

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING  
February 19, 2019  
CITY HALL  
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: None

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  
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA**

MINUTES –FEBRUARY 5, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

McGettigan moved to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None**

**PUBLIC FORUM –**

Curtis Zerr-1835 Shadow Circle, Park City, Ks addressed Council regarding an insurance bid for the City. He explained that as a broker with ICI insurance he would provide a local agent to assist the City. He stated that he understood it is an administrative decision, but wanted to introduce himself to Council.

**APPOINTMENTS –**

Mayor Dove recommended the appointment of the following people to serve on a Community Survey Steering Committee. They will work with WSU to complete survey to benefit both the City and Community.

John Adams, Tom Bartel, Jeanne Daniels, Paul Davis, Brian Jansen, Amanda Maness, Brendan McGettigan, Mike Porter

Anderson moved to accept the appointments as listed, Stamm seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –**

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

#### **A. WIND TURBINE TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

Polian reported that following the last Council meeting on February 5, 2019, the permit was pulled allowing wind turbines to travel through Valley Center. Siemens-Gamesa did stop transportation upon notice, although they requested access until February 11<sup>th</sup> they did not transport through Valley Center. Polian stated that a conference call was held to discuss options. Polian stated any action would need to be taken in open meeting. Polian requested a Siemens-Gamesa complete pre and post condition road inspections and tie to a bond to make any repairs needed. The company declined to do anything further at this time. Polian suggested a formal policy might be drafted in anticipation of more permit requests since the construction in Wichita will continue to impact us for up to three years.

#### **B. DIGITAL SIGN DISCUSSION**

Shrack reported that nine digital signs are located in Valley Center with five belonging to the school district. Code Enforcement Officer Andrews has spoken with the owners of all the signs and all are complying with the Ordinance except QuikShop. They are awaiting further discussion but plan to ask for waiver if the Ordinance stands.

Cicirello pointed out that the Ordinance as written is for all lighted signs, not just LED or digital signs. Discussion was held regarding ambient light effecting the perception of brightness, what guidelines will be followed regarding residential areas and if security lights fall under this ordinance. Polian reminded Council that a balance needs to be found that considers residents' concerns with not hindering business. Anderson urged Council not to rush the decision, but to take care and write it up correctly. Staff will do more research of surrounding Cities for possible solution and Ordinance.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

#### **A. SEDGWICK COUNTY WILDLAND TASK FORCE**

Newman explained that this task force was formed last year to assist in fighting wildland fires in surrounding areas as an organized group from Sedgwick County. One of the biggest advantages with the task force is the ability to meet up at a central location and then travel and work with fellow firefighters instead of responding individually as departments. Newman also stressed that belonging to the task force doesn't obligate us to respond to every call. He explained that our department has the equipment specified in the Task Force guidelines. It would be very similar to mutual aid, such as when Valley Center responded to fires in Reno County last year.

Cicirello moved to approve participation in the Sedgwick County Wildland Fire Task Force and authorize Mayor Dove to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to join the Wildland Fire Task Force. Motion seconded by McGettigan. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **B. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Maschino moved, seconded by Stamm to recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City Council chamber at 7:44 pm. Included in executive session are City Attorney Arbuckle. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Session started at 7:34pm

Mayor Dove called meeting back to order at 7:45 pm.

Maschino stated no official action was taken by Council while in executive session.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – FEBRUARY 19, 2019**
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018**

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

### **STAFF REPORTS-**

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

Shrack reported that the City of Valley Center booth at the Home Show was a success. Over 300 gift bags were distributed and 160 entries for the gift basket were filled out. He thanked anyone who volunteered or supported the booth.

Shrack also reported on the January results from the media campaign with Cox Media. 80,600 “impressions” were seen, with 144 “clicks”. Most clicks are from Sedgwick, Butler and Reno counties.

#### **PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS**

The Outdoor Spaces Board has begun meeting again following the holidays. They have 1 opening on the board.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN**

He has received notice about a grant opportunity for wildland fire gear. They will pursue funds from the grant.

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

The Police Department will participate in a “Victory in the Valley” fundraiser to raise money for cancer research. Three officers have volunteered to have their heads shaved this Friday evening. A \$10.00 donation gets the donor one stroke of the razor. Newman will update and post photos of the event on social media.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON**

Reported that crews are out with plows and will hit the streets numerous times through the night and then lay down a salt mix.

#### **INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR POLIAN**

Reported to Council that she and Owings continue to meet with Toby Carver, Library Board President. She feels the meetings are very beneficial and the list of projects/concerns is getting smaller.

The City website now has sections for projects occurring in Valley Center. She is committed to making sure information is available to residents that are impacted by any project. She acknowledges the water line replacement project will impact residents on several blocks and wants them to be aware throughout the project.

### **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**

#### **MAYOR DOVE**

Mayor Dove reminded the governing body to stay for a Land Bank Meeting immediately following adjournment of City Council Meeting.

Dove also reported that she and Interim Administrator Polian met with representatives of Cornejo and Sons about the 5<sup>th</sup> Street project. She felt positive about the meeting and Cornejo and Sons are now giving more communication to Polian regarding work completed and why they are not working on certain days.

Dove thanked the city crews for clearing the streets and sidewalks.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Colbert has been asked to serve on SCKED council.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS

Davis thanked Director Eggleston for showing him public works projects within the City.

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

**ADJOURN -**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**