



**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
February 19, 2019**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. Mayor Mikkelson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called by the City Clerk with the following Council Members in attendance: Jori Nelson, Serena Schermoly, Ron Nelson, Tucker Poling, Sheila Myers (by telephone), Brooke Morehead, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ted Odell and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Alley Porter, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ron Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda for February 19, 2019 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS

No students or scouts were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

With no one present to address the Council, public participation was closed at 6:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Mikkelson asked if there were any items to remove from the consent agenda for discussion.

Ron Nelson moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda of February 19, 2019 as presented.

1. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes - February 4, 2019
2. Approve expenditure ordinance #2975
3. Approve resolutions designating city officials and staff authorized to act on behalf of the City for investments and financial transactions
4. Approve the purchase of three (3) 2019 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles



A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: J. Nelson, Schermoly, R. Nelson, Poling, Myers, Morehead, Runion, McFadden, Odell and Gallagher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Mikkelson reported that the Council Work Session held on Saturday, February 9th was successful. A presentation was given by the General Counsel of the League of Kansas Municipalities about compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). Guidance about social media compliance was also provided. A second presentation was given by a representative from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) on alternative transportation practices, and how other cities are dealing with electric scooters and electric bicycles.
- Coffee with a Cop will be held on Friday February 22nd at Caffeteria.
- The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th.
- A follow-up meeting with the YMCA took place on February 6th. The Mayor, Wes Jordan, Sheila Myers, Brooke Morehead, Keith Bredehoeft and three YMCA executives, including the new Executive Director of the Prairie Village branch, were in attendance along with the Facility Manager of the Shawnee Mission School District. The purpose of the meeting was to consider ideas for future cooperation, including a community center and/or aquatic center in the City. In 2012, the Council completed a study with Johnson County Park & Recreation District and school district about this topic, and produced a comprehensive report about the development of a community center, which is available to view on the City website. Primarily due to cost considerations, the Council voted not to proceed with the project at that time.
 - The Mayor suggested that it was an appropriate time to revisit those discussions. The YMCA has an aging pool facility located near the City’s pool facility, which is also due for upgrades in the next few years. The YMCA is very interested in forming a partnership; the school district is currently constructing a large aquatic center in Lenexa, and expressed little interest. The Mayor asked the Council to state whether it would like to continue to explore this topic.
 - Sheila Myers stated that a community center was frequently mentioned by residents on the 2018 Community Survey.
 - Brooke Morehead added that she had received enthusiastic responses from her constituents about keeping the YMCA in the City.
 - Wes Jordan noted that the YMCA may not be in a financial position to rebuild its Prairie Village facility, and that the organization has formed several successful partnerships in other communities.
 - Ted Odell asked if the matter could be moved to the Committee of the Whole to discuss in more detail. Terrence Gallagher agreed with Mr. Odell.



- Jori Nelson added that she did not want pool repairs and other projects at Harmon Park to be delayed.
- The Mayor recommended continuing discussion during the Committee of the Whole later in the meeting.
- The meeting scheduled with KCP&L on February 15th to discuss power outages due to recent snow storms was cancelled due to weather, but will be rescheduled. KCP&L has compiled data about outage history and proposed mitigation measures for the future.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Schwartzkopf reminded the group of the Coffee with a Cop event on Friday, February 22nd.
- Mr. Gallagher asked if there had been a recent uptick in drug-related offenses in local parks. Chief Schwartzkopf stated that while there had been a handful of drug arrests over the past several years, there has been no reported drug crime in city parks.

Public Works

- Keith Bredehoeft reported that snow removal has been challenging, reminding the Council that Public Works crews focus on main roads first before moving to residential streets.
- Mr. Gallagher noted that the City of Mission Hills announced it will be reviewing flooding issues on its streets, and asked whether any work done to address flooding could potentially affect the City's Mission Road flood project. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that engineer Don Baker is working on both projects, and does not foresee any issues. Mr. Bredehoeft will follow up with Mr. Baker and report back to Council.
- Ms. Nelson asked when Ward 1 storm debris would be picked up. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that Arbor Masters will begin collecting in that area later in the week.
- Serena Schermoly stated that the City of Shawnee uses interactive mapping to show areas that have been plowed, and asked if Prairie Village crews were able to track this as well. Mr. Bredehoeft stated that the current system is not capable of doing this, but could be considered in the future. Ms. Schermoly also asked about camera installations in parks to address safety concerns. Chief Schwartzkopf stated two camera projects had been budgeted for 2019: a new street camera at 71st and Mission Road, and a camera at Harmon Park.
- The Mayor commended Public Works staff for their substantial effort in dealing with multiple storms during the winter season, noting that City streets are typically in much better condition than those in surrounding communities.

Administration

- Alley Porter stated that Angela Howard had been hired as the new receptionist at City Hall. Her first day will be February 25th.



- Census 2020 begins in Spring, 2020. The census will be conducted online, by phone, mail and, beginning in April, door-to-door. Johnson County and MARC are developing Complete Count Committees which will go out into the community to verify everyone has been counted, which is important for the allocation of federal dollars. Mrs. Porter will attend a meeting about the project at MARC on March 22nd. The Mayor added that Council members should consider participating as well.
- Wes Jordan shared an update on storm debris collection expenses. Approximately \$63,000 was spent to collect debris after the two storms in July, 2017. For those events, an emergency declaration was declared, and the City was reimbursed by FEMA. Those dollars were returned to the solid waste fund for future emergencies. Prior to this storm, the balance of the fund was approximately \$300,000.
 - Compost Connections has collected nearly 130 tons of debris via 150 truck hours, for a total price of \$34,000 thus far. Arbor Masters has worked 162 truck hours, for a cost of approximately \$40,000. Mr. Jordan estimated the total cost of cleanup for this storm will approach \$125,000. Ms. Nelson asked whether the City will be reimbursed for this storm. Mr. Jordan stated that he didn't believe so because neither the county nor state declared an emergency, and with the cost not meeting the minimum amount, FEMA funds could not be reclaimed. Public Works overtime expenses had already been factored into the budget, and the salt that has been used for roads was left over from 2018.
- Mr. Jordan stated that staff had written numerous letters of testimony for proposed legislation in the current session, including opposition to HB 2219, which would necessitate the recording of any meeting that is required to be open to the public. This would include the meetings of all 13 city committees. Also, testimony was provided in support of SB 44, which proposes to adequately fund the state public school system. David Waters provided testimony in opposition to SB 68, which would prohibit Kansas cities from requiring franchises for telecommunications and wireless providers that use the city of right of way. Testimony was also provided in support of HB 2314, which would help communities manage blighted and abandoned structures. Staff will provide testimony in favor of HB 2352, which addresses the collection of Internet sales tax. Jordan stated that he was aware Ms. Nelson and the Mayor were submitting testimony opposing HB 2273, which includes a setback for windmills. Lastly, committee appointments will be made at the next Council meeting on March 4th.
- Ron Nelson added that a bill will be heard to repeal the statute allowing political signs to be posted in the right of way. David Waters noted that it had not been voted out of committee yet.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Council.



NEW BUSINESS

COU2019-12 Consider Approval of 2019 Exterior Grant Program

Jamie Robichaud stated that at the February 4th meeting, the Council asked staff to raise the appraised value threshold for the exterior grant program to \$225,000 in 2019. Councilmembers also asked staff to provide specific exterior grant program requirements for trash screening. This information was included in the packet, with an explanation of what is acceptable for trash screening.

Dan Runion reiterated that he did not feel a home value threshold was necessary for the program.

Terrence Gallagher made a motion to approve COU2019-12 as presented in the packet. The motion was seconded by Serena Schermoly, and passed 9-1 with Dan Runion in opposition.

COU2019-13 Consider Approval of Construction Contract with Centric Projects, LLC for Wassmer Park and Porter Park Improvements

COU2019-14 Consider approval of play equipment purchase for Wassmer Park

Melissa Prenger presented the bid package from Centric Projects, LLC, for work to be completed at both Wassmer and Porter Parks. The Porter project will focus on the construction of a restroom on the west side of the existing playground. This was included with the Wassmer Park bid in an effort to reduce costs. The Wassmer Park project includes a play area, restroom and gardens. Budgetary alternates including a swing set, rope climbing area, and ornamental fence for the garden were included as well. Both will be moved under one project, BG080001. Ted Odell recused himself from the vote.

Terrence Gallagher asked how the bid compared to the anticipated budget. Ms. Prenger stated that the project was still within budget. Mr. Gallagher also noted a condition in the contract that stated the contractor would not be held accountable for delays. Mrs. Prenger stated that if there is a delay that prevents the contractor from working (for example, if materials have not been shipped), the contractor is not responsible for the delay. Contractors must complete the project prior to the end date, or provide adequate reason for delays, or they will be charged for liquidated damages.

Jori Nelson made a motion to approve COU2019-13 as presented. The motion was seconded by Terrence Gallagher, the motion passed 9-0, with Ted Odell in abstention.

Jori Nelson also made a motion to approve COU2019-14 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Nelson and passed unanimously.



Brooke Morehead moved the City Council move into the Council Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE **2020 Budget Calendar**

Terrence Gallagher stated that the calendar will be published for the upcoming year, and is the same calendar used in 2018. There were no comments about the calendar.

Ted Odell made a motion to approve the 2020 budget calendar. The motion was seconded by Brooke Morehead and passed unanimously.

Presentation on Phase 1 of the Village Vision Update - Community Profile

Mrs. Robichaud introduced Graham Smith and Abby Kinney, representing Gould Evans, who were present to give a presentation on the first phase of the Village Vision Comprehensive Plan update, which focuses on demographics, environs, housing and destinations in the City. The next phase, which will be presented at a future meeting, will consider community direction and propose ideas for moving the community forward. The final phase will consist of updating implementation items. Mrs. Robichaud stated the goals for this meeting were to gather feedback regarding the data that is provided in the community profile and determine what other information should be included. The presentation was initially given to the Planning Commission on February 5th.

Mayor Mikkelson asked whether Gould Evans had, along with solar panels, looked at the viability of small-scale wind, geothermal or other alternative energy sources. Ms. Kinney said these items had not been studied, but could be included. Mr. Odell noted that significant consideration needs to be put in to design standards for solar panels. Mr. Smith stated that will be examined.

Mrs. McFadden asked that additional focus be given to productive land and how it impacts the City's tax base, as well as what effects density has on land value.

Tucker Poling noted that bikeability and walkability need to be focused on as well, as they have been shown to be important to residents based on survey results.

Mr. Runion stated that when discussing increased density, it would be helpful to know whether commercial or residential property has more of a financial impact.

Mayor Mikkelson noted a few additional items that should be included in the report:

- Automobile traffic patterns in the City, and areas of congestion
- The relative tax burden compared to other cities (both property and sales tax)



- Additional benchmarks relative to Johnson County, the Kansas City metropolitan area, and nationally
- Who can afford to live in the City based on property values

Ted Odell asked for more information about how online retail will impact shopping centers in the City, and how mixed-use developments can best be added.

With no vote required, Terrence Gallagher stated that Gould Evans should continue to complete its work on the Village Vision update.

Council Initiative List

The Council Initiative List will be discussed at the March 4th Council meeting.

New Business

- Mayor Mikkelson continued discussion on partnering with the YMCA, asking the Council whether it supported the effort. Ted Odell made a motion to bring further discussion with more documentation to a future Council of the Whole meeting. Ms. Schermoly seconded.
- A vote was then taken on the motion made by Mr. Odell to allow the subcommittee to continue its work. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Poling asked that a discussion of solar panels be included on the Council of the Whole agenda at the next Council meeting.
- Ms. Nelson asked that discussion of a “Snow Brigade” program be included on the Council of the Whole agenda at the next Council meeting.
- Mr. Poling moved to recess the Committee of the Whole, and Ms. Nelson seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements were included in the Council packet.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Adam Geffert
City Clerk