

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

Thursday, January 15, 2026

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

ROLL CALL:

- Present: Jim Lachner, Mayor; David Borghardt, Sierrah Miller, Ray Weber
- Absent: Cindy Lenger
- Staff: Kim Force, City Attorney; Jacob Lauer, Police Chief; Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk
- Others: Scott Clardy, Stacy Scott, James Wyrick

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Scott Clardy, Director of Cooper County Public Health Department. The Department is making available naloxone (Narcan) dispensers to communities in the county. This medication reverses opioid overdoses. The Board agreed it was a good idea and instructed Ms. Fontana to discuss with the Postmaster the possibility of housing the cabinet in the Post Office, where there would be 24-hour access. If there were not room, Mr. Clardy suggested installing the cabinet on the side of the Little Free Pantry.
- Stacy Scott. Ms. Scott expressed her concerns about water quality. She stated there is a sewer smell and the water leaves a film in her home. The Board discussed their own experiences and comments they've heard. Ms. Fontana stated the Missouri Department of Natural Resources had suggested hydrant flushing. Mr. Lachner stated the hydrants would be flushed when weather permitted.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Mr. Borghardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025 Regular meeting. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Special Closed meeting. Mr. Borghardt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

- **Police.**
 - Chief Lauer reported he had issued several speeding tickets.
 - The Board discussed the status of outstanding dog vaccination records. Chief Lauer will follow-up with those who are delinquent before issuing tickets.
 - Several Sunshine Law (open records) requests processed.

- **Water and Sewer.**
 - Ms. Fontana reported there were four shut-off notices that had not yet paid.
 - Mr. Lachner reported the lagoon levels are good and the lift station's sump pump is working.
- **Attorney.**
 - Ms. Force reported she had attended court on this day and that one case was scheduled for trial in March.
 - Ms. Force requested the City pay for one-half of her annual attorney's license, as had been done in 2025. Ms. Miller made a motion to reimburse Ms. Force \$205. Mr. Borghardt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Clerk.**
 - Mr. Borghardt made a motion to accept the monthly financial report. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Ms. Fontana reported much time had been spent with setting up the new computer, year-end reporting, and the bank change-over from Connections Bank to BTC Bank.
 - As only two candidates filed for the two aldermen positions, there will not need to be a city aldermen ballot this April.
- **Board Members.** The Board further discussed the water quality issue initiated by Ms. Scott. It was decided to wait until the hydrants were flushed and then reassess the issue.
- **Mayor.** Mr. Lachner stated trash continues to be left at the recycling center.

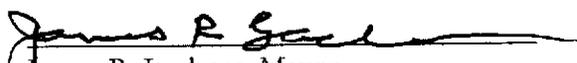
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Mobile Home Ordinance.** The Board discussed the draft ordinance's definitions and their intended foundation requirements.
- **Community Garden Maintenance.** Ms. Fontana reported that Glenda Sells has requested someone take over the garden or that it be removed. The Board requested Ms. Fontana place an article in the county papers looking for volunteers.
- **Donation to City.** Ms. Fontana reported a donation of \$100 had been received for the City's use. After discussion, Mr. Borghardt made a motion to purchase lighting for the front of the police building to enhance the additional street lighting that had been added last fall. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Lagoon Land Lease.** The Board agreed to extend the lease with Adam Lohse to bale hay on the lagoon land.
- **Traffic Impact of Fuel Pumps.** Mr. Lachner expressed concern about the increase in traffic on Lacy Street and Knorp Drive after the Co-Op fuel pumps are installed. The Board briefly discussed options for improving those streets.
- **Drinking Water Operator.** After discussion, Mr. Borghardt made a motion to hire A.J. Wirts as Drinking Water Operator, with a starting salary of \$1,000 per month. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Borghardt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.



 Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk



 James R. Lachner, Mayor