

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

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Representing the Fair Board, Eric Kirschman reported a water meter on the Fairgrounds had frozen and broken, causing a large leak at the meter. As the meter is the City's property, it will be replaced with no additional charges.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18 meeting. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:** The Board discussed an issue with a resident being unresponsive regarding the culvert project. Ms. Force will send a letter providing a deadline.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Lachner reported the water operators are reviewing options for a line locator.
- Duncan's Diner had issues with its sewer service line. Mr. Lachner spoke with the repair technicians and confirmed the City's lines were not involved.
- The Board discussed the fence installation at the lagoon.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**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 had been in contact with the school regarding repainting the welcome signs on each end of Highway 87. The art teacher, Amber Bolin, offered to have one of her classes paint the signs, with Ms. Fontana providing the paint left from updating the Christmas decorations. The Board agreed to have the art class repaint the signs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

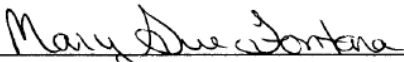
- **Sidewalk Project.** The Board discussed the engineering services contract and the estimated costs provided by OWN Engineering.
- **County Clerk Agreement.** Ms. Fontana reported that Jerrid Richards, County Clerk, had notified the smaller municipalities that the County Commission had approved utilizing the same agreement as was approved in 2023 for the 2024 property tax extension. This agreement provides for the County Clerk to provide services for the City at no cost. Ms. Force presented Ordinance No. 272E, An Ordinance to Authorize the Signing of a New Cooperative Agreement with the County Clerk of Cooper County, Missouri. Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote: Kirschman, yes. Weber, yes. Lenger, yes.

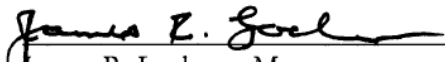
**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Board Vacancy.** The Board briefly discussed a pending resignation.
- **Budget-to-Actual Report.** Ms. Fontana presented the budget-to-actual report for the six months ending December 31, 2023.

**OTHER:** Ms. Fontana shared a request from Tara Cummings and Quinten Wilson, owners of 105 Main Street, for a variation from Ordinance No. 289, which requires new construction to include a sidewalk. The request was based on the fact that the property is at the end of the city limits and there is a large stormwater ditch between their property and the adjoining property. Ms. Lenger made a motion to exempt 105 Main Street from requiring construction of a sidewalk. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Lenger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

  
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Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk

  
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James R. Lachner, Mayor