

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 2023
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Cicirello called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Stamm, Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
Gage Scheer, City Engineer
Jake Vasa, SEH Engineer
Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

JANUARY 3, 2023, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Stamm to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None.

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1384-23; LONGEVITY

Asst. City Administrator of Smith presented Ordinance 1384-23 regarding Longevity years of service pay increase for 2nd reading. He reminded Council that longevity pay increases are set by Ordinance and with approval of employee personnel manual effective 01/01/2023 an update is needed.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1384-23 regarding longevity pay for 2nd. reading. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PEC FOR WATER MASTER PLAN

City Engineer Gage Scheer presented agreement with PEC for the water master plan and water model analysis. Clark explained that it will evaluate the system for current and future growth of Valley Center.

Anderson moved to approve agreement with PEC for the water master plan and water model analysis in an amount not exceed \$43,500.00 and authorize Mayor to sign. Evans seconded the motion. Vote Yea. unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. REQUEST TO REFURBISH BASKETBALL COURT IN LIONS PARK

Blake Peniston, Director of the Valley Center Rec Commission addressed Council with request to refurbish the basketball court at Lion's Park and turn it into two full-size pickleball courts. The Rec Commission would cover the cost of the resurfacing of the courts. Parks and Public Buildings Director Owings supported the proposal. The location is close to the swimming pool and community building. A sidewalk access will be cut into the curb. Anderson supported the idea as Valley Center does not have a public court and seniors must use a school to play.

Anderson moved to approve refurbishing the basketball court in Lions Park into two pickleball courts. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

B. APPROVE TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR PRAIRIE LAKES PHASE III

Jake Vasa with SEH requested approval to solicit RFPs for infrastructure improvements for Phase III of the Prairie Lakes Development. The area will include 24 single family housing plots. It is graded and above flood plain, just waiting for final FEMA approval.

Wilson moved to approve solicitation of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Phase III of the Prairie Lakes Development. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – JANUARY 17, 2023

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2023

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Thanked Council for their support at the Main Street Valley Center annual meeting. Shrack stated that the return on investment was \$100,000.00 to the \$10,000.00 given to MSVC. Shrack also stated that the new position in the Community Development Department has been posted and it is accepting applications.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Stood for any question regarding quarterly report. Mayor Cicirello noted that most of the statistics showed a decrease in calls and citations.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Eggleston updated Council on water main break at Redbud Ave. He also reported on various other projects throughout the city. Ford Street is slightly behind schedule with the cold temperatures. Wilson asked if the speed limit would be lowered at the Seneca/Ford intersection. It will be recommended to lower the speed limit to 25 m.p.h.

SEH ENGINEER VASA

Reported that development at the Sunflower Valley addition will begin in 2-3 weeks in February. Construction will begin at the intersection of Dexter and Ford. Residents in the Fieldcrest area will be notified.

ASST CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF FINANCE SMITH

Smith continues to finalize the proposed fee schedule. It will be presented for approval at a later meeting. Announced that Desirae Womack began today as the new City Treasurer.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk