

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 2, 2021
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

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
 Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator
 Matt Koehn, City Treasurer
 Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -

Mayor Cicirello added item New Business-C, Executive Session to the agenda. Anderson moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

PUBLIC FORUM –

Shane LaFever addressed Council regarding opening of a CBD store in Valley Center. He is in the exploration stage and just wanted to know if there are any bans or regulations before he gets too far in the process. No regulations to ban this type of business is known at this time.

APPOINTMENTS –

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Mayor Cicirello recommended that Toby Carver and Morgan Wiebe serve a four-year term on the Valley Center Public Library Board. The terms would expire April 2025. Anderson moved to accept the appointments as recommended, motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS-

A. MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER ALLOCATION

Asst. City Administrator Smith requested the annual allocation to Main Street Valley Center be reinstated to \$10,000.00. Smith explained that in 2020 all expenditures were cut or held back. MSVC

allocation was reduced from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Councilmember Anderson commended all staff and departments for tightening belts and expenditures to come out of the COVID pandemic in good financial shape.

Anderson moved to increase the fiscal year 2021 allocation for Main Street Valley Center to \$10,000.00. Motion seconded by Davis. Kerstetter requested a verbal report on what Main Street Valley Center does. MSVC board chairman, Chris Strunk addressed Council. Strunk stated that although the 2021 budget has been set, the extra funds would allow expansion of some projects. He stated that MSVC awards grant money to make physical improvements to downtown buildings. The group also holds hometown Christmas, movie nights, 4th of July events, Trick or Treat Street, Fall Festival and will host the Authors and Artists event this year. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. COLBY LIFT STATION STANDBY GENERATOR BID APPROVAL

Public Works Director Eggleston requested approval of bid from CK Power for a standby generator for the Colby Lift Station. Eggleston explained that this is the oldest lift station the City operates and serves approximately 300 connections. The funds were approved as part of the 2021 budget. He is requesting approval of this bid. Kerstetter asked if the generator operated on gasoline or natural gas. Eggleston stated that it is diesel powered. He expressed concern that in the event of an emergency the first utilities to be compromised are electric and natural gas lines.

Stamm moved to approve low, qualified bid for standby generator from CK Power in an amount not to exceed \$21,903.00. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION; DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

Anderson moved, seconded by Stamm to recess into executive session to discuss possible acquisition of real estate, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City Council chamber at 7:30 pm. Included in executive session in addition to City Council/Mayor are City Attorney Barry Arbuckle, Public Works Director Eggleston and via phone City Administrator Clark. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Session started at 7:15pm

Mayor Cicirello called meeting back to order at 7:30 pm.

Anderson stated no official action was taken by Council while in executive session.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - MARCH 2, 2021

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Shrack reported the Wichita Home Show went very well. Approximately 175 gift bags were distributed which included information on local businesses. The drawing for the gift basket was held on Facebook live and the winner has been contacted.

Shrack also reported that the Planning and Zoning Board will have 3 openings soon. Applications for the board can be found on the City website or Facebook page.

Thanked the Council for the funding allocation to Main Street Valley Center. Reported that the 10 to 1 return on investment can be tracked.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that the Air Disc Golf Club held a tournament last weekend. Members participating in the Tournament made a \$1,000.00 donation of funds and food to the local food bank.

ASST. CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

Smith reported that the budget calendar will be presented at the next City Council meeting. An insert was included with the March 1 billing requesting updates on customer contact information. Our processing system can generate notices via emails or texts which he'd like to utilize more.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS – NONE

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk