

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 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, Lionel Jackson, Ben Anderson and Al Hobson.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kristine Polian, Assistant City Administrator
Neal Owing, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Lonnie Tormey, Fire Chief
Lloyd Newman, Police Sergeant
Kelley Zellner, Public Works Director
Joshua 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 -

Item 7B, Billie Shrunck, commodities volunteer recognition, will be placed on next Council Agenda. Maschino moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Hobson. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA -

A. MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Hobson moved to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2017, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

A. SEDGWICK COUNTY-RSVP SENIOR CORPS PROCLAMATION

Mayor Dove read a proclamation declaring April 4, 2017 as National Service Recognition Day.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. KPTS DONATION

Council discussed the KPTS request for a donation. Administrator Hildebrand informed Council that any decision and amount was entirely up to Council discretion, but funds would be available from the economic development fund.

Anderson moved, seconded by Hobson to donate \$3000.00 to KPTS. Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Maschino.

B. ORDINANCE 1302-17; GOLF CART OPERATION

Cicirello moved, seconded by Hobson to adopt Ordinance 1302-17 allowing for the operation of golf carts on Valley Center city streets for 2nd reading. Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson, Anderson and Hobson. Opposed: Gregory.

C. ORDINANCE 1303-17; SOLICITORS, CANVASSERS AND PEDDLERS

Maschino moved, seconded by Jackson to approve Ordinance 1303-17, establishing policies regarding soliciting, canvassing and peddling within the city limits of Valley Center for 2nd. reading. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. ORDINANCE 1306-17; SPECIALS TAX DEFERMENT

Cicirello moved, seconded by Maschino to adopt Ordinance 1306-17 authorizing a tax deferment of special assessments on parcels owned by the Land Bank, for 2nd reading. Vote Yea: Kerstetter, Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino, Jackson and Anderson. Opposed: none. Abstain: Hobson.

NEW BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1304-17; CEMETERY, RECREATIONAL AREA AND PUBLIC SPACES

Hildebrand explained that the current boards are not active at this time. Council questioned the resident requirements as specified in Ordinance and whether citizens would volunteer for openings on board. Hildebrand stated that Parks and Public Building Director Owings has visited with people and has a list of possible volunteers.

Cicirello moved, seconded by Maschino to approve Ordinance 1304-17, regarding cemetery, recreational area and public spaces board for 1st. reading with the following change. Section 1, Sentence 2, shall read: Five (5) members shall be residents of the City, and two (2) *may* reside outside the City..... Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1305-17; PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Hildebrand presented this ordinance to Council and explained the efficiency benefits for developers and staff. Discussion followed regarding the current process and how this ordinance would impact each step and the appeal process. Concerns were raised during Council discussion regarding one board making all decisions for commercial and large housing developments. Several thought a division of duties and appeal process should remain in place.

Gene Sharp addressing Council spoke in favor of keeping the site plan committee separate from the planning commission.

Hildebrand will work on re-write of ordinance to address council concerns.

No action was taken.

C. ORDINANCE 1307-17; SITE PLAN REVIEW

No discussion or action was taken by Council.

D. 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 to include City Administrator Hildebrand. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Recess began at 7:47 pm

Recess ended at 8:07 pm

Cicirello reported no official action was taken during Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA -

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE APRIL 4, 2017

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

STAFF REPORTS -

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR POLIAN

Polian reported that the Land Bank properties in the Ridgefield Addition will close on Thursday. An agreement with MidAmerica Credit Union for new buyer, real estate mortgages has been arranged.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Information on the new housing incentives will be available on the City's website next week.

John Wright will be completing in the near future, his last examination to become fully licensed to complete all residential inspections for the City of Valley Center.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Owings reported that approximately 150 cars dropped off waste at the household hazardous waste collection held April 1st.

The city vehicle that was sold on-line brought \$1,950.00. Owings hopes the proceeds will be used for roof repair of the old public works building.

SERGEANT NEWMAN

Officer Adams will present to the Kansas National Guard information regarding

The department will also participate in the public library's Coffee with a Cop on April 13th.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ZELLNER

Zellner completed his second day as new public works director. He is working with department supervisors and has identified many summer projects.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Work on Emporia should be completed in a few weeks.

Met with KDOT regarding 5th Street and received authorization to proceed. A January 2018 bid letting is scheduled.

Drainage around Lions park and the community building is planned.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR HILDEBRAND

Requested a special budget workshop for Council on April 11, 2017 beginning at 6:00pm. Reminded Council that the emphasis will be more on outcomes rather than individual line items.

Received a “Thank You” letter from Reno County for the aid in fire protection during the recent wildfires in Reno County.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

COUNCIL MEMBER GREGORY

Reminded all fellow council members of that the Sedgwick County Association of Cities meets the second Saturday of each month. Next meeting will be April 8, 2017 at the Sedgwick County Historical Museum. Gregory also welcomed Public Works Director Zellner to Valley Center.

ADJOURN -

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk