

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 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, Brendan McGettigan, Marci Maschino, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Scott Hildebrand, City Administrator
Lloyd Newman, Police Chief
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Josh Golka, City Engineer
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

McGettigan moved to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2018, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM –

Ammn Taylor with Waste Management thanked Council for their consideration of proposal to Increase fees for re-cycling program. Mr. Taylor respects the decision to hold rates and fees the same through the remainder of the contract. He appreciates the partnership between WM and the City and looks forward to continuing to help residents re-cycle for years to come.

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. TIME CAPSULE DISCUSSION

Hildebrand reported that staff located and dug up the time capsule. It is a large container measuring 28x28x28. City staff expressed concerns with re-burying it in Lions park for the remaining few years wouldn't be worth the manpower and disruption to landscape. Discussion was held regarding placing time capsule on display or in secure location as well as building a new small time capsule to commemorate the

opening of the Community Building. Council concurred with staff that the time capsule did not need to be buried.

B. LIBRARY BUILDING AUCTION UPDATE

Hildebrand reported that McCurdy Auction has scheduled the sale of the Old Public Library building at noon on October 18, 2018. It will be followed at 1:00pm by school's property. Anderson asked whether the City should consider donating some of the proceeds to the Library or the Friends of the Library. Hildebrand responded that a donation could be considered following the sale based on how much the building sold for.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. STORAGE CONTAINER

Hildebrand received a request from the Library board at their last meeting to move the library storage container to the new building. City zoning ordinance would prohibit it from being placed there. Staff has explored other placement options and pouring a concert pad near the old tree dump would be the only available option. Janice Sharp, Library Director, explained the storage container has been used to store furniture, craft items, books for upcoming sales and holiday items. Sharp also stated that staff has pared down lot of items and doesn't want the City to have the expense of pouring concrete and they are open to selling it, not moving it. No decision was needed.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR POSITION

This position was a part of the discussion held during the approval of the Public Safety Department. The approval of the position is really a formality of getting all administrative work under one person. McGettigan moved to approve the Public Safety Director position, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST/INFORMATION SPECIALIST POSITION

Hildebrand explained that one of the goals of the Strategic Plan dealt with effective media and communication with the public. Hildebrand requested approval of a new position that would handle social media, employee building access and rental access to community building among other duties. A preliminary job description was presented. Hildebrand explained this position would not eliminate the need for outside IT support, but could help with servers, passwords etc. Discussion was held. Anderson felt that the need has become apparent especially with the opening of the Community Building Colbert and Cicirello questioned whether the minimum education requirement was sufficient. Hildebrand explained that the minimum education requirement is just that, a minimum and often young adults without a college degree are way more tech savvy than him. Cicirello also stated that he wouldn't support the position unless the public access channel on Cox Cable is utilized.

Anderson moved to approve Communication/Information Specialist. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: McGettigan, Maschino, Stamm, Anderson, Davis. Opposed: Colbert, Cicirello, Gregory. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

B. STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FROM MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER

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

STAFF REPORTS-

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported a vacancy on the Outdoor Spaces Board due to expiring term. Serve VC day is scheduled for October 6, 2018. This is a community wide events between Valley Center Church volunteers, the City and the School. Owings reported that have 6 various projects lined up for the day.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Reported that approval for well replacement project bids has been granted. Bids will be opened October 16, 2018. Golka reminded Council to reach out to himself or Administrator Hildebrand about concerns with work or projects.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR HILDEBRAND

A plan for a float for the Fall Fest parade has been cancelled. Too many of our staff are already involved in other areas. Early registration for the League of Kansas Municipalities conference ends Friday.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

Cicirello questioned why flags were not lowered and raised on weekends. He stated that he was told overtime was not authorized, which he found to be unacceptable. Hildebrand responded that accountability is with him as the City Administrator and Council should bring concerns to him not to individual staff members. City Attorney Arbuckle concurred.

Cicirello also stated that cars continue to speed on Goff. Hildebrand stated that a traffic study could be done again.

Gregory thanked all those that attended the Sedgwick County Association of City meeting. Especially thanked Administrator Hildebrand for getting building open and setting up room and providing a wonderful breakfast.

Anderson asked staff to look at Fieldstone from Goff to Greenfield. It is in bad shape. Hildebrand and Eggleston reported they were aware of damage and it's on list for repair.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk