

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2017
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Marci Maschino 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, Ben Anderson and Al Hobson.

Members Absent: Mayor Laurie Dove and Lionel Jackson

Staff Present: Kristine Polian, Finance and Admin Director
Neal Owing, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Joshua Golka, City Engineer
Rob Tormey, Fire Captain
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Scott Hildebrand, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -

Anderson moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gregory. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA -

A. MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Hobson moved to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2017, regular City Council meeting, seconded by McGettigan. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. GOFF STREET SIDEWALK DISCUSSION

Hildebrand reported that a second walk through was conducted. Council members had questions regarding issues with sprinkler systems, caps and sleeves. Hildebrand stated that citizens have been contacting the company that installed or services their individual system for repairs and then submitting invoices to the City for reimbursement. Cicirello requested the School Resource Officers monitor Goff Street after school to get more children to use the sidewalk.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. RSVP SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Polian introduced Scharlene Porchia-Washington. Porchia-Washington is the Senior Citizen Coordinator for the City. She has been working to develop services and programs for Valley Center's Senior Community. One of the proposed programs is RSVP. Lona Kelly with the Sedgwick County Department on Aging explained that the program relies on volunteer drivers to transport citizens over the age of 60 to social events, shopping, medical appointments, etc. Each ride coordinated through the program is reimbursed back to the Senior Club at the rate of \$7.00 per ride.

Councilmember Anderson stated that he feels it's a great program that would benefit the seniors and the Senior Club. There is already a network of volunteer drivers in place, so the reimbursement would be a bonus to the Senior Club.

Cicirello moved, seconded by Hobson to approve the Volunteer Transportation Services Agreement with Sedgwick County and authorize Mayor to sign. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. 2017 TAX ABATEMENT RENEWALS

Shrack reported that the Economic Development Board meet prior to tonight's meeting to conduct an annual review of requested tax abatements. Shrack noted that Hornet Cutting Systems (formerly Retro Systems) is in their 9th year. He stated that the company is planning on hired 3 additional employees. Safarik Tool Co. is in their 2nd. year and have exceed their employment projections. Shrack stated that the Economic Development Board reviewed and recommended approval of both companies to renew their tax abatement for 2017.

Hobson reminded Council that Hornet Cutting Systems did not qualify for the abatement last year yet they were approved. They still do not qualify and didn't feel that their petition should be approved again. Discussion was held regarding how many years they have not fulfilled the required projections and the reasons. Council questioned the dollar amount of the tax abatement. Polian stated that she would have to research the amount, but acknowledged it would be significant.

Kerstetter moved, seconded by Cicirello to adopt the finds of the Economic Development Board. Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino, Anderson. Opposed: Hobson. Motion carried.

Cicirello moved, seconded by Kerstetter to approve Safarik Tool Company petition for 2017 Tax Abatement. Vote: Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Anderson moved, seconded by Kerstetter to approve Hornet Cutting Systems petition for 2017 Tax Abatement. Discussion followed and Council felt they needed more information prior to approval. Anderson withdrew motion. Kerstetter withdrew second of motion.

Cicirello moved to delay any action on Hornet Cutting Systems petition and directed staff to compile information to present next meeting. Motion was seconded by Anderson. Vote: Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. CONSIDERTION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2017 EVENT SCHEDULE

Christie Newman requested Council approval of the 2017 scheduled events for the Chamber of Commerce. Council inquired whether the Main Street Valley Center would consider working with the Chamber on another Food Truck event during spring garage sale weekend.

Cicirello moved, seconded by Kerstetter to approve event request as detailed in the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce memo. Vote: Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. CONSIDERTION OF RESOLUTION 659-17; SUPPORT OF MENNONITE HOUSING

Polian explained to Council that Mennonite Housing has requested a change in the scope of Sunflower Gardens Phase III project from 22 units to 28 units. A new resolution would be needed to help them secure funding.

Jerry Rogers, 2 Hickory Court, addressed Council with concern regarding utility easements and possible drainage issues with additional development. Shrack and Golka both reported that prior to building permits and construction both concerns would be fully addressed.

Anderson moved, seconded by Kerstetter, to approve Resolution 659-17, 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. Vote: Yea; Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA -

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE JANUARY 17, 2017
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FOR COLLECTION

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

STAFF REPORTS -

CITY ADMINISTRATOR HILDEBRAND

Position of Public Works Director was re-opened for additional applications.

The process for the public safety study has begun. The consultant has recommended that the Police Chief position not be filled until completion of the study.

Hildebrand requested Council schedule a work session to discuss operational details for the Library/Community Building, 2018 budget, Strategic Plan and water/wastewater treatment plan options. The Council will meet for a Special Work Session at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

COUNCIL MEMBER KERSTETTER

Inquired when the 5th Street paving project would begin. The project is planned for the 2018 fiscal year stated Golka, so bids would go out late 2017.

COUNCIL MEMBER CICIRELLO

Asked staff to contact the construction company working on Abilene regarding damage to sidewalk resulting from heavy equipment being driven across it.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOBSON

Hobson thanked Administrator Hildebrand for the work he has done with the public works and police departments.

Hobson also thanked Owings for the work on the 2nd Street property. The fence looks good.

Hildebrand reported that the sale of surplus property totaled approximately \$12,000.00. He plans to hold those funds in reserve to re-roof the 2nd. Street building if feasible later this year.

ADJOURN -

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk