

## VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING

March 19, 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, Brendan McGettigan, Marci Maschino, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kristine Polian, Interim City Administrator  
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director  
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Josh Golka, City Engineer  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Dove announced a switch in order of Items A and B under the Presentations and she will be appointing new members to the Library Board.

Cicirello moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Maschino. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATION AGENDA**

#### MINUTES –MARCH 5, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Stamm moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –**

- A. Kaitlin Unrau, Samuel Benz and Elana Schmelzle addressed Council regarding the Valley Center Junior Class Community Service Day. Members of the Junior Class plan on spending the morning of April 10<sup>th</sup> in the community assisting in needed projects. Projects planned for the City include: mulching, clean up and extension of the trail in Wetlands Park and painting.
- B. Public Safety Director Newman presented Matthew Vogt with his Captain badge in recognition of his promotion. Vogt began his law enforcement career with Valley Center in 1993. In his years of service, Vogt started the field training program currently in place. Many friends, family and co-workers were in attendance in support of Captain Vogt.

### **PUBLIC FORUM –**

Jim Gregory addressed Council regarding an event planned for August to recognize and promote local authors and artists. He explained it is still in the planning stages, but the event would be held at the community building and would bring together authors and artists to celebrate our local talent. Mayor Dove stated that she felt it was a wonderful idea and asked for updates of how the City might help.

### **APPOINTMENTS –**

Mayor Dove recommended the appointment of the following people to serve on the Library Board.

Morgan Wiebe , Shelly Miller and Jeannie Shove.

Cicirello moved to accept the appointments as stated, Anderson seconded the motion. Vote Yea: Cicirello, Gregory, McGettigan, Maschino, Stamm, Anderson and Davis. Opposed: Colbert. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. ORDINANCE 1326-18; CMB 6% BEER SALES**

Polian explained this Ordinance regulates the sale of Cereal Malt Beverage and Beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume with the City of Valley Center. This would be the second reading and upon publication, Valley Center business owners currently licensed to sell would be able to begin selling 6% beer on April 1, 2019

Cicirello moved to adopt Ordinance 1326-18, regulating the sale of cereal malt beverage containing not more than 6% alcohol and repealing Chapter 5.20 for 2nd reading. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. BUDGET CALENDAR**

Polian stated that the proposed budget calendar is based upon last years. At this time May 7 would be the only special budget meeting. Polian also distributed an open ended survey for members of Council to complete and return by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The survey is very important because it will assist in the development of a new Strategic Plan and the budget process.

Maschino moved to approve the proposed 2020 budget calendar. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. ALLEN ROAD CONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION**

Polian explained that a request for construction of a new road connecting Park Ave to Meridian had been received from a resident. She stated that while it would benefit a limited number of residents, staff had determined that it would benefit the City by providing access to limited areas. Polian proposed that funding for the project be paid from the operating street program fund. The project could also be added to the CIP. McGettigan questioned whether the street could be gravel instead of paved. Polian explained that a gravel street would not be up to City standards. Council discussed request further on whether it was petitioned by the residents or just a request from an individual, the drain on other street projects if money is taken from that account as well as increased traffic. Consensus of Council was to let residents petition the City for development. Polian stated she would add to CIP for review at later time.

No action taken.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Appropriation Ordinance, March 19, 2019
- B. Check Reconciliation – December 2018
- C. Treasurer’s Report – December 2018
- D. Revenue and Expense Summary – December 2018
- E. Check Reconciliation – January 2019

- F. Treasurer's Report – January 2019
- G. Revenue and Expense Summary – January 2019
- H. Delinquent Account Report - December 2018
- I. Chamber of Commerce 2019 Calendar Request

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

## **STAFF REPORTS-**

### PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Owings reported that the Outdoor Spaces Board is planning on updating Council at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting on planned projects.

Owings also reported his department has many projects, including: planters installed at public buildings. At the Community building, the HVAC updates, ADA access, and AV upgrade for Cox tv have been finished. They are working on the drainage around the memorial bricks

### PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Newman reported that he has spoken the women regarding the 5K run. Since they will be using sidewalks and only crossing 5<sup>th</sup> street, the department will have officers there to assist. The SHOW program will also be sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Salsa making contest later that day.

Reported that train was blocking 5<sup>th</sup> street from early morning to late afternoon. The department worked with the schools and the railroad to ensure student safety around the cars. He acknowledge there is little that the City can do, but urged everyone to voice complaints to the railroad directly.

### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported that a city wide clean-up day will be held April 27<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will distributed.

The winter has not been kind to City streets. Eggleston reported that he is evaluating streets for damage and knows there will be lots of pot holes and patching this spring.

### CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Golka stated a meeting regarding 5<sup>th</sup> street was held last week. Weather is always a factor, but considerable progress has been made, so hopefully work can be completed in 3 – 3 ½ weeks.

The pre-bid meeting regarding the Waste Water treatment plant was held March 13<sup>th</sup>, The bid letting will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

### INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR POLIAN

The field auditors will be here next Monday-Tuesday.

Reported that Kansas Gas will be working on Park, Meridian and Main the next 3 months. Traffic will not be impacted, but parking and sidewalk access might be limited.

## **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**

### MAYOR DOVE

The City Administrator position has been opened and is posted.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Colbert attended the awards ceremony for the rescue equipment for the fire department grant awarded from Firehouse Subs.

Colbert also reported that he has been appointed to the nominating committee for SCAC.

COUNCILMEMBER CICIRELLO

Requested that staff look into an issue of no stop sign at the north end of Abilene at 7<sup>th</sup> street.

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Also attended the awards ceremony at Firehouse Subs. Congratulated the department for receiving the grant.

COUNCILMEMBER MCGETTIGAN

Requested that staff investigate a black bus that sits on 4<sup>th</sup> street. Concern regarding Abilene students crossing the street around it have been raised.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Thanked Polian and the Public Safety department in dealing with the train issue. Safety should always be a priority and getting word out on Facebook and well as notifying the schools was appreciated.

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

**ADJOURN -**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**