

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

Thursday, November 21, 2024

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:59 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: James Wyrick

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 meeting. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

- **Police.** Chief Lauer updated the Board on equipment condition, recent vehicle stops, and community interaction.
- **Water and Sewer.** Mr. Lachner reported a contractor hit a homeowner's water line on this date and shut off the City's main, affecting Mill Street and the northern portion of Main Street (Highway EE). A boil water advisory was sent to the affected residents through the alert system.
- **Attorney.** Ms. Force noted several tickets had been processed.
- **Clerk.**
 - Ms. Fontana provided the monthly financial report. Ms. Lenger made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Ms. Fontana reminded the Board about candidate filing in December for the positions of mayor and two aldermen.
- **Board Members.**
 - Ms. Lenger mentioned the street repair work on Carey was a nice improvement.
 - Mr. Kirschman asked about the sidewalk project and the right-of-way process.
- **Mayor.**
 - Eric Sapp had submitted an estimate for work on two remaining ditch locations and more information had been requested.
 - Mr. Lachner received recurring concerns about the increase in trash pickup costs for the Prairie Home Manor.
 - The tractor has been washed and moved to the well house for the winter. Mr. Lachner asked Mr. Kirschman about checking fluid levels.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

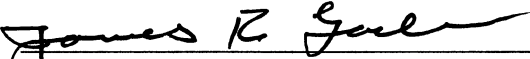
- **Ameren Agreement.** Having been made previously available, Ordinance 160A was read by title only. This ordinance would renew the franchise with Ameren for 20 years. Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve Ordinance 160A. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Kirschman: yes. Lenger: yes. Miller: yes. Weber: yes.
- **Nuisance Abatements.** The Board discussed several issues that had been noted by Chief Lauer. It was decided to send a friendly reminder to everyone in town about property upkeep and that nuisance abatement enforcement would begin after the first of the year.
- **Unlicensed Dogs.** The Board discussed policing options for residents that had not yet provided proof of rabies vaccination for their dogs. Chief Lauer will visit with each homeowner before issuing a summons.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Weber made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Note: There will not be a regular meeting in December.



Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk



James R. Lachner, Mayor