

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 2020

CITY HALL

121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Dove called the meeting 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: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director  
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director  
Josh Golka, City Engineer  
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
Brent Clark, City Administrator  
Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator  
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 – DECEMBER 17, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Maschino moved to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by McGettigan. Vote yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None**

**PUBLIC FORUM –None**

**APPOINTMENTS - None**

**COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –**

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2019

Gregory moved, seconded by Cicirello to accept and file the minutes from the December 19, 2019 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

A. ORDINANCE 1338-20; FIREWORKS SALES

Smith requested approval of Ordinance which would change the times and days of sale and discharge of fireworks.

McGettigan moved to approve Ordinance 1338-20, to amend Chapter 9.75 of the Valley Center, Kansas Municipal Code by amending Section B of Chapter 9.75.030 thereof designating the times and days for the retail sale and discharge of fireworks and by amending Section C of Chapter 9.75.030 amending the due date, approval process, and fee for obtaining a permit to sell fireworks in the City of Valley Center, Kansas for 2nd reading. The motion was seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1339-20; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Shrack presented Ordinance as recommended by Council amending the membership guidelines for the Valley Center Economic Development Board. It increases the membership to 8 members of which 3 may reside outside of the city limits, if they have an economic stake in the city.

Cicirello moved to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 1339-20, amending the appointment of members to the Valley Center Economic Development Board. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Cicirello moved to approve Ordinance 1339-20 amending the Valley Center Economic Development Board Membership. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**OUTGOING MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITION –  
COUNCILMEMBER MASCHINO**

Stated that she has served on the City Council for a quarter of her life. In fact she was pregnant with her son during her first term. During her time serving on the Council, she has seen the completion of the storm water project on Meridian and the construction of the Community Building and the road construction on 5<sup>th</sup> street. Some days on Council were really hard, but others were fun and rewarding. Thank you to the community, staff and her family.

**MAYOR DOVE**

Stated that her experience on Council and “serving as Mayor has been one of the most rewarding things in my life”. The staff of the City are a stellar group of people to work with. Thank you to all the citizens of Valley Center, the church communities and the love and support of her family.

Incoming Mayor Cicirello presented to Councilmember Maschino and Mayor Dove a plaque in appreciation of their hard work and dedication for their years of serving Valley Center. He invited everyone to stay for a reception honoring them immediately following the evenings meetings.

McGettigan to adjourn, second by Cicirello. Vote Yea: Unanimous.

**ADJOURN -**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

**SWEARING IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

City Clerk Carrithers swore in new Mayor Lou Cicirello and Councilmember Christopher Evans.

Mayor Cicirello called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with the following members present: Ronald Colbert, Gina Gregory, Brendan McGettigan, Chris Evans, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF WARD 1 VACANT COUNCIL SEAT**

Mayor Cicirello stated that three residents had expressed an interest in serving the City as appointed to fill the Ward 1 Council seat vacated by Cicirello. He recommended that Council appoint Robert Wilson to complete the term.

Anderson moved to accept Mayor Cicirello recommendation and appoint Robert Wilson to fill the open position in Ward 1. Seconded by McGettigan. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

City Clerk Carrithers swore in Robert Wilson as new appointed City Councilmember. He then took his place on the bench.

**B. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Smith requested Council elect a new Council President. He explained that Maschino had served as the Council President. Cicirello stated the president would be responsible for running the Council meetings in the Mayor's absence. He explained that even though he could recommend to appoint someone, in the past a Councilmember has expressed willingness and volunteered. Ben Anderson stated that he would be willing to serve.

Gregory moved to elected Ben Anderson to serve as Council President, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**C. DESIGNATION OF ACCOUNT SIGNERS-EMPRISE, HALSTEAD AND INTRUST BANKS**

Smith stated that with Mayor Dove and Councilmember Maschino leaving the Council, new account signers need to be added on accounts at financial institutions holding City funds. He stated in the past it has been the Mayor and the Council President.

McGettigan moved to authorize Mayor Lou Cicirello and Council President Ben Anderson as signers on City of Valley Center checking accounts held at Emprise, Halstead and Intrust Banks. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**D. ORDINANCE 1340-20; RE-ZONE 9801 N BROADWAY**

Shrack explained that owners of the properties located on Broadway and 93<sup>rd</sup> had requested re-zoning from RR-1 (suburban residential) to A-1 (agricultural district). The Planning and Zoning Board discussed the request and has recommended the approval of Ordinance to re-zone.

Stamm moved to approve Ordinance 1340-20; re-zoning of land located at 9801 N. Broadway Ave, Valley Center, Kansas for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**E. ORDINANCE 1341-20; RE-ZONE 200 W 93<sup>RD</sup> ST. N**

Gregory moved to approve Ordinance 1341-20; re-zoning of land located at 200 W. 93<sup>rd</sup>. Street N. Valley Center, Kansas for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**F. STREET SWEEPER; SALE OF EXISTING SWEEPER AND PURCHASE OF RAVO SWEEPER**

Eggleston addressed Council to request approval to sell the city street sweeper and purchase a new Ravo Sweeper. He explained that the while the current sweeper works and is not worn out, it doesn't function to the needs of the City. Eggleston introduced Levi Williams to explain the features of the Ravo 5 sweeper. The Ravo 5 has a 3<sup>rd</sup> broom which can be used as a weed cutter along curbs. It also has a larger dump bin which vacuums and packs debris instead of throwing up on a belt. The vacuum feature also allows staff to clean out manholes and storm drains.

Council discussed the life expectancy as well as maintenance costs. It was noted that while normally equipment is not upgraded so soon, the current sweeper was purchased 6 years ago and the re-sale value is very attractive. Anderson stated that if this increases staff efficiency, he would be in favor of it.

Barry Smith stated that Halstead Bank has approved financing of lease purchase agreement with a 3.125% interest rate.

Colbert moved to approve sale of City's existing Pelican street sweeper to Key Equipment for \$50,000.00. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Colbert moved to approve lease/purchase of a Ravo 5 series street sweeper from Red Municipal & Industrial Equipment in the amount of \$200,000.00 and apply funds from the sale of old sweeper to purchase. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE-JANUARY 7, 2020
- B. DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY- PURPLE WAVE

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

The Wichita Area Builders Home Show will be held February 6-9<sup>th</sup>. Valley Center will have booth promoting the City. The Chamber, City and Schools will all help staff the booth and a volunteer sign-up sheet is available.

Next Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Main Street Valley Center will be holding their annual meeting at LeVenue from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The new Kansas Director of the Main Street Program will attend so it should be a great night.

### PARKS AND OUTDOOR SPACES DIRECTOR OWINGS

Tree trimming in Lions and Veteran's Park is completed. 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. The new Kabota utility vehicle will be in the parking lot following the meeting.

### CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Discussed the project status update. The waterline replacement project will be having a pre-construction meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> with work to begin in February.

### ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

Reported that a ratings call was held last Friday and everything went well. He reminded Council that a higher score usually means a better interest rate for upcoming bond sales.

He is working with staff to write or update investment, purchasing and utility extension policies.

Received word from the City of Wichita they will be increasing their water rates by 6.25%. He has worked the numbers regarding our rates and although we can by Ordinance increase our rates by 4% over what we have been increased, he recommends we increase our rates to residents by only 4%. Council requested a discussion of water rates be placed on the January 21, 2020 agenda.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Announced a new promotion beginning this month. A "little" sasquatch will roam businesses in Valley Center. Residents are encouraged to visit local businesses to find the sasquatch and take a selfie with it. If they post the photo they will be eligible for a drawing to receive \$50.00 off their utility bill. Limit of 2 wins in the year.

## **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS**

### MAYOR CICIRELLO

"Welcome" to new Council members and a "Thank you" to the outgoing Council members. Reminded everyone that a Land Bank Meeting will be held immediately following adjournment of Council meeting.

### COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Welcome to new Council Members.

### COUNCILMEMBER WILSON

Thanked all for the opportunity. He has served on the parks and tree board for many years and looks forward to continuing to serve as a Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Encouraged everyone to attend the Main Street Valley Center meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Reported that there will be a Sedgwick County Association of Cities meeting on Saturday. It will be held at the emergency operations building on North Main in Wichita.

COUNCILMEMBER EVANS

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Although he has only been in Valley Center three years, he looks forward to many more years.

COUNCIL MEMBER STAMM

Thank you to Mayor and Maschino and welcome to new Councilmembers.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON

Thanks and welcome. Also expressed appreciation for Smith to seek financing from “local” business. It’s important to stay local whenever you can.

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

**ADJOURN -**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**