

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 18, 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  
                              Brent Holper, City Superintendent  
                              Neal Owing, Parks and Public Buildings Superintendent  
                              Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director  
                              Joshua Golka, City Engineer  
                              Lonnie Tormey, Fire Chief  
                              Scott Hildebrand, City Administrator  
                              Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present:            The Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -**

Mayor Dove requested the following changes to the agenda: Item 12-C, regarding the Public Safety Server will be moved to 6-C. Item 12-D, Public Safety Study will moved up to 12-C and addition of discussion regarding the 93<sup>rd</sup> Street project be added to New Business, Item 12-D. Maschino moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Cicirello. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA -**

A. MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Gregory moved to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2016, regular City Council meeting, seconded by McGettigan. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. HEALTH INSURANCE OPTION DISCUSSION

Polian addressed Council with concerns about the health insurance offered to City employees. The quote for premiums for 2017 have increased 36%, and one of the plans has been changed slightly. An employee committee has been formed to explore and offer input into the insurance decision. Rates are forecast to continue to increase and plans and benefits continue to change. Polian explained that a possibility of minimizing large increases in premium cost and to offer plan stability would be to partial or fully self-fund health insurance. This would carry more risk to the City, but reserves are in place.

Frank Miller, 1818 Evanston, Park City, feels that the quality of the insurance offered by the City needs to be better. He has heard of co-workers electing not to seek treatment because of the high out of pocket expense.

Polian is waiting on more quotes, before any decision is made, and will keep Council apprised of decision.

C. SERVER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

With the increased use of patrol car dash cams and officer body cams, a new server is necessary at the public safety building. A quote for a new server has been received from Dell in the amount of \$13,610.71. There will be additional charges for installation. Equipment reserve funds will be used..

Cicirello commented that the price is excellent considering all the components. Anderson inquired how long a server should last. Polian reported that expectation is 5 years, and this server has capacity for upgrades.

Hobson moved to approve the purchase of a replacement server for the Public Safety Building. Cicirello seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –**

City Clerk Carrithers recognized employees for their long service to the city.

Service Awards  
25 Years – Steve Mertins  
25 Years – Derek Pierce  
20 Years – Matthew Vogt  
20 Years – Lloyd Newman  
15 Years – James Crandall  
10 Years – Grant Greenwood  
10 Years – Chad Tormey  
10 Years – Justin Switzer

## **PUBLIC FORUM –**

Jeanne Shove, 625 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, addressed Council requesting the implementation of a “quiet zone” for train whistles.

Tina Payne, 213 N Burns, “Thanked” the City and members of Council regarding the U.S postal service issue of discontinuing delivery to the doors along 3 blocks of Burns Street. She felt heard and respected in the process, especially at a recent neighborhood meeting. She stressed that Valley Center does have proper Ordinances in place to protect citizens from dangerous animals and is worried that the USPO is trying to set a precedent for eliminating walking routes for mail delivery.

Janice Sharp, Valley Center Library Director, reported that as of 10/17/16, \$985,655.00 has been raised for the new Library/Community Building.

## **APPOINTMENTS –**

### **A. LAND BANK BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Administrator Hildebrand reported that most Land Bank Boards are comprised of the governing body of a city. He requested Council serve on the Valley Center Land Bank Board.

Cicirello moved to appointed Mayor Dove and members of Council to serve on the Valley Center Land Bank Board. Maschino seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

### **B. LIBRARY/COMMUNITY BUILDING DESIGN COMMITTEE**

Hildebrand stated that Mayor Dove failed to appointed herself to the Library/Community Building Design Committee at the last meeting and requested that Council approve her appointment.

Anderson moved to appoint Mayor Dove to the Library/Community Building Design Committee, seconded by Gregory. Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Maschino. Motion carried.

### C. VALLEY CENTER PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Dove appointed Ben Neaderhiser to the Valley Center Planning Commission.

Anderson moved to accept the appointment, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –**

Hildebrand reported that the WSU Strategic Planning Committee has met and would like input or approval of a mission statement. Information from the committee and 4 possible statements have been distributed. Discussion was held regarding the choices. Hildebrand reminded Council that this is still a work in progress and small changes could still be made.

McGettigan moved to approve the following mission statement, “Where there is a respect for balancing history and progressive ideas to ensure excellence in quality of life and stewardship of resources for the future.” Motion seconded by Maschino. Vote Yea: Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS – None**

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

#### A. ORDINANCE 1300-16; ANNEXATION OF MERIDIAN AND 93<sup>RD</sup> ST. NORTH, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Hildebrand presented the Ordinance for first reading.

Cicirello moved to adopt Ordinance 1300-16, annexing road rights of way, for 1<sup>st</sup> reading, seconded by Gregory. Vote Yea: Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

#### B. RECOMMENDATION FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT REPAIRS

Holper reminded Council that the north end gear box was replaced last fall. The gear box on the south end is starting to make the same noises and he’d like to get a new one ordered and delivered prior to it failing. The sewer operations budget would cover the purchase price of approximately \$24,500.00.

Hildebrand also reported that representatives of the City met with KDHE officials in Topeka to discuss compliance levels. He would like to schedule a tour of the new treatment facility located in Newton prior to beginning phase 3 in Valley Center.

Cicirello moved to approve the replacement of the gear box for the aeration basin, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

#### C. PUBLIC SAFETY STUDY PROPOSAL

Hildebrand reported that he received a proposal from Center for Public Safety Management LLC, to conduct an analysis of Fire/EMS services for the City. He is still waiting proposals, but wanted to present information to the governing body. No action needed.

#### D. 93<sup>RD</sup> STREET CHANGE ORDER DISCUSSION

Holper clarified that it wasn't a change order, but rather an change in approach requested by the contractor. The contractor would like to pour the roller compacted concrete overnight. Discussion was held by the Council and City staff regarding the pros and cons of working overnight. Council directed staff to gather feedback from the citizens affected before making any decision.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA -**

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OCTOBER 4, 2016**
- B. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OCTOBER 18, 2016**
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2016**
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARIES, SEPTEMBER 2016**
- E. CHECK RECONCILLIATION, SEPTEMBER 2016**
- F. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FOR COLLECTION, JULY 2016**
- G. SCAC-MUTUAL AID SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL**

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

#### **STAFF REPORTS -**

##### **POLICE CHIEF HEPHNER**

Hephner updated the Council about a honor flight coming into Valley Center. Staff from his department will also be at the library on October 25<sup>th</sup> for a new program "Coffee with a Cop". Council member Jackson requested warnings for left turns from the Leeker's north driveway stop and citations be written.

##### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK**

The department has received a Community Rating System summary. Everything is in compliance and residents in the areas effected qualify for a 10% discount on flood insurance from FEMA.

Main Street Valley Center is working on finalizing their by-laws by the end of the year. He asked members of Council to consider who would like to serve on their board. An appointment would be made the first of the year.

##### **CITY SUPERINTENDENT HOLPER**

Holper reported the APAC is continuing to patch streets.

Work along High Point has begun. Base work will begin later this week, followed by asphalt overlay.

Butler paving improvements will begin October 27, 2016.

Holper also reported his department continues to pick up storm debris.

##### **CITY DIRECTER OF PARKS AND BUILDINGS OWING**

Owing reported that ServeVC was a huge success last weekend. Volunteers from the community helped paint, mulch and trim all over the city. He expressed his appreciation to all those who participated.

##### **CITY ENGINEER GOLKA**

Golka reported that a meeting with the City of Wichita has been scheduled to review the draft water purchase agreement.

He was part of the group that traveled to Topeka to meet with KDHE. He felt that the meeting was very beneficial and productive.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR HILDEBRAND

Hildebrand addressed the need for a water treatment plant even though it is in the CIP.

LKM will be having regional meetings. A dinner for our region will be held in Wichita on November 3, 2016.

Jackson asked Hildebrand to look into or contact the railroad concerning the whistle noise.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**

COUNCIL MEMBER CICIRELLO

Inquired whether a “right turn only” sign would be more effective at the Leeker’s north drive.

COUNCIL MEMBER MASCHINO

Asked staff if the Postmaster has been in contact with the City regarding changes to the animal ordinances.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOBSON

He has received 39 calls from citizens and thanked Holper and his department for addressing work needed on the bridge west of town.

Acknowledge the noise from passing trains is a bother. He also wonders if representatives from the railroad could be contacted to get more consistent whistles through the City. Some engineers blow whistle less and others start at the edge of town and continue non-stop all the way through.

**ADJOURN -**

Hobson moved to adjourn, seconded by Maschino. Vote Yea: Unanimous.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**