

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2016
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Laurie Dove called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Dale Kerstetter, Lou Cicirello, Gina Gregory, Brendan McGettigan, Marci Maschino, Lionel Jackson, Ben Anderson and Al Hobson.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: George Kolb, Interim City Administrator
Kristine Polian, Finance and Admin Director
Mark Hephner, Police Chief
Neil Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Superintendent
Rob Tormey, Fire Chief
Brent Holper, City Superintendent
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Joshua Golka, City Engineer
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Cicirello moved to approve the Agenda, second by Jackson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Gregory moved to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2016, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – Kyle Lang, 714 Gatewood St., addressed Council about the distribution of advertisement newspapers. He feels the are a nuisance, littering issue and have become a safety concern for his young son in the streets.

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –

OLD BUSINESS –

A. **LEEKER'S TRAFFIC STUDY**

City Engineer Golka presented to Council the latest traffic study for the Meridian Avenue and Ford Street intersection. It is recommended to restrict left-turning movements out of the north driveway by constructing a triangular island to restrict movements at the driveway to right-in/right-out only. Anderson questioned whether left turns from Meridian would be allowed. Chief Hephner and City Attorney Arbuckle will confer and review the proposal.

Kerstetter moved to proceed with the project. Cicirello seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the need for clarification on making turns from Meridian and an updated proposal. Kerstetter withdrew his motion and Cicirello withdrew the second. Item will be reviewed at next Council meeting.

B. WATER STUDY NEXT STEPS

As a follow up to the presentation of the water study at the April 5, 2016 Council meeting, Golka distributed an approximate time line for design and construction of a water treatment plant. Golka explained that the schedule presented is based on a design-bid-build approach, however another option would be a design-build approach that could reduce the overall schedule. Hobson and Cicirello urged that we proceed as soon as possible with the rehabilitation of current wells as approved at the April 5, 2016 Council Meeting.

C. DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNUAL BUDGET SURVEY

Kolb presented the results of the annual budget survey completed by members of Council. The results showed that 10 city services were rated excellent or good and only 3 services were rated fair or poor. The improvements that were listed as important and the concept of outcome based budgeting to fund departments and projects helped the Council understand how to prioritize in the budget.

Council appreciated the scope of the survey and felt it was beneficial.

D. WSU STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Misty Bruckner and Paula Downs from Wichita State University presented to Council the Community Engagement Summary Report and then led the Council in identifying and prioritizing goals to be included in a strategic plan. Ms. Bruckner and Ms. Downs will compile the comments from Council and present at the May 3, 2016 meeting. This process will help identify priorities for the community through Council participation and a community event that encourages citizens to think about major themes in the development of planning elements.

Recess: Cicirello moved to recess for 5 minutes, Hobson seconded the motion. Vote: Yea; Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Recess began at 8:40 pm

Recess ended at 8:45pm

NEW BUSINESS-

A. ORDINANCE 1293-16, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AUTHORIZATION AMENDMENT

Polian addressed Council regarding Ordinance 1293-16, which amends original Ordinance 1254-13, providing for the revised/final cost of Meridian/Ford Streets drainage projects. Due to time constraints she asked Council to waive first reading.

Cicirello moved to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1293-16. Maschino seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Maschino moved to adopt Ordinance 1293-16, amending and supplementing Ordinance No 1254-16, which authorized and provided for the construction of storm water drainage improvements in the City; and authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City to pay the costs thereof. McGettigan seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION 650-16, 2016-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

Polian asked Council to approve resolution 650-16, to allow for financing of approved Capital Improvement Plan Projects.

Cicirello moved to adopt Resolution 650-16, authorizing certain public improvements to the City of Valley Center, Kansas; and authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Maschino seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION 651-16, AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016-1

Polian introduced Dustin Avey, Managing Director with Piper, Jaffrey & Co. He explained that rates are very low in the current market. The General Obligation Bonds proposed would provide for the redemption of Temporary Notes 2014-1 and 2015-1 and finance 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Plan projects and the drainage project.

Cicirello moved, seconded by Maschino, to adopt Resolution 651-16, authorizing the offer for sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016-1. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**
- B. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARIES, MARCH 2016**
- C. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FOR COLLECTION**
- D. CHECK RECONCILIATION**

Maschino moved, seconded by Kerstetter to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

FINANACE AND ADMIN DIRECTOR POLIAN

According to the website Zippia, the City of Valley Center is ranked as one of the top ten Happiest Places in Kansas.

An offer of employment has been extended for the Senior Coordinator/Admin Asst. position. Scharlene Porchia-Washington will begin with the city on April 27, 2016. B. Anderson said that the seniors at the Senior Club are excited for her to start and she will be an asset in coordinating the activities and volunteers.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT HOLPER

The City Spring Clean-Up Day held April 16, 2016 was very successful. 342 vehicles were counted. Mulch and compost is still available.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT OWINGS

Owings reported that his department has been working on repairs to the waterfall at McLaughlin park. The department is also working with two boy scouts on Eagle projects at the Wetland park. These projects include building a trail and an observation deck.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR DOVE

Mayor Dove reminded members of Council that the City of Valley Center will host the Sedgwick County Association of Cities meeting May 14, 2016 at Botanica.

COUNCIL MEMBER KERSTETTER

Has seen the commercial/advertisement for the City of Valley Center on television. Thought it was very well done.

Kerstetter also asked if staff could look into a loose metal roof on a horse stable on 5th Street.

COUNCIL MEMBER CICIRELLO

Wondered how the search for a City Administrator was progressing. Mayor Dove reported that the application process closes the first week in May and she should be able to report back after that but they had received information from 9 good candidates and 4 great candidates.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREGORY

Attended the April meeting of the Sedgwick County Association of Cities. She reported it was very beneficial and informative.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCGETTIGAN

Addressed concerns about the intersection of Main and Meridian. Following the completion of the drainage project, trucks are having difficulty making a right turn from Meridian onto Main if heading north.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOBSON

Hobson expressed his appreciation for the response from both the police and fire departments in dealing with a missing person last week. Officer S. Meyer was very professional dealing with the situation.

Hobson moved to adjourn, second by Jackson. Vote Yea: Unanimous.

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk