

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 2, 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:         Kristine Polian, Finance and Admin Director  
                          Mark Hephner, Police Chief  
                          Rob Tormey, Fire Captain  
                          Brent Holper, City Superintendent  
                          Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director  
                          Joshua Golka, City Engineer  
                          Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
                          Scott Hildebrand, City Administrator  
                          Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk  
                          Barry Smith, Asst. Treasurer

Press present:         The Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Dove requested that item C under New Business be deleted. Maschino moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA**

MINUTES – JULY 18, 2016 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Jackson moved to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2016, special City Council meeting, seconded by Maschino. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JULY 19, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Cicirello moved to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2016, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –**

Mayor Dove read a proclamation declaring August 5, 2016 as “Officer Allen Adams Day” and encouraged all citizens to learn about the S.H.O.W. program and thank our School Resource Officers for their past work in USD 262 schools, and offer support as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

**PUBLIC FORUM –** None

**APPOINTMENTS –**

Mayor Dove appointed Councilmembers Maschino and Anderson to serve on the WSU strategic planning committee. Jackson moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY 2017 BUDGET**

Mayor Dove opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2017 proposed budget at 7:08pm. No public comments.

Mayor Dove closed the Public Hearing at 7:09pm.

### **B. 2017 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Council discussed proposed budget at length. Cicirello expressed his desire to eliminate expenditures for the cemetery shed, playground equipment, remodeling of public works building to add more office and training space and move \$18,000.00 from the fire budget for equipment to equipment reserve. Jackson questioned the addition of a 2nd additional firefighter until a comprehensive study is completed. It was clarified that the study would be completed before additional personnel positions were approved, but that the budget would allow the funding to be available if recommended. The Council also discussed replacement patrol vehicles, especially in light of the recent accident involving a patrol car. Maschino reminded Council that the tax lid would go into effect with the 2018 budget and any tax increase would need to be passed by vote. For reference, Polian provided Council with tax mills increases approved by surrounding municipalities. The increase of mills ranged between 1 and 8.39 with only 2 of the 8 reporting no increase. When asked when the last increase was approved in Valley Center, Polian stated that she only remembered 2 times in the last ten years, but she'd would have to research to be certain.

Anderson moved to table the discussion regarding the budget until August 16, 2016 Council meeting. Seconded by Hobson. Vote yea: Gregory, McGettigan, Jackson, Hobson. Opposed: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Maschino and Anderson. Mayor Dove opposed. Motion failed.

Maschino moved to adopt the 2017 budget for the City of Valley Center as presented in the July 21, 2016 publication for Public Hearing with the amount of Ad Valorem Tax not to exceed \$2,660,277.00. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote yea: Maschino, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan and Jackson. Motion failed.

Jackson moved to eliminate the funding of a 2<sup>nd</sup> firefighter position which would lower the amount needed by \$58,000.00. Motion died for lack of second.

Further discussion was held regarding budget and expenditures.

Cicirello moved to adopt the 2017 budget for the City of Valley Center as amended from the July 21, 2016 publication for public hearing with the amount of Ad Valorem Tax not to exceed \$2,577,277.00, this motion eliminated from the General Fund proposed budget- the cemetery shed, playground equipment and Parks Department share of public works building remodel. The proposed budget amount as amended also moved \$18,000.00 from the Fire Department for equipment and transferred funding to Equipment Reserve, thus drawing down fund balance. Seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Maschino. Motion carried.

Cicirello moved to eliminate the \$80,000.00 expenditure from water and sewer reserve funds for the remodeling of public works building. Jackson seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

### C. GOFF STREET SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Holper addressed Council regarding the supplemental agreement.

Cicirello moved to approve supplemental agreement with KDOT for construction of sidewalk on Goff Road in Valley Center and authorize Mayor to sign. Seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTER DISCUSSION

Hildebrand addressed Council and distributed proposal information from SPT for architectural services. The community fund raising efforts have been successful and they are in the middle of a campaign that should put them over the \$1,000,000.00 goal. Hildebrand reminded Council that this step will be the beginning of a 14-16 month planning process but feels that the City should begin as the momentum from the community is in place.

Janice Sharp, Valley Center Library Director reported that \$846,874.00 of the \$1,000,000.00 community share has been raised. The current campaign goal of \$500,000.00 has raised \$232,820.00.

Kerstetter stated he would prefer to wait until they have raised the full amount. Hobson and Anderson both expressed support in moving forward to begin the planning for architectural services. Polian explained how the City can fund the project with temporary notes.

Cicirello moved to set aside \$100,000.00 to proceed with the design phase of the community center. Hobson seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson, Anderson, Hobson. Opposed: Kerstetter

#### B. FUNDING FOR MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER

Polian reminded Council that Councilmember Hobson had expressed the desire to help the efforts of the Main Street Valley Center group at the last meeting.

Maschino moved to approve the expenditure of \$5,000.00 toward the Main Street Valley Center program for fiscal year 2016, to be taken from General Fund budget. Hobson seconded the motion.

Gregory stated that while she wasn't opposed to the expenditure, questioned why a full ½ year funding was being given for the 5 remaining months in 2016 and using the funds for economic vitality was more Chamber of Commerce and Realtor's responsibility. Chris Strunk with the organization stated that the group is very appreciative of any funds received and the all downtown businesses will benefit from new business developed in the downtown area.

Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Gregory.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

#### B. CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE APPLICATION

Mayor Dove stated that a request had been made to split out the consent agenda. Point of order was made that such a split should have been made prior to the approval of agenda.

Anderson moved, seconded by Cicirello to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Gregory. Motion carried.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### CHIEF HEPHNER

Officer Manning graduated from KLETC on July 29, 2016. Reported that Officer Schaller is on light duty following a vehicle accident while in pursuit of suspect.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK.

The Planning Commission will meet August 23, 2016 to approve new flood plan maps. Following Planning Commission approval, it will come before City Council for final approval. The City of Valley Center will also host a Flood Plan Training workshop on November 3, 2016.

### CITY SUPERINTENDENT HOLPER

The County will begin work on the 93<sup>rd</sup> St. project August 1<sup>st</sup>, but will not have full crews working until after Labor Day.

Michael Russell has been hired as a seasonal worker. He has been helping with mowing.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR HILDEBRAND

He reported that he has met with all the department heads and would like to meet with all the members of Council in the coming weeks. Communication is very important.

## **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**

### COUNCIL MEMBER HOBSON

Thanked Polian for all the work she has done on the budget.

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

## **ADJOURN -**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**