

**City of Prairie Home**  
**City Hall, 416 Highway Drive, Prairie Home, MO**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Present: Mayor Jim Lachner, Eric Kirschman, Cindy Lenger, Ray Weber
- Absent: Donald Dietzel
- Staff: Kim Force, Attorney; Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Mr. Lachner stated the City had been awarded a grant for a bullet-proof vest and for and in-car and body-worn camera system.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

- Mr. Kirschman reported the conduit on the water tower was loose.
- Mr. Lachner updated the Board on a recent issue with a resident's sewer service line.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Lachner suggested the Board install a new fence between the Squeeze Play property and the lagoons.
- Mr. Lachner thanked those candidates who filed for Board openings.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Ms. Force reported she is processing one ticket.

**FINANCIAL AND CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Ms. Fontana presented the financial report. Ms. Lenger made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Fontana shared information on Certificate of Deposit (CD) rates at Connections Bank. Mr. Kirschman made a motion to redeem CD #107 and invest it, along with \$100,000 from the Revenue Fund, in a 9-month CD. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Sidewalk Project.** Mr. Lachner, Ms. Fontana, and Mr. Kirschman spoke with OWN Engineering. They will prepare an engineering services contract for the City's and State's approval. The next step in the process will be surveying.
- **Dog Tag Notices.** Ms. Fontana reminded the Board the City no longer charges a fee for dog tags and that final notices had been sent to those who had not yet provided rabies vaccination documentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Certification of April 2 Ballot Issue.** Ms. Lenger made a motion to certify the ballot issue which would authorize the City to forego non-contested elections if the number of candidates filing equals the number of seats up for election. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Legislation Affecting Municipalities.** Ms. Fontana updated the Board on legislation that had been introduced, including multiple proposals that would negatively impact the City's property tax and sales tax revenues.

**OTHER:** Mr. Kirschman reported the Co-Op is planning to install fuel pumps at the corner of Lacy Street and Highway 87 this spring. Additional expansion details have not been finalized.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Kirschman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

/s/ Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk

/s/ James R. Lachner, Mayor