

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

Thursday, May 15, 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; Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk
- Public: James Wyrick

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Fontana requested the addition of a Discussion Item for “FY25 Budget Adjustment.” Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SIDEWALK EXPANSION DISCUSSION: Ms. Fontana pointed out the displayed engineering plans. She shared current project status information, including that right-of-way talks could not yet begin, as not all the federal preliminary planning requirements have been met. There were no questions or comments from the public.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

- **Police.** Chief Lauer had provided a report on traffic stops, federal and state reporting, abatements, and several incidents that had recently occurred.
- **Water and Sewer.**
 - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources performed an inspection of the waste water system on April 29, with several follow-up phone calls.
 - Since only one bid was received for the lift station repair, the Board did not take action on that bid, and instead asked that the Request for Bids be sent to a larger pool of contractors.
- **Attorney.**
 - Ms. Force updated the Board on tickets processed, with those remaining unpaid scheduled for court on May 19.
 - Ms. Force reported on an incident which occurred on the final day of school.
- **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 Board discussed the recent increase in recycling and trash in town due to the City of Columbia’s recycling center being unavailable.

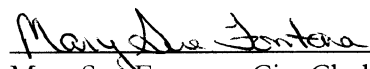
- **Board Members.**
 - Ms. Lenger reported witnessing speeding and unsafe driving on Fair Road/Route J.
- **Mayor.**
 - Mr. Lachner stated the town was doing well on cleaning up properties.
 - Jayme Lachner assisted with re-installing the welcome signs.
 - The Small Town Showcase interviews went well.

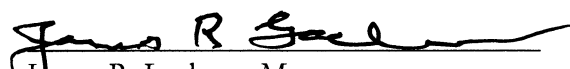
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Agreements with County.**
 - Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve the contract with the County Clerk to extend the property tax books for the City, along with Ordinance 295, An Ordinance to Authorize the Signing of a New Cooperative Agreement with the Clerk of Cooper County. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously: Kirschman-yes; Lenger-yes; Miller-yes; Weber-yes.
 - Ms. Lenger made a motion to approve the contract with the County Collector to collect property taxes for the City, along with Ordinance 296, An Ordinance to Authorize the Signing of a New Cooperative Agreement with the Collector of Cooper County. Mr. Kirschman seconded. The motion passed unanimously: Kirschman-yes; Lenger-yes; Miller-yes; Weber-yes.
- **FY25 Budget Adjustment.** Ms. Fontana detailed the need for a budget adjustment to account for changes in the timing of, and accounting for, the sidewalk project. Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04, A Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Authorizing Expenditures for the City of Prairie Home. Mr. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **FY26 Preliminary Budget.** Ms. Fontana presented the draft budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. The formal budget will be presented at the June meeting for adoption.
- **Streets and Ditches.**
 - Asphalt cold mix is scheduled to be delivered on May 16. Mr. Lachner and Mr. Kirschman will work to fill the most grievous potholes as soon as possible.
 - The Board discussed complaints that had been received regarding on-going standing water issues not rectified by last year's ditching project. Mr. Lachner stated the sites would be looked into and a Board member would contact the owners.
- **Resolution for July 4th Fireworks.** Mr. Kirschman made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03, A Resolution to Authorize the Possession and Discharge of Fireworks During the 2025 Independence Day Legal Holiday Season. Ms. Lenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER: Mr. Kirschman resigned from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Lenger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.


Mary Sue Fontana, City Clerk


James R. Lachner, Mayor