

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

Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

ROLL CALL:

- Present: Jim Lachner, Mayor; Eric Kirschman, Cindy Lenger, Sierrah Miller, Ray Weber
- Staff: Kim Force, City Attorney; Jacob Lauer, Police Chief; Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk
- Public: Christine Boston, Justin Meyer, James Wyrick

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Christine Boston and Justin Meyer introduced themselves as having spearheaded the on-line community campaign for Prairie Home's recognition in the Missouri Humanities Small Town Showcase program. They described the program, and Dr. Boston shared information on archeological work she is performing at a Don Carlos family location.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

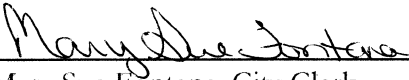
REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

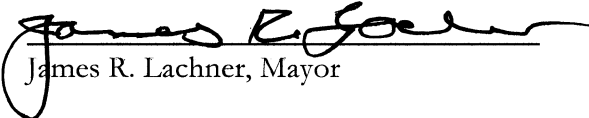
- **Police.** Mr. Lauer reported on several incidents. The radar gun will be certified in November.
- **Water and Sewer.** Mr. Lachner reported the center pivot system is not working correctly.
- **Attorney.** Ms. Force updated the Board on recent changes to the sexual offender law. Offenders are no longer required to post a sign on Halloween. Mr. Lauer mentioned the County Sheriff's Office will be conducting checks to ensure offenders adhere to the remaining requirements.
- **Clerk.** Ms. Fontana provided the monthly financial report. Mr. Kirschman made a motion to accept the report. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed.
- **Board Members.**
 - Mr. Kirschman reported he had been talking with Walters Construction to complete the street repair project on Carey Street, near High Street. The work is now planned for completion at the end of October.
- **Mayor.**
 - Mr. Lachner reported Eric Sapp will be submitting an estimate for work on two remaining ditch locations.
 - Mr. Lachner reported he has completed the brushhogging at the lagoon for this year and requested the Board hire someone to complete the mowing beginning next year.
 - Stephen Adair had contacted Mr. Lachner to express concerns about the increase in trash pickup costs for the Prairie Home Manor. The Manor had been undercharged in the past, resulting in a large increase when the new contract was awarded.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Franchise Agreement with Ameren.** The Board discussed the upcoming expiration of the franchise agreement with Ameren to supply gas and electric services. The new proposed franchise ordinance has been posted in the City Hall window and on the website and will be voted on at the November meeting.
- **Request for Late Fee Waiver.** The Board discussed a letter from the Prairie Home Swimming Pool requesting forgiveness of a late fee charged on the amount due for filling the pool. Mr. Kirschman made a motion for a one-time forgiveness of \$119 in late fees for the non-profit organization. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kirschman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.


Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk


James R. Lachner, Mayor