

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026

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

ROLL CALL:

- Present: Jim Lachner, Mayor; David Borghardt, Cindy Lenger; Sierrah Miller, Ray Weber
- Staff: Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk
- Others: James Wyrick

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Fontana requested an agenda item related to bids for dirt and rock work be added to the agenda. Mr. Borghardt made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026 Regular meeting. Mr. Borghardt seconded. The motion passed.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

- **Police.** None.
- **Water.**
 - Mr. Wirts had provided a report that he was working with Hawkins Chemical to provide chlorine.
 - The Board members commented they had not detected any sulphur smell recently
 - Mr. Wirts wished to acknowledge and thank Chris Gann for his daily work monitoring the wells.
- **Sewer.** Mr. Lachner reported on the lagoon overflow levels and requested the operator check on the cells.
- **Attorney.** None.
- **Clerk.**
 - Ms. Lenger made a motion to accept the monthly financial report. Mr. Borghardt seconded. The motion passed.
 - Ms. Fontana stated she had received a question about the outside lights being on at the police building all night. The Board discussed the situation and agreed having the dusk-to-dawn lights was beneficial.
- **Board Members.**
 - Mr. Weber commented on the recent rainfall amounts and the likelihood that stormwater is entering the sewer system through residential downspouts and drainage.
 - Ms. Lenger commented on potholes and requested public works address the situation.
 - Mr. Borghardt commented on the need for MoDOT to address the edging and culverts on Highway EE (Main Street).

- The Board expressed their concern about the viability of completing the sidewalk project, due to the on-going delays, and requested information on the increase in expenses since the 2023 original estimate.
- **Mayor.** Mr. Lachner stated Ameren had been out to assess the location of gas lines for a potential generator at the new well house.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Weight Limit Ordinance.** Ms. Fontana presented Ordinance No. 299, An Ordinance to Establish Weight Limits on the Streets within the City of Prairie Home, which would limit through-traffic to 26,000 pounds gross weight. Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mr. Borghardt seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Borghardt yes; Lenger yes; Miller yes; Weber yes.
- **Dollar General Liquor License Renewal.** Ms. Miller made a motion to renew Dollar General's liquor license, pending their application completion. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed.
- **Storage Unit/Trailer on Private Property.** The Board discussed a resident's request to install either a storage unit or a tractor trailer for a period of several years. There is no restriction in the City ordinances.
- **Resolution for Open Containers During Fair.** Ms. Fontana presented Resolution 2026-01, A Resolution to Permit Alcohol Possession or Consumption in Certain Public Places During the 2026 Prairie Home Fair. Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Borghardt seconded. The motion passed.
- **Resolution for July 4th Fireworks.** Ms. Fontana presented Resolution 2026-02, A Resolution to Authorize the Possession and Discharge of Fireworks During the 2026 Independence Day Legal Holiday Season. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed.
- **Road and Bridge Grant Application from the County.** The Board briefly discussed the potential project of graveling Knorp Drive. Ms. Fontana requested Board members to discuss the project with the neighboring residents.
- **FY27 Preliminary Budget.** Ms. Fontana presented the draft budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. The formal budget will be presented at the June meeting for adoption.
- **Bank Signature Cards.** Ms. Fontana explained the differences in signature requirements between the former Connections Bank and the current BTC Bank. Ms. Miller made a motion to update the City's signature cards to include Mayor Jim Lachner, Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Lenger, and City Clerk Mary Sue Fontana. Mr. Borghardt seconded. The motion passed.
- **Bids for Dirt and Rock Work.** Ms. Fontana presented two bids received for leveling the flower garden and the City Hall parking area. The Board choose not to accept either bid.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Borghardt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.


Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk


James R. Lachner, Mayor