

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2019
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Council President Maschino called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ron Colbert, Gina Gregory, Brendan McGettigan, Marci Maschino, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: Lou Cicirello and Mayor Laurie Dove

Staff Present: Kristine Polian, Interim City Administrator
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
Josh Golka, City Engineer
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Maschino requested the removal of Item A, Appropriation Ordinance from the Consent Agenda. Stamm moved to remove Item 13-A from the agenda, seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried. Maschino also requested the addition of Item B, Appropriation Ordinance be added to Administration Agenda. McGettigan moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES –JANUARY 15, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Anderson moved to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by McGettigan. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE –FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Polian explained that a computer program error listed the wrong check numbers on the original enclosed check report on the agenda. This is a corrected check report reflecting the correct check numbers.

Anderson moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance dated February 5, 2019, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

WAMPO PRESENTATION

Tim Johnson address Council reporting on the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Johnson explained that 26 communities in Sedgwick County and Rose Hill, Andover and Mulvane belong to WAMPO. He talked about nine factors that WAMPO considers in planning for the future. They include:

Safety, Congestion, Finances, Air Quality, Demographics, Bike/Walkability, Airport, Freight and Technology. He requested the elected officials and public to complete survey to assist in future planning.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 29, 2019

Anderson moved to accept and file the January 29, 2019 minutes of the Economic Development Board, seconded by McGettigan. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2019

Stamm moved to accept and file the January 22, 2019 minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIALS

Maschino thanked the library staff for providing the financial report. Anderson moved to accept and file the Financial Report submitted by the Valley Center Public Library, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. VALLEY CENTER SURVEY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Polian stated that the proposed calendar is a fluid document, but gives guidelines to keep the process moving. Shrack will be taking the staff lead and has been in contact with community members to serve on the steering committee. Polian stated that Council member Anderson has agreed to serve on the committee and if any other council member is interested to let her know.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR SAFARIK TOOL

Shrack presented information and memo regarding the review of the Tax Abatement agreement with Safarik Tool. They continue to expand and hire additional employees. He reported that the Economic Development Board reviewed and recommends to City Council approving Safarik Tool Co.'s petition to renew their tax abatement for 2019.

McGettigan moved to adopt the findings of the Economic Development Board. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

McGettigan moved to approve Safarik Tool Company request for 2019 tax abatement, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. LN RANCH PLAT (SD-2019-01)

Shrack presented request of LN Ranch Plat (SD-2019-01) for approval. Gregory questioned whether this was directly East of Fiddler's Creek. Shrack stated that there is an open field between Fiddler's Creek and the development.

Based on approval by the City of Valley Center Planning and Zoning Board, Anderson moved to approve the LN Ranch Plat (SD-2019-01). The motion was seconded by Davis. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. FIELDCREST APPLICATION REQUEST

Polian stated that Mennonite Housing is in the application stage for approval of funding of a senior housing project at 77th and Dexter. Presented to Council is a summary of the project which will include 16 2-bedroom units and 24 1-bedroom units. As this is in the application stage, it must go in front of the Planning and Zoning Board. Mennonite Housing is requesting a letter of support from the Mayor and a supporting Resolution. Stamm inquired about water drainage and run off. Golka stated that a study will be done as the project progresses.

Stamm moved to adopt Resolution 677-19, supporting and approving the development of the aforesaid housing in the City of Valley Center, KS, subject to City Ordinances and the building permit process, and authorize Mayor to sign the letter of support for this project. Motion seconded by McGettigan. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. NESS PAVING DISCUSSION

Polian reported that City staff have inspected Ness Street as directed by Council following comments raised during the January 15, 2019 Council meeting. A cold patch repair was done by the streets department. A preliminary estimate for paving and drainage improvements showed a project cost of \$1,168,724.70. Discussion followed regarding options. While it wouldn't be cost effective for the City to absorb the project, residents could petition for the project with the cost of the project added as special tax. Approximately 30 lots would benefit. In response to question from Colbert, Golka stated that drainage would flow to the Arkansas River.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. CITY PROPERTY DISPOSAL

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

STAFF REPORTS-

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Shrack has contacted other Municipality regarding LED nighttime display Ordinances. Current code requires signs that are adjacent to/or across the street from residential areas to be turned off from 11:00pm-7:00am. Discussion was held regarding nits and lumens. Consensus from Council was to not change code and enforce the code.

Shrack also reported on the December results from the media campaign with Cox Media. 56,254 "impressions" were seen, with 121 "clicks". The matrix shows that is a good return ratio.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that work has begun on the HVAC in the Meadowlark and Bison Rooms at the Community Building. Repairs are expected to be complete by the end of this week.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Reported that Firehouse Subs will recognize the Department on March 19th for Grant received from them.

A severe weather program will be held at the Community Building on February 25th.

Newman asked that all Council members review the new emergency operations plan for Valley Center. He plans on asking Council to adopt it at the February 19th regular Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported that crews have been out applying brine on streets in anticipation of upcoming ice and snow.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Golka reported on several projects. 2 new raw water well replacements have been drilled and the piping and valve improvements are nearing completing. Once completed, the City will be able to sell more water to the City of Wichita.

Final plans for Phase 3 of the waste water treatment plant have been submitted to KDHE for approval prior to bidding.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR POLIAN

Reported to Council that the City approved a permit to allow wind tower parts to be routed through Valley Center. The timing of the request came just after the January 15, regular Council meeting. KDOT requested Sedgwick County find alternate routes for the trucks due to height/weight/width restrictions on certain routes. Approximately 25 loads have been hauled on the route north on Meridian and then east on 77th, with up to 166 more loads covered under the permit. Polian expressed concern over long term damage to roads that might occur with large volume of heavy trucks. Options would be to pull permit and stop future loads or require additional insurance or bonding to cover damage. Stamm asked if KDOT would provide funding since this request came from them. Polian stated it isn't typical but it could be explored. Colbert expressed concern about the crossing of the railroad tracks on 77th is a safety concern. Golka stated that the overlay completed on Meridian last year should last 4-5 years, but the additional truck traffic would probably shorten that time considerably.

Anderson moved to pull permit and stop wind turbines from moving through Valley Center., second by Stamm. Vote Yea: Colbert, McGettigan, Maschino, Stamm, Anderson and Davis. Opposed: Gregory. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

Gregory stated that there will be a SCAC meeting Saturday, February 2, 2019. She also reminded Council of the WAMBO Home Show this weekend.

Anderson moved to adjourn, second by Stamm. Vote Yea: Unanimous.

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk