

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 26, 2020

CITY HALL

121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: Chris Evans

Staff Present: Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Josh Golka, City Engineer
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 Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. RESOLUTION 687-20; EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Administrator Clark requested Council approve Resolution 687-20. Following Mayor Cicirello's emergency declaration on March 20, 2020, Council action is needed to continue. This resolution declares a local State of emergency expanding the authority of the City Administrator to act on behalf of the City and ratifying previous decisions regarding the COVID-19 emergency.

Colbert questioned how does this fit in with the Declaration from Sedgwick County. Clark pointed to section 4 regarding the timeline.

Colbert moved to approve Resolution 687-20; declaring a state of emergency in Valley Center, Kansas. seconded by Davis. As Mayor Cicirello asked for discussion prior to the vote, Kerstetter's microphone had been muted. Kerstetter stated that he wasn't in favor of the timeline and would like to see the date changed to the next regular scheduled council meeting on April 7th. Following more discussion and with the knowledge that Kerstetter wasn't able to enter into the discussion, Colbert withdrew his motion and Davis withdrew his second. More discussion was held regarding the proposed resolution as written. Most Councilmembers spoke in support of the resolution and Clark stated his concern would be staff uncertainty if it is brought up to Council again at the April 7th meeting.

Gregory moved to approve Resolution 687-20; declaring a state of emergency in Valley Center, Kansas. seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: Stamm, Davis, Anderson, Gregory, Wilson and Colbert. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

Kerstetter inquired whether the April 7, 2020 regular council meeting will be held in City Hall Council Chambers. Clark stated that no not at this time. It will be held via Zoom-meetings with remote public access as well as City Hall being open for public attendance if they do not have internet access. He stated that in addition to Janice Sharp and Chris Strunk two other citizens logged into the zoom meeting to attend tonight's meeting.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY**

Thank you to all the City Staff that are working so hard.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk