell noted that looking forward with the possible greater use of the municipal campus that this may be a good time to look at adding parking spaces and asked where the funding would come from. Mr. Bredehoeft replied that it would come from the 2017 Paving Program. Dan Runion asked if there was a current need for more parking, stating he was not convinced additional parking is needed. Quinn Bennion replied there are very few instances during a normal day when the entire parking lot is filled. He noted that Option #2 is more of a safety issue and ADA issue in that individuals do not have to cross the driveway for access to City Hall.

Terrence Gallagher stated that having the parking adjacent to the building is better. He felt that the ADA parking needs to be near the bottom of the ramp to provide opportunity for a wheel chair to have easy access. Option 2 is better from his perspective.

Eric Mikkelson expressed his desire to retain existing greenspace and trees if additional parking is not needed. He asked if seven ADA spaces were necessary. Melissa Prenger responded no and stated that the code requires 1 ADA space for every 25 parking spaces. Mr. Mikkelson asked if the ADA spaces on the north end were still

needed. Mr. Bredehoeft replied that they would be moved, but noted that the north entrance is handicapped accessible.

Sheila Myers confirmed that Mr. Gallagher liked option #1 however, option #2 was preferred from the handicapped perspective.

Dan Runion moved the Council direct staff to move forward with Option #1 with the relocating the ADA spaces at the north end closer to the main entrance with the other proposed spaces. The motion was seconded by Ashley Weaver and passed by a vote of 10 to 1 with Mr. Odell voting in opposition.

**Committee meetings scheduled for the next two weeks:**

JazzFest Committee	01/23/2017	5:30 p.m.
Environment/Recycle Committee	01/25/2017	5:30 p.m.
VillageFest Committee	01/26/2017	5:30 p.m.
Council Committee of the Whole (Tuesday)	01/03/2016	6:00 p.m.
City Council (Tuesday)	01/03/2016	7:30 p.m.

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature art work owned by the City of Prairie Village in the R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of January

Save the Date - The Northeast Johnson County Chamber will host the State of the Cities addresses on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The 2017 City Hall Day will be held on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in Topeka.

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Republic will **NOT** observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Regular pick-up days will be followed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Joyce Hagen Mundy  
City Clerk