

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

**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

- Present: Jim Lachner, Mayor; Cindy Lenger, Sierrah Miller, Ray Weber
- Absent: Eric Kirschman
- Staff: Kim Force, City Attorney; Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk
- Citizens: James Wyrick

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- Ben Burch had previously given notice of resignation to the City effective June 30, 2024, but has offered to continue in a limited administrative capacity until a replacement is employed. Ms. Fontana presented Resolution 2024-04, A Resolution to Establish the Salary of the Chief of Police. Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the Resolution with an hourly wage of \$18 for Mr. Burch's administrative work. Ms. Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed details of advertising for a new Chief of Police. Ms. Fontana will proceed with the job description and advertisement for review.

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:**

- The Board briefly discussed inflow issues into the sewer system and two private sewer issues.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Lachner reported he had been running the center pivot and mowed at the lagoons, had several discussions with constituents regarding noise, property boundaries, and other requests.
- Mr. Lachner reported the veterinarian was pleased with the turn out for the Dog License Day, and about 50 dogs were licensed.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Covered under other areas.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Ms. Fontana presented the financial report. Ms. Lenger made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed.
- Ms. Fontana shared information from the State Emergency Management Agency regarding federal flood insurance. After a brief discussion, the Board opted not to participate.

- Ms. Fontana provided draft wording for a city-wide notification requesting citizens maintain their property, which had been suggested by Mr. Lachner as an effort to maintain the City’s welcoming appearance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **FY25 Budget.** Ms. Fontana presented the FY25 budget, along with Resolution 2024-03, A Resolution Adopting an Annual Budget and Authorizing Expenditures for the City of Prairie Home, for approval. The Board discussed several updates to expense lines. Mr. Weber made a motion to adopt the FY25 budget, as modified, and approve the Resolution. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Sanitation Cost Increases.** The Board discussed several options to account for the new trash costs that will be effective in September. Ms. Lenger made a motion to increase rates as shown below. Ms. Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Category	Current Rate	New Rate
Residential (handpick)	13.00	14.00
Commercial (handpick)	16.00	16.50
PH Manor (handpick)	39.00	145.80
2-Yard Container	55.00	61.00
4-Yard Container	70.00	75.00
6-Yard Container	90.00	96.00

- **Resolution for July 4th Fireworks.** Ms. Force presented Resolution 2024-02, A Resolution to Authorize the Possession and Discharge of Fireworks During the 2024 Independence Day Legal Holiday Season, which had been approved at the May 16, 2024 meeting.

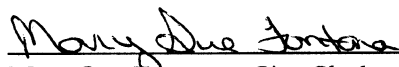
**NEW BUSINESS:**

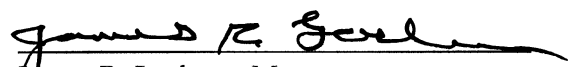
- **Ordinance for Liquor Licenses.** Ms. Force explained an issue from 2013 regarding Ordinances 234 and 236 and presented an Attestation of Scrivener’s Error: Ordinance No. 236A should be Ordinance 234A, to be filed with the ordinances. She then presented Ordinance 234B, An Ordinance Regarding the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor Within the City of Prairie Home. Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve Ordinance 234B. Ms. Miller seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Lenger: yes. Miller: yes. Weber: yes.
- **Dollar General Liquor License.** Ms. Fontana stated Dollar General had provided an application and required documentation for FY25. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the license. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Force reminded the Board that when questions arise regarding Sunday sales, there is no prohibition in the City’s ordinance.

**OTHER:**

- Mr. Weber reported he had received concerns about stray cats.
- Mr. Lachner shared information he had received regarding a community effort to vote for Prairie Home in the Small Town Showcase sponsored by the Missouri Humanities organization.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Lenger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

  
 Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk

  
 James R. Lachner, Mayor