

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025

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: James Wyrick

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mr. Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

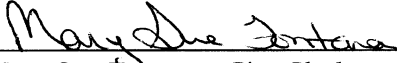
- **Police.**
 - Chief Lauer stated all annual state and federal reporting has been completed.
 - No decision has been received regarding the grant for body armor.
 - Quotes have been requested for the dash camera installation.
- **Water and Sewer.**
 - Mr. Lachner reported there is some erosion at the lagoons. A brief discussion took place regarding baling versus brush-cutting around the lagoons.
 - Ms. Fontana stated the Missouri Rural Water Association is scheduled to map the City's water and sewer infrastructure on February 18.
- **Attorney.** Ms. Force reported several tickets had been paid prior to this day's scheduled court date.
- **Clerk.**
 - Ms. Fontana provided the monthly financial report. Ms. Lenger made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The welcome signs have been repainted by Hailey Milne.
 - Since the number of candidate filings equaled the number of open positions for mayor and two aldermen, there will not need to be a municipal election in April.
- **Board Members.**
 - Mr. Kirschman asked about any issues with the recent snow removal. Overall, the board was pleased with the work. It was noted snow should not be piled in front of the police department.
- **Mayor.**
 - Mr. Lachner extended thanks to Joe Odneal, Eric Kirshman, and Ray Weber for putting up the Christmas decorations.

- Mr. Lachner thanked those who filed to serve on the Board.
- Mr. Lachner and Ms. Fontana met with Dave Wallingford on December 26, 2024 at his property on Lacy Street to clarify his concerns regarding ditching.


DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Nuisance Abatements.** Following the December reminder sent to everyone in town about property upkeep, it was decided to send specific letters to those with unlicensed or inoperable vehicles. Abatement notices will follow later in the spring as weather improves.
- **Maintenance Position.** The Board discussed possible duties that could be performed by a part-time maintenance person and the alternative of soliciting bids for brush-cutting the lagoon area.
- **Pay Requests.**
 - Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve Ms. Force's request for reimbursement of one-half of her annual attorney license fee, amounting to \$205, and to increase the City Attorney's monthly payment from \$400 to \$425. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve Chris Gann's request to increase the Meter Reader salary from \$150 to \$200 per month. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve Lori Wright's request to increase the Water Clerk's salary from \$200 to \$225 per month. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kirschman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.



Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk



James R. Lachner, Mayor