



**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

The City Council of Prairie Village, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020, 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: Chad Herring, Jori Nelson, Inga Selders, Ron Nelson, Tucker Poling, Bonnie Limbird, Piper Reimer, Dan Runion, Courtney McFadden, Ian Graves and Terrence Gallagher. Staff present: Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police; Major Byron Roberson; Captain Ivan Washington; Keith Bredehoeft, Director of Public Works; City Attorney David Waters, attorney with Lathrop & Gage; Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director; Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator; Adam Geffert, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Mayor amended the agenda, adding a proclamation regarding the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl victory, consideration of procuring the services of Little Government Relations in Old Business, and including public participation of the Breed Specific Language Ordinance in New Business, prior to Council discussion.

**Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the amended agenda for February 3, 2020. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS & SCOUTS**

No students or scouts were in attendance.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Mikkelson read a proclamation declaring Wednesday, February 5, 2020 as Kansas City Chiefs Day in Prairie Village.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Dennis Patton, a Horticulture Agent with the Johnson County Branch of the Kansas State Research and Extension Service, shared information about the demonstration garden installation at Wassmer Park.



### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (for non-agenda items)**

With no one present to address the Council on other topics, public participation was closed at 6:13 p.m.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of regular City Council meeting minutes - January 21, 2020

**Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

**A roll call vote was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Reimer, Runion, McFadden, Graves, Gallagher.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mrs. McFadden reported that the VillageFest Committee held its first 2020 meeting on January 23. She asked for volunteers to join the committee.
- Mr. Gallagher stated the former Prairie Village Teen Council member Lauren Wittek was named valedictorian at St. Teresa’s School.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Mikkelson reported the following:

- The third and last skate park meeting was held on January 22. A final plan will be brought to Council at an upcoming meeting.
- The Northeast Johnson County State of the Cities event took place on January 23.
- Also on January 23, the Mayor and City staff toured the Highlands Elementary YMCA program with Representative Sharice Davids.
- The Mayor and staff attended a ribbon-cutting event for the opening of the Growing Days store on 95<sup>th</sup> Street on January 23.
- A special Council meeting to discuss survey results for the proposed civic center was held on January 27 with representatives from the Johnson County Library and YMCA.
- They Mayor attended a meeting with Columbia Capital on January 22.
- A Coffee with a Cop event was held at The Big Biscuit on January 24.
- The Mayor attended a Mayoral Roundtable at Representative Sharice Davids’ office on January 31.
- The Mayor attended D.A.R.E. graduations at Prairie Elementary on January 29 and Briarwood Elementary on January 31.



- The Mayor and Mr. Jordan will meet with First Washington on February 5 to discuss the closing of the Macy's store in the Village Shops.
- The Mayor will meet with Johnson County and Wyandotte County Mayors on February 5.
- The Mayor will participate in a servant leadership panel at Village Presbyterian Church with Brad Stratton from the Shawnee Mission School Board, Overland Park Mayor Carl Gerlach and former State Senator Terry Huntington on February 5.
- A City Council Work Session will take place on February 15 at the Meadowbrook Event Center. Council will discuss the Climate Action KC playbook and Village Vision 2.0, and participate in team-building exercises.
- Chiefs Punter Dustin Colquitt will speak at the Kansas City Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on February 25.
- A blood drive will be held in conjunction with the Seven Days Foundation. The date of the drive is still to be determined.
- A Chamber in the Chamber event will be held on February 14.
- The Mayor noted that annual crime statistics were included in the packet, and that crime in Mission Hills and Prairie Village was at a five-year low in 2019.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Public Safety**

- Chief Schwartzkopf thanked officers for their efforts to reduce crime in the City.
- Four Prairie Village officers will assist the Kansas City Police Department at the Chiefs Super Bowl parade on February 5.

### **Public Works**

- None.

### **Administration**

- Mrs. Santa Maria said that the City had received the Government Finance Officers Association certificate for excellence in financial reporting for its 2018 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR).
- Mrs. Robichaud stated that the City issued testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 294, which would prohibit taxing entities from raising the dollar amount of property taxes collected each year. The Bill would also create public notice and public hearing requirements regarding the tax levy and extensive procedures if the tax levy is ever considered for an increase.
- Mr. Waters shared that he had participated in a conference call with other city attorneys and the League of Kansas Municipalities regarding legislation on small-cell antennas.
- Mr. Jordan noted that staff was beginning to work on the outline for 2021 budget calendar.



### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Nelson stated that it would be valuable for the City to work with lobbyist Stuart Little, who gave a presentation to Council at its January 21 meeting. **He made a motion to retain Little Government Relations for \$10,000 to be paid from City budget reserves in 2020, with future years to be considered as part of the annual budget process. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McFadden.**

Mr. Herring, Ms. Nelson and Mr. Poling felt that the current legislative delegation did a satisfactory job, and using additional funds for a lobbyist was unnecessary.

Mr. Gallagher asked what would happen if there were a conflict between two cities that Mr. Little represented. Mayor Mikkelson stated that if there were a conflict, he would disclose that to the City. Mr. Nelson added that if a new client had a position averse to a pre-existing client, Mr. Little would not be able to represent the new client on that position.

Mr. Herring asked if metrics could be used to determine the value of using a lobbyist. Mrs. McFadden said that Mr. Little would regularly provide reports and updates to the City through the year.

Ms. Reimer asked whether hiring Mr. Little would reduce staff time spent on legislative issues. Mr. Jordan stated it would not.

**The motion passed 8-3, with Ms. Nelson, Mr. Runion and Mr. Gallagher in opposition.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**COU2020-04**

**Consider an amendment to Ordinance 2-105 to repeal the prohibition of keeping Pit Bull dogs in the City of Prairie Village, KS  
Jori Nelson**

Prior to Council discussion on the issue, Mayor Mikkelson opened public participation at 7:07 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in favor of repealing the Breed Specific Language Ordinance:

- Erin Garrison, representing the Animal Justice League of America - 9100 W. 148<sup>th</sup> Ter., Overland Park, KS
- Anna Gepson, 5313 W. 70<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS
- Kathy Couri, 5300 W. 70<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS
- Judy Katterhenrich, 4984 Somerset Dr., Prairie Village, KS
- Sabrina Sloan - 2617 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Leslie Roste - 3903 Homestead Dr., Prairie Village, KS
- Sara Rhodes - 7818 Aberdeen St., Prairie Village, KS



- Brittani King - 2311 W. 74<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS
- Christine Gaughan - 7816 W. 100<sup>th</sup> Pl., Overland Park, KS
- Ann Lintecum - 7705 Reeds Rd., Prairie Village, KS
- Jackie Baker - 7600 Windsor St., Prairie Village, KS
- Melissa Gard - 7325 Birch St., Prairie Village, KS
- Lance Trammell - 4224 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Esmae Bond - 3540 Campbell St., Kansas City, MO
- Carrie Wagner - 11 E. 85<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO
- Liz Musil - 2300 Somerset Dr., Prairie Village, KS
- Dee Coleman - 2216 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- John Coleman - 2216 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Stephanie Sheldon - 5501 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Keagan O'Rourke - 4000 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Sarah Flora - 6806 Granada Ln., Prairie Village, KS
- Caleb Flora - 6806 Granada Ln., Prairie Village, KS
- Meagen Dowell - 8915 Birch St., Prairie Village, KS
- Emily Coleman - 445 S. Chestnut St., Olathe, KS
- Sheryl Vickers - 6734 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS
- Andrew Rhodes - 7818 Aberdeen St., Prairie Village, KS
- Clay King - 2311 W. 74<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS
- Christy Bond - 9221 Wenonga Rd., Leawood, KS
- Erin Spielberger - 8125 Beverly Dr., Prairie Village, KS
- Carly Bland - 5119 W. 69<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS

The following individuals spoke in opposition to repealing the Breed Specific Language Ordinance:

- Jaime Dial - 103 S. Sunset Ln., Raymore, MO
- Brooke Morehead, 7921 Fontana St., Prairie Village, KS
- Julie Degrandpre - 2501 W. 76<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS
- Roya Molloy - 4903 W. 78<sup>th</sup> Ter., Prairie Village, KS
- Mia Farris - 2319 W. 76<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS
- Maghen Farris - 2319 W. 76<sup>th</sup> St., Prairie Village, KS
- Sarah Uchtyl - 7527 Juniper Dr., Prairie Village, KS

With no one else to address the Council, public participation was closed at 8:06 p.m.

Ms. Nelson shared letters from local veterinarians in support of repealing the Ordinance, and provided information stating that aggressiveness was not specific to a dog breed, but rather to individual dogs themselves. She also noted that 28 Kansas cities had repealed pit bull bans since 2008, and that Prairie Village was one of only seven cities in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area that still had bans in place.



**Ms. Nelson moved to approve the proposed amendment to Ordinance 2-105 to repeal the prohibition of keeping Pit Bull dogs in the City of Prairie Village, KS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poling.**

Ms. Selders read a statement about her adopted dog, which was identified as a Labrador Retriever-mix, but had many physical characteristics of a Pit Bull. She added that she would support the repeal of the ban.

Mrs. McFadden stated that she would vote to maintain the ban, and read a statement from Mrs. Myers in opposition to the repeal.

Mr. Gallagher shared concerns of a complete repeal without including additional protections in the Ordinance for dogs identified as Pit Bulls. He shared code from the City of Mission Hills, which addressed this issue, and **moved to amend the motion to direct staff to prepare amendments with safety-based conditions for Pit Bull ownership similar to those found in Mission Hills code. Mr. Runion seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Poling called the question on the amended motion, which was seconded by Ms. Nelson. The motion required eight votes, and failed 7-4 with Mr. Herring, Mr. Runion, Mrs. McFadden and Mr. Graves in opposition.**

Mr. Graves stated that he would prefer separating the repeal of the existing Ordinance from further review and modification of code. Mr. Herring added that he opposed the amendment but would consider strengthening the animal control Ordinance in the future.

**The amended motion failed 8-3, with Mr. Runion, Mrs. McFadden and Mr. Gallagher in favor.**

**A roll call vote on the original motion was taken with the following votes cast: “aye”: Herring, J. Nelson, Selders, R. Nelson, Poling, Limbird, Reimer, Graves, Gallagher. The motion passed 9-2, with Mr. Runion and Mrs. McFadden in opposition.**

**Mr. Gallagher made a motion to send the Ordinance as approved to staff to strengthen the Dangerous Dog and Potentially Dangerous Dog Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McFadden, and failed 8-3, with Mr. Runion, Mrs. McFadden and Mr. Gallagher in support.**

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**With no business to come before the Committee of the Whole, Mr. Gallagher made a motion to move forward with the next order of business. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were included in the Council meeting packet.



**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Mikkelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Adam Geffert  
City Clerk