

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 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
 Neal Owing, Parks and Public Buildings Superintendent
 Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
 Joshua Golka, City Engineer
 Lonnie Tormey, Fire Chief
 Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
 Scott Hildebrand, City Administrator
 Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -

Mayor Dove requested the addition of executive session under New Business 12-C. Jackson moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by McGettigan. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA -

A. MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2016 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Gregory moved to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2016, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

Gail Meriweather, consultant with Arthur J. Gallagher addressed the governing body regarding the Performance Management System. A salary analysis was conducted to gauge current employee salaries to market trends. She explained that she has been working with department heads to revise job descriptions and evaluations for the past ten months to navigate to a performance management system. She will be meeting with City staff 11/2/16 to explain the changes and how it works.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Lisa Isham, 5049 Sandkey Ct., Wichita, KS, representing the Valley Center High School Band Aid group, addressed Council regarding preliminary plans to close part of Main Street next spring for a Chili Cook-off. A tentative date of April 1st, 2017 has been set, but the group is still finalizing details prior to a formal request being made.

Jim Gregory, #1 High Point, reported that a community effort has been underway for Fire Prevention Month in October. The Lions Club of Valley Center sponsored the cost of printed brochures, Valley Center Boy Scouts have delivered the brochures throughout the city and the local Fire Department has properly installed fire detectors for residents. “It has truly been a broad-based effort” stated Gregory.

APPOINTMENTS –

A. VALLEY CENTER PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Dove appointed Katie Patry to the Valley Center Planning Commission.

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

B. VALLEY CENTER SITE PLAN COMMITTEE

Mayor Dove appointed Don Keenan and James Detwiler to serve on the Valley Center Site Plan committee.

Cicirello moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous.. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –

Hildebrand reported that the first meeting of the Library/Community Building Design Committee met October 25, 2016. Representatives from SPT presented to the committee a proposed design and answered questions. The Committee plans to meet on alternate Tuesday evenings from Council. Next meeting will be November 8, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1300-16; ANNEXATION OF MERIDIAN AND 93RD ST. NORTH, 2ND READING

Arbuckle presented the Ordinance for 2nd. reading.

Cicirello moved to adopt Ordinance 1300-16, annexing road rights of way, for 2nd. reading, seconded by McGettigan. Vote Yea: Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. DISCUSSION OF OLD PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Hildebrand asked for direction from Council regarding the old Public Works Building. It is currently used for storage of equipment. The building needs paint, fence and repair to the roof. Funds for some of the necessary repairs are in the 2016 budget, but Hildebrand questioned whether it's worth it to put more money into upkeep or sell it. Council discussed what items are currently being stored, what a selling price might be, and how much it would cost to replace it.

Cicirello moved to keep the building and authorize additional funding to complete the painting, fence installation and roof repair. The motion was seconded by Gregory. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ALL SAINTS BUILDING

Hobson began discussion regarding expansion of City office space into the All Saints Building on Main Street. Hobson reminded Council that the basement currently has offices for 3 staff with the Community Development Department. The basement is not handicap accessible and was never meant to be used as office space. Council discussed how such a change fit into the current CIP plan, the advantages to both City staff

and to Main Street re-vitalization and possible space for Council/Court room. Council requested staff send current CIP information for review and set up a tour of the building prior to the next meeting.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Cicirello moved, seconded by Kerstetter to recess into Executive Session to include Administrator Hildebrand for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Recess began at 7:58pm
Recess ended at 8:08pm

Cicirello reported no official action was taken during Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA -

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2016

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

STAFF REPORTS -

POLICE CHIEF HEPHNER

Hephner reported that Rasheed Berry began Academy training, October 31, 2016. Staff from his department participated in "Coffee with a Cop" at the Library.

CITY DIRECTER OF PARKS AND BUILDINGS OWINGS

Owing reported the department was able to purchase 43 trees this fall. They will be planted primarily in Lions, McLaughlin and Arrowhead Parks. Additional sidewalks have been poured at Lions park.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Golka reported work on Butler Street from Meridian to Abilene has started and is scheduled to be completed early to mid-December.

The contractor has been in contact with property owners along 93rd. Street regarding the possible night time concrete pours. Arrangements are being made to transport them to their property or pay for lodging on the times they would be effected.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR DOVE

Dove announced that the Land Bank meeting will follow the adjournment of tonight's Council Meeting. The holiday party for City staff has been scheduled the evening of December 9, 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBER MCGETTIGAN

Stated that City staff cleaned culverts along Main Street by his business and appreciated their professionalism and communication during the project.

COUNCIL MEMBER MASCHINO

The sidewalks in Lions Park are appreciated.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOBSON

Excused himself for the upcoming Land Bank Meeting due to conflict of interest.

ADJOURN -

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk