

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 4, 2022

CITY HALL

121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Cicirello called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chris Evans, Paul Davis, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Matt Stamm.

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator
Matt Koehn, City Treasurer
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2021, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Evans moved to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2021, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM –None

APPOINTMENTS - None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1368-21: RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF 596 W. 1ST ST. E.

Community Development Director Shrack presented for 2nd. reading, Ordinance 1368-21, which will re-zone property currently unaddressed from R-1B (Single-Family Residential District) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential District). He stated that the lot split has been reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. That must be done prior to re-zoning of property.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1368-21; re-zoning of land located immediately north of 596 W. 1st St., Valley Center, KS 67147, for 2nd. reading, seconded by Anderson. Mayor Cicirello acknowledged and agreed with comments from Councilmember Kerstetter voicing opposition of the numerous duplexes being built in Valley. Vote yea: Evans, Davis, Anderson, Wilson, and Colbert. Opposed: Gregory and Kerstetter. Motion carried.

**OUTGOING CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION –
COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS**

Mayor Cicirello presented to Councilmember Davis a plaque in appreciation of his hard work and dedication for serving Valley Center. He invited everyone to stay for a reception honoring him immediately following the evenings meetings.

Davis urged all citizens to become more involved with the city. Residents can serve on Council or one of the numerous boards. Stated that he learned so much serving on the City Council.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

SWEARING IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Carrithers swore in new Councilmember Clint Bass.

Mayor Cicirello called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Stamm, Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS-

A. APPROVAL OF FOOD FOR FINES PROGRAM

Public Safety Director Newman requested approval of the Food for Fines program. If approved food would be gathered in March and April. All food is donated to the Ministerial Alliance to help the local community.

Kerstetter questioned the limit of \$50.00. Newman stated that it only goes to the actual fines owed not to other fees, so felt this was an appropriate limit.

Evans moved to approve the Food for Fines program and set the amount per can/food item at \$5.00 with a maximum amount of \$50.00. Seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE-JANUARY 4, 2022
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – OCTOBER 2021
- C. PLANING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES- DECEMBER 16, 2021

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

On Thursday, January 20th, Main Street Valley Center will be holding their annual meeting at LeVenue from 6:00pm-8:00pm

The Wichita Area Builders Home will sponsor the Home and Garden Show on February 3-6th. Valley Center will have booth promoting the city. With the new sub-divisions and rec. center this is a great promotion to get the word out. The Chamber, City and Schools will all help staff the booth and a volunteer sign-up sheet is available.

PARKS AND OUTDOOR SPACES DIRECTOR OWINGS

The Outdoor Spaces Board will be meeting Thursday, 1/6/2022 at 6:00pm at the Community Building. There is an opening on the board, an application to serve can be found on the city webpage.

A drop off location in Veteran's Park for Christmas Trees to be recycled is open to the public. Mulch from the trees is available for public pick up.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Kansas Gas continues to work along Ford Street. The city was informed that Seneca between 69th and 77th will need to be closed for a short time January 5th. Notice will be posted to Facebook. The department is exploring the installation of a solar light to replace the one destroyed during the recent high winds.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Happy New Year. Excited about all the projects planned for 2022.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

MAYOR CICIRELLO

“Welcome” to new Council member Bass and a “Thank you” to outgoing Council member Davis.

COUNCILMEMBERS EVANS, ANDERSON, AND WILSON

Also stated a “Welcome” to new Council member Bass and a “Thank you” to outgoing Council member Davis.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS

Thanked his friends and neighbors in Ward 4 for the opportunity to serve on the City Council. His family moved to Valley Center in 2013. Thanked his wife for her support and encouragement.

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Questioned the possibility of moving back to zoom meetings for City Council considering the rising cases of Covid infections.

Colbert moved to adjourn, second by Wilson. Vote Yea: Unanimous.

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk