

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2020
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –
MARCH 3, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Evans moved to accept the minutes of the March 3, 2020, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

Mayor Cicirello presented a plaque recognizing his years of service as a Ward 2 Councilmember to Brendan McGettigan.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Nathan Thurman with Lifepoint Church addressed Council. He stated that even though the church's park use request had been removed from the agenda, he wanted to offer the church's service to the community during this time.

APPOINTMENTS –

WARD 2 CITY COUNCILMEMBER

Mayor Cicirello stated that 2 persons had expressed interest in the open Ward 2 Councilmember position. He stated that his choice of appointment is Dale Kerstetter. Kerstetter has previously served as Ward 1 Councilmember until he resigned due to a move outside of his ward.

Anderson moved to approve the appointment of Dale Kerstetter, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

City Clerk Carrithers administered the Oath of Office to Dale Kerstetter to serve as City Councilmember.

OUTDOOR SPACES BOARD

On the recommendation from Parks Director Ownings, Mayor Cicirello is requesting approval of Michael Mosher and Jordan Wright to serve on the Outdoor Spaces Board.

Gregory moved to approve Mayor Cicirello's appointments of Mosher and Wright to the Outdoor Spaces Board. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. AGREEMENT WITH PEC FOR BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

Administrator Clark explained the proposed agreement is for biennial inspections of the City's ten (10) structures.

Evans moved to approve the biennial bridge inspection agreement with PEC and authorize Mayor to sign, seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1344-20; 2020 APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORITY

Clark requested waiver of first reading and approval of Ordinance 1344-20. This ordinance would appropriate the amounts set up in each fund in the budget for the remainder of calendar year 2020, providing for the payment of all claims and charges against the accounts provided for therein. Mayor Cicirello stated that listing of appropriations will still be reviewed.

Anderson moved to waive 1st reading of Ordinance 1344-20, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 1344-20 appropriating the 2020 funds. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION 686-20: COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Clark explained that the proposed Resolution is similar to a Resolution passed by Sedgwick County. He stated that this does not declare a disaster, but outlines the process. The Mayor can make a declaration when necessary for 7 days, then it must be extended by Council if needed.

Public Safety Director Newman stated that the foresight of Council in approving an Emergency Disaster Plan and the POD agreement with the school has placed the City in a better position to deal with this COVID-19 emergency.

Kerstetter questioned the length and type of disaster this resolution addresses. Mayor Cicirello stated that he has full confidence in City Administrator Clark and Public Safety Director Newman. If the need to declare a disaster is needed, he will notify all councilmember immediately. This is also a resolution not an ordinance.

Wilson moved to approve Resolution 686-20. The motion was seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE-MARCH 17, 2020
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – FEBRUARY 2020
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 2020
- E. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – DECEMBER 2019

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

STAFF REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Updated Council regarding the response to COVID-19. All City buildings are closed to public access, however, staff continue to work regular schedules with social distancing procedures. The senior lunches on Tuesday and Thursday are considered vital to the residents and continue by drive-thru/pick up only. Anderson stated that 42 people came to the park lot in the community building to receive a meal and another 4 were delivered to porches of homebound residents. Anderson reminded everyone that this program is self-funded by the persons they serve and staffed entirely by volunteers.

Clark stated that a COVID-19 page has been added to the City website. Updates are also posted to twitter and Facebook.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR CICIRELLO

Thank you to all staff. This includes City, School and public businesses. We will all work together to get through this.

Reminded Council of Land Bank meeting following the adjournment of Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS STAMM, EVANS, DAVIS, KERSTETTER and WILSON

Thanks to Administrator Clark and city staff to the work they do during this time.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Thanked the staff and also reminded the community even during this time, library staff will get books to you. Send email or call staff and they will check out books to you and deliver them to your car.

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Stated that as a member of the Sedgwick County Emergency Planning Committee, she knows how lucky we are to have the leadership of Clark and Newman.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Thanked staff and welcomed Kerstetter to the Council. Colbert also reported that Sedgwick County is continuing upcoming meetings, but they will be held remotely via internet, not in person.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk