

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 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, Gina Gregory, Marci Maschino, Lionel Jackson, Ben Anderson and Al Hobson.

Members Absent: Lou Cicirello and Brendan McGettigan.

Staff Present: George Kolb, Interim City Administrator
Kristine Polian, Finance and Admin Director
Mark Hephner, Police Chief
Neil Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Superintendent
Lonnie Tormey, Fire Captain
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

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Jackson moved to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2016, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

Mayor Dove read a declaration proclaiming May 15th-21st 2016 as Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. **LEEKER'S TRAFFIC STUDY RECOMMENDATION**

Hobson voiced concern that the traffic study presented as the April 19, 2016 Council meeting did not address striping on Meridian.

City Engineer Golka presented to Council the updated paving plan for the Leeker's north drive paving project. Kerstetter asked for clarification regarding signage and if this follows the recommended best practice for liability issues. City Attorney Arbuckle confirmed that drivers turning left onto Meridian from the north driveway out of the Leeker's parking lot would be in violation of traffic ordinance and could be cited. Vehicles making left turns off of Meridian into the north driveway would not be in violation. The project would also limit City liability by following the Engineers recommendation.

Kerstetter moved to direct Staff to proceed with the revised Leeker's driveway project as presented. Anderson seconded the motion. Maschino excused herself from discussion and vote due to conflict of interest.

Chris Steindler, manager of Leeker's Family Foods, addressed Council. He was concerned that this wouldn't really solve the City's Liability issues and also questioned why striping wasn't an option from the traffic study. Gregory reminded Council that at the March 1, 2016 Council they asked for a study to review options with a possibility of a turning lane. The study presented the best option. Anderson stated that because the City could be exposed for a liability claim they must do something.

Vote: Yea: Kerstetter, Gregory, Jackson and Anderson. Opposed: Hobson. Abstain: Maschino
Motion passed.

B. WSU STRATEGIC PLAN

Misty Bruckner and Paula Downs from Wichita State University presented to Council the major themes and goals identified by Council at the April 19, 2016 meeting. Mayor Dove made a few clarifications and corrections. A community open house information meeting will be held for the public at the High School from 5:30-7:00pm on May 12, 2016. Bruckner urged all City Department Heads and Council members to attend.

C. WATER WELL REHAB CONTRACT

Golka presented the contract from PEC for the Water Well Rehab project. Jackson asked when work would begin. Golka referred back to the time line presented at the April 19, 2016 meeting..

Maschino moved to approve Water Well Rehab contract with PEC and authorize Mayor to sign. Kerstetter seconded the motion. Vote: Yea: Unanimous. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS- None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

B. TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2016

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Reported that his department has contacted the owners of the property at 2859 E. 5th, regarding the roof, and issue will be resolved.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

They are waiting on sign requirements from KDOT on the Emporia Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project, so it will be delayed into the summer. The Goff, Fieldstone and Clover project is on schedule.

INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR KOLB

Kolb reported that Council is needing to set dates and times to begin reviewing the 2017 Budget. Discussion of possible dates was held, with the consensus being to begin the May 17, 2016 Council meeting at 6:00pm and conduct regular business and budget preparation on that evening.

Kolb reported that the bid received by the County for the 93rd Street project came in at 1.4 million with the City of Valley Center contribution at \$770,000.00 which was \$170,000.00 over the amount anticipated. Discussion followed regarding factors that contributed to the increase of the estimated cost. Drainage structures could be a large part of the increase, but Engineer Golka stated that he hasn't seen either the original concept or the bid for the current plans to explain the increase. Council members expressed frustration that drainage construction was not included with the original amount presented to them and this increase was not anticipated to be in the budget. Kolb will be prepared to present to Council at the May 17, 2016 a contract and other options that might be available for the Council to consider.

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.

Mayor Dove also reported that the search is continuing for City Administrator. Questions are being developed for potential candidates.

COUNCIL MEMBER MASCHINO

In recognition of Public Service Week, Maschino thanked the employees of the City of Valley Center for their service to the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON

Reminded Council that when annexation occurred around 93rd St. residents complained about streets and we need to be sensitive to that.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOBSON

Hobson reported that the ordinance regarding signs in public easements applies to all signs, we shouldn't just target one group of signs such as the school. The ordinance should be enforced for all signs.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk