

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 21, 2017
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 and Al Hobson.

Members Absent: Ben Anderson 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
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -

Cicirello moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by McGettigan. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA -

A. MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Hobson moved to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2017, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Cicirello. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

A. KPTS PRESENTATION

Victor Hogstrom, President/CEO, of KPTS addressed Council seeking a partnership between Valley Center and KPTS. He provided general history of public television and the reality that more local support is needed due to State and Federal funding cuts. He urged Council to consider any amount of support.

Cicirello stated that he and his family enjoy the programming, and would like Council to consider funding options in the 2018 budget process.

PUBLIC FORUM –

A. TREE PLANTING CEREMONY – VETERAN’S PARK

Pamela Brillhart, Regent with the Little Arkansas Chapter of NSDAR, reported that the group has been working with Parks Director Owings regarding a tree planting ceremony in Veteran’s Park on April 1, 2017. The department will provide the tree and designate the planting site. The Chapter will install an engraved plaque. Details are still being finalized, but Ms. Brillhart requested support for the project from Council. She will send details and a reminder as the date draws near.

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW FOR HORNET CUTTING SYSTEMS

According to Director Shrack, the taxes listed in his memo included all taxes due, not just the City's portion. Shrack introduced Mike Shook, with Hornet Cutting Systems. Kerstetter questioned Mr. Shook about what specifically his business does. Mr. Shook explained that they cut steel, primarily for the ag and oil industry, but work with any industry that needs steel fabrication. They have been hit in the past couple years due to the lack of diversity.

Hobson noted that the employment projections in the past 2 years were way over actual employment, and wondered why they weren't lowered. Mr. Shook stated that he has only been with the company 8 months and didn't know how or when the projections were made. Maschino stated that the projections would have been made with the original Abatement request 9 years ago, with no foreseeable knowledge of the downturn in the industry.

Kerstetter voiced concern that if the request is denied, what message does that send to local businesses.

Kerstetter moved, seconded by Cicirello to approve Hornet Cutting Systems request to renew tax abatement for 2017. Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino. Opposed: None Abstain: Hobson.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. SITE USE AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Owings addressed Council regarding the Site Use Agreement with Sedgwick County for the collection of household hazardous waste. He has worked with the County several times on this type of project and it is a benefit to our citizens to safely dispose of hazardous materials. The date of the event would be April 1, 2017, (week prior to City-wide garage sales)

Maschino moved, seconded by Kerstetter to approve the Site Use Agreement for the collection of household hazardous waste with Sedgwick County and authorize Mayor to sign. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Cicirello moved, seconded by Maschino to recess into Executive Session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Finance and Administration Director Polian will attend the first 10 minutes. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Recess began at 7:30pm

Recess ended at 7:50pm

Cicirello reported no official action was taken during Executive Session

CONSENT AGENDA -

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FEBRUARY 21, 2017

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2017

C. CHECK RECONCILIATION – JANUARY 2017

D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARIES – JANUARY 2017

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

STAFF REPORTS -

FINANCE AND ADMIN DIRECTOR POLIAN

Polian has presented an IT monitor report for January. She will include it in agenda packet, if Council finds it useful.

She will have the 2016 Year in Review financial report completed by the March meeting. The financial field audit is scheduled to begin March 14th.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Work on Emporia has been delayed to begin on March 1, 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

Requested that a discussion regarding Ordinance prohibiting golf carts on city streets be placed on upcoming agenda.

Asked Golka to follow up on Goff Street regarding street light and pedestrian crossing signs.

COUNCIL MEMBER MASCHINO

Maschino asked for update regarding Ford Street Development.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOBSON

Hobson requested that a representative from the Police Department attend Council meetings.

ADJOURN -

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk