

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2018
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor 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, Asst. City Administrator
Lloyd Newman, Police Chief
Lonnie Tormey, Fire Chief
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Kelley Zellner, Public Works Director
Josh Golka, City Engineer
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Scott Hildebrand, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Cicirello moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Maschino. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Hobson moved to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2017, regular City Council meeting, seconded by McGettigan. Vote yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER

Chris Strunk announced that the annual meeting will be January 18, 2018, at 7:00pm He then recapped 2017 activities and progress. A major highlight was the implementation of the Main Street Enhancement Grant program. Five grants totaling \$1500.00 were awarded. The group is exciting to continue to work with businesses and other organizations with development and promotion of local events to attract residents and visitors to historic downtown. On behalf on Main Street Valley Center, Strunk thanked the Council and Ryan Shrack for their support.

Hobson responded that the results of the Main Street Valley Center are positive and urged them to not let the fire go out.

PUBLIC FORUM –None

APPOINTMENTS - None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2017

Maschino moved, seconded by Kerstetter to accept and file the minutes from the December 21, 2017 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION/GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR DOVE

Thanked and presented each outgoing Council member with a clock in appreciation of their hard work and dedication for their years of serving Valley Center.

COUNCILMEMBER CICIRELLO

Thanked the citizens of Ward 1 for electing him to represent their district. He also thanked the staff and department heads for their service.

Cicirello urged new Council Members to take advantage of classes offered by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Stated that small City Government works well, and County, State and Federal Government could learn a lot from how cities function.

COUNCILMEMBER JACKSON

Expressed appreciation to staff and constituents. Has enjoyed his time, but wants new blood with new ideas on Council. His advice to incoming Council, “This experience is what you make it”

COUNCILMEMBER HOBSON

Thank you to the hourly employees. They are what makes the City work. Hobson encouraged new Council to travel your own road, even when you know you can't win.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm, Mayor Dove announced it will be called back to order after 5 minute break with swearing in of new Council Members.

SWEARING IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Carrithers swore in Ray Strunk, Matt Stamm and Paul Davis III as Valley Center Council Members.

Mayor Dove called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. with the following members present: Dale Kerstetter, Ray Strunk, Gina Gregory, Brendan McGettigan, Marci Maschino, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

NEW BUSINESS-

ORDINANCE 1315-18 – ZONING CHANGES

Shrack presented to Council Ordinance 1315-18 for 1st reading. The ordinance would change zoning classification from R-1B single family to R-2 two family residential for land addressed as 545 W. 2nd. St. Valley Center, Ks.

Maschino Moved to adopt Ordinance 1315-18 regarding zoning district classification of certain property known as 545 W. 2nd. St. Valley Center, Ks under the authority granted by the zoning regulation of the City for 1st reading. Gregory seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

STAFF REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR HILDEBRAND

Welcomed new Council Members. Beginning at the January 16th meeting, department heads will give 2017 reports from their departments. He also wants to have a work meeting with Council. After discussion of available times and dates, the consensus was to begin the January 16th, regular meeting at 6:00pm with the work session, prior to official business.

The Wichita Area Builders Home Show will be held February 8-11th. Valley Center will have booth promoting the City. The Chamber, City and Schools will all help staff the booth and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be available.

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR POLIAN

New business cards will be printed for Council.

FIRE CHIEF TORMEY

The fire department has begun the new shifts with the increase in firefighters. They are working 12 hours shifts covering all seven days.

PARKS AND OUTDOOR SPACES DIRECTOR OWINGS

A drop off location in Veteran's Park for Christmas Trees to be recycled is open to the public.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

MAYOR DOVE

“Welcome” to new Council members and a “Thank you” to the outgoing Council members.

COUNCILMEMBER KERSTETTER

Asked for information regarding the 5th Street project. Golka explained that following funding requests KDOT and Federal funding determined that the planned mill and overlay was not acceptable. Kerstetter inquired whether all phases of the project could be completed at the same time to eliminated a second road closure to citizens.

COUNCILMEMBER STRUNK

Stated that he is very interested in community focused journalism and transparency in government. He knows that he has big shoes to fill and will do his best.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREGORY

Thanked the Police and Fire departments for the response to the grass fire last week. Stated "I just love living here"

COUNCIL MEMBER MASCHINO

Thank you to the outgoing Council members. But reminded everyone, there is more work to do.

COUNCIL MEMBER STAMM

Thank you to Jackson for representing Ward 3 for so many years.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON

Thanked the outgoing Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER DAVIS.

Thanked the residents of Ward 4 for electing him.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk