

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2022
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, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Ben Anderson and Clint Bass

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

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cicirello requested that new business items A-Emergency Service response time, B-Agreement with Sedgwick County for Senior Center be added to agenda and move listed new business items down accordingly. Also add to Consent Agenda H-Approval of easements Kasselmann Family Revocable Trust and I-Approval of easements Patsy Belcher. Kerstetter moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –
JANUARY 18, 2022, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Evans moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Colbert. Kerstetter questioned whether it was Councilmember Bass or Evans that also commented with him in the Council reports. City Clerk Carrithers stated she will look at notes and review recording and will make change if needed. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS –
PUBLIC POWER COMMITTEE

City Administrator Clark was contacted by all Councilmembers following the January 18th meeting expressing willingness to serve on the public power committee. Stamm requested his name be pulled from consideration. All other names were placed into consideration with Neal Owings drawing out three council representatives. Mayor Cicirello recommended the following persons to serve: Dr. Cory Gibson, Brice Turner, Randy Jackson, Travis Bryant, Joe Dessenberger, Stacy Lacy, Brian Shelton, Jarrod West, Brent Clark, Barry Smith, Rodney Eggleston, Barry Arbuckle and Councilmembers Clint Bass, Chris Evans, and Gina Gregory.

Kerstetter moved to accept the appointments as recommended, motion seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

POOL/RECREATION CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

Mayor Cicirello recommended the following persons to serve: Matt Stamm, Chris Evans, Cory Gibson, Danny Park, Roger Stewart, Andy Quandt, Melissa Fehrenback, Janet O'Donnell, Blake Penniston, Neal Owings, and Brent Clark.

Evans moved to accept the appointments as recommended, motion seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE TIME

Public Safety Director Newman stated that Chris Edwards, 301 Valley Park Drive had recently had a long response time and would like to speak to Council. Mr. Edwards addressed Council and stated that he waited 17 minutes for ambulance to respond to a 911 call that went through the Sedgwick County system. Mr. Edwards would like local Firefighters to be dispatched to all calls and possible charge or flag excessive calls from same resident or address. Several things contributed to the delay including the verbal responses given to the 911 operator, the ambulance already being dispatched to another call and the system flagging it as an “Omega” call. Newman then explained the Pro QA system used by Sedgwick County that assists in determining who should be called out to a 911 call based on responses given by caller. Newman explained that all four full time firefighters and a few of the volunteers are EMT's but most of the volunteers are strictly trained firefighters, not EMT so they wouldn't respond. Stamm verified that our fire department cannot transport, just treat until ambulance arrives. Colbert asked if such a delay has ever happened previously. Newman said that he didn't know, but with the number of calls, it certainly is possible. Further discussion was held regarding how Sedgwick County tries to keep ambulances in the best locations across the county to respond quickly. Mayor Cicirello acknowledged that staffing is an issue across the nation. Mayor Cicirello thanked Mr. Edwards for coming to the meeting and is glad that his son is alright. Kerstetter stated, this seems to be an example of several things going wrong in a bad situation. No action was taken, discussion only.

B. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY FOR SENIOR CENTER

Smith requested approval of the annual contract with Sedgwick County for senior services to older adult residents for the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. He stated that our status has been changed from a “club” to a “center” Our funding also increased from \$5,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

Kerstetter moved to approve the agreement with Sedgwick County for senior services and authorize Mayor to sign, seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (UN-AUDITED)

City Treasurer Koehn highlighted information included on the financial report. He clarified why various line items were over budget or short. Koehn also reported on the usage of the city phone app. Stated that the online bill pay category is the most visited. Evans thanked Koehn for the report and all the information included.

Stamm moved to accept and file the un-audited financial report, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. RESOLUTION 713-22; AUTHORIZING CIP AND GO BONDS

Asst. City Administrator Smith gave a presentation regarding the CIP and current bond debt. Current CIP includes Meridian Street, Ford Street, Ford Street waterline, water tower rehab and City entry signs with costs at \$15,249,183.00. Current outstanding bond debt is \$21,160,000.00. He stated that a change in budget strategy and the leadership of City Administrator Clark in securing \$10,172,485.00 grant funding will enable the city to save over \$500,000.00 at the next bond financing in 2024.

Wilson moved to approve Resolution 713-22, authorizing CIP and the issuance of GO bonds. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER ALLOCATION

Chris Struck, president of Main Street Valley Center addressed City Council. He thanked Council for their financial and staff support. He reviewed the 2021 accomplishments and stated the goals for 2022. They have applied for designation with KS Main St. Program and the 2022 round of the Main Street Enhancement Grant program. He estimates that for every \$1 the city invested in Main Street Valley Center the private sector invested another \$3.

Evans moved to approve the fiscal year 2022 allocation for Main Street Valley Center in the amount of \$10,000.00. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – FEBRUARY 1, 2022
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021
- C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 5, 2022
- D. VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL REPORT
- E. APPROVAL OF EASEMENTS – CEDAR RIDGE
- F. APPROVAL OF EASEMENTS – PRITCHARD
- G. APPROVAL OF EASEMENTS – MARQUEZ
- H. APPROVAL OF EASEMENTS – KASSLEMAN FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST
- I. APPROVAL OF EASEMENTS – PATSY BELCHER

Wilson 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 and Garden Show is February 3-6th. Thank you to all the volunteers that have signed up. A gift basket has been put together by staff and will be given away during a Facebook live drawing next Monday at 9:30am.

PARK AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that the solar light has been installed at Wetlands Park. Owings anticipates more possibilities for solar lights in the future in parks where electricity is not available. Kerstetter asked how long the batteries will last. Owings said they are preset at to come on at dusk then drop to a 50% brightness from 11:00pm-6:00am. Then go back to 100% until sunrise.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Stood for any questions regarding his 4th quarter report.

ASST. CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

Reported that the GFOA report was submitted yesterday. The full 200-page report is on website. Will be attending a cost service analysis meeting with City of Wichita regarding water rates.

Kerstetter congratulated Mr. Smith on his financial officer award.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Announced that Kansas Gas has opened Ford Street for both directions in anticipation of the storm. It will remain open until 7:00am Monday. Reminded everyone to download the city app as notices such as these are sent out on the app. Councilmember Gregory asked for clarification on the roundabout included in PEC's report for 69th St. PEC will have a full report at the next meeting.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR CICIRELLO

Stated that Councilmember Colbert, himself, and many co-workers attended the Barry Smith's award banquet with the Wichita Business Journal. Mayor thanked Smith for all he does. Reminded everyone to drive safe and be careful.

COUNCILMEMBER STAMM

Thanked Barry Smith and all City employees.

COUNCILMEMBER EVANS

Thanked Smith and thanked Chris Edwards for his email regarding the ambulance response times.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk