

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
September 4, 2018
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: Brendan McGettigan

Staff Present: Scott Hildebrand, City Administrator
 Kristine Polian, Asst. City Administrator
 Lloyd Newman, Police Chief
 Joshua Golka, City Engineer
 Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
 Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
 Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
 Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
 Katrina Rubenich, Community Development Assistant
 Frank Miller, Animal Control Officer

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES –AUGUST 21, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Cicirello moved to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2018, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

A. PROCLAMATION-CONSTITUTION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2018

Mayor Dove read a proclamation declaring September 17th through September 23, 2018 as Constitution Week for the City of Valley Center.

B. ANIMAL LEAGUE DOG PARK DONATION

Ray Sledge and Frank Miller of the Valley Center Animal League presented Mayor Dove with a donation to the City of \$3,340.00 for the Dog Park.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1324-18; PREPAYMENT OF GASOLINE, SECOND READING

Stamm moved to adopt Ordinance 1324-18, adding the provisions for prepayment or preapproval for the purchase of gasoline, for 2nd reading. Maschino seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. COMMUNITY SURVEY

Misty Bruckner from Wichita State University discussed areas for survey questions such as Recycling, Community Development, Library and Recreation Programs.

Hildebrand stated that there are funds available for the survey. Cicirello mentioned that he was very impressed with the last survey and that he thought it was money well spent. Colbert asked how long the survey would take and Bruckner answered that it would take 4-6 months.

Anderson moved to approve proposal by WSU Public Policy and Management Center to survey Valley Center residents, seconded by Maschino. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. MARKETING CAMPAIGN FOR LAND BANK WITH COX COMMUNICATIONS

Jordan Cline and Cris Ary with Cox Media discussed the potential internet campaign to market the City's Land Bank properties and Housing Incentive Program.

Maschino asked how long this process would take. Ary stated that it would only be a few days after the parameters are decided. Stamm asked from where the money would come and Scott answered that it comes from Community Development. Maschino asked if there is a monthly fee or just an upfront cost and would this even work for our situation. Cline informed her that there is no monthly upkeep fee and that many communities have seen success using this form of advertisement. Mayor Dove asked if the ads would link directly to our website or if it would take us to a landing page. Ary replied that they could do either.

Anderson moved to approve proposal by Cox Media of \$5,000 for 6 months, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. USDA LOAN

Chelsea Morris of USDA-Rural Development discussed the potential loan for replacing existing cast-iron pipe with new pipe, new fire hydrants, new water valves and replacing service lines from the main to the meter.

Mayor Dove opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m. The Public Hearing closed at 7:47 p.m. with no speakers.

Cicirello moved to accept the letter of conditions and authorize the Mayor and Finance Director to execute and sign the Request for Obligation of funds and Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions as presented by Rural Development, seconded by Maschino. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. REQUEST FOR SIGN PLACEMENT

Hildebrand presented that Bob Rogers, who owns a boat and RV storage facility on 69th Street (east of Meridian), has requested permission to place a sign next to Wagen Tails at 69th and Meridian.

Stamm stated that since we allowed the other sign, we can't deny this sign. Cicirello asked if the sign would be out of line of sight for the intersection. Maschino asked if this business is within our city limits and Shrack answered that it is. Stamm asked if there is a time limit for the sign and Arbuckle replied that it could be revisited in a year but that he thinks the name and phone number of the business should be included with the sign. Rogers stated that he is in the city limits and only wants this sign for directional purposes.

Stamm moved to approve the placement of sign at 69th and Meridian by Bob Rogers but to include the name of his business and business telephone number on the sign. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Cicirello, Stamm, Anderson and Davis. Opposed: Maschino, Gregory and Colbert. Motion carried.

E. TIME CAPSULE DISCUSSION

Hildebrand presented options for the 1985 time capsule. Option 1: Open time capsule during the 2018 Fall Fest or Option 2: Re-bury time capsule at new location near the Community Center and Library to be opened at 50 year anniversary.

Anderson moved to re-bury the time capsule at new location near the Community Center and Library to be opened in 2035, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

F. WATER TOWER DESIGN CONTEST

Hildebrand presented designs from the Water Tower Contest, as well as the request from USD 262 to keep contest open another month.

Anderson moved to keep the contest open for another month, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

STAFF REPORTS-

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Shrack reported that a new Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, Bill Andrews, was hired. He also reported that the City is officially a CRS Class 7 and that any resident that purchases flood insurance is eligible for a 15% discount.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Golka reported that replacement wells 7 and 8 have received approval with KDHE. We should see additional revenue due to an increase in raw water sold.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR HILDEBRAND

Hildebrand reported SCAC meeting would be on Saturday September 8th, 8:30-10:00 a.m. and that the City will have a parade float at the Fall Festival this year and will hopefully have more details at next meeting.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Gregory encouraged that people attend the SCAC meeting. She also thanked who created the flyer for the water bill this month, it was very informative, maybe consider doing one for recycling.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Katrina Rubenich, Community Development Assistant