

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2019
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: Brendan McGettigan and Matt Stamm

Staff Present: Kristine Polian, Asst. City Administrator
 Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
 Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
 Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
 Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
 Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
 Josh Golka, City Engineer
 Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Dove requested the addition of Library Board Member to be added under Item 9, Appointments and addition of Item 12B New Business; Discussion and appointment of Interim City Administrator. Maschino moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES –JANUARY 2, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Gregory moved to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

MINUTES –JANUARY 8, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Cicirello moved to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2019, special called City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

Steve Samuelson, NFIP Specialist with Kansas Department of Agriculture, presented to the City a plaque in recognizing a Class 7 Certification. He stated that Ryan Shrack went above and beyond the requirements of the program. Only a small number of communities in the nation qualify for the award. This certification qualifies residents that are required to purchase flood insurance to a discount on the premiums.

MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

Chris Strunk, President of Main Street Valley Center reported on accomplishments from 2018. He explained the pillars that guide the organization. He also discussed 2019 goals and projected expenditures.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Dick Robertson, 621 W. Ness, address Council regarding the condition of Ness Street. He acknowledged that attempts have been made to repair the road, but it continues to have big holes and the drainage on the road is not good.

Bill Spangler, 1251 S. Sheridan, echoed the remarks from Mr. Robertson regarding the pot holes on Ness Street. The repairs are not working and requested that a long term repair be done.

Polian stated that it will be discussed with staff to formulate a plan.

APPOINTMENTS –

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Dove appointed Judy Conrardy to the Valley Center Library Board. Maschino moved to accept the appointment, Davis seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. DISCUSSION OF REPLACEMENT OF POLICE VEHICLE

Chief Newman discussed the possibility of purchasing a truck as a replacement vehicle in 2019. The purchase of a truck instead of an explorer has several advantages. Off road and 4 wheel drive is better in a truck. Newman also stated that the cost will be very similar but the trade in value of a truck in future years should be much higher. Polian reminded Council that replacement cost is in the budget, but wanted Council input before proceeding. Council didn't raise any concerns.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Dove requested a motion to appoint Kristine Polian to Interim City Administrator and allow Mayor to discuss the terms of the temporary appointment with her. Maschino made the motion, seconded by Cicirello. Council discussed the length of appointment and future search options for full time Administrator. Council was in agreement of the confidence in the choice of Ms. Polian. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – JANUARY 15, 2019

B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT - OCTOBER 2018

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

STAFF REPORTS-

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR POLIAN

Reported that she and Ownings met with Library Board President Toby Carver to discuss issues between the City and the Library. She felt it was a very beneficial meeting and plans are to meet monthly following the Library Board Meeting.

WAMPO will be making a presentation to Council at the next meeting.

Polian will be working on the current Strategic Plan which will end in 2019. She will also be working with Matt Stiles and Misty Bruckner to present a calendar to move forward in the future.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

The Wichita Home Show will be February 7-10th. Valley Center will again have a booth at the event. If anyone would be willing to work in the booth, he has a sign-up sheet with available times.

He is drafting an Ordinance regarding the dimming of LED signs.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Newman is working with David Baker with Sedgwick County emergency management on a new emergency operations plan for Valley Center. Our current one is outdated. He will gather feedback from staff and department heads on new plan and then present to Council for approval then send to Sedgwick County.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Many projects are in the works. Cicirello stated that he saw work on 5th Street and questioned whether the north side of the road could be opened for one way traffic sooner. Golka stated that it could be possible.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

Cicirello questioned the condition of a property located at 6725 S. Interurban. Shrack stated that the abatement process has been started.

Gregory thanked Mr. Strunk for his work with Main Street Valley Center. She has attended numerous meetings at the local and county level in the last month. She requested proposed budget or audit of books from the Chamber of Commerce.

Maschino concurred that she would like a report at least annually from the Chamber. Maschino also requested a financial statement from the Library Board.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk