

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 2, 2023  
CITY HALL  
121 S. MERIDIAN

Council President Anderson called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Mayor Cicirello, Matt Stamm, Chris Evans, Gina Gregory

Staff Present: Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director  
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
Gage Scheer, City Engineer  
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Brent Clark, City Administrator  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Colbert to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –**

APRIL 18, 2023, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Bass. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –**

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

President Anderson read a Law Enforcement Memorial Day proclamation for May 15, 2023

DRINKING WATER WEEK PROCLAMATION

President Anderson read a proclamation for Drinking Water Week, May 7-13, 2023

MERIDIAN STREET UPDATE PRESENTATION

Riley Schmitz with PEC updated Council on the Meridian Street Project. Schmitz highlighted the roundabout plans at 69<sup>th</sup> Street. He also addressed concerns regarding mature trees and infrastructure improvements from Main Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The Council urged staff to keep property owners along Meridian informed about the project. Construction is expected to begin following the 2023 Fall Festival.

**PUBLIC FORUM –** None

**APPOINTMENTS –**

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Anderson recommended approval of appointment of Dalton Wilson to serve on Planning and Zoning Board as the out of City Limits representative with term expiring April 2026.

Wilson moved to approve the appointment of Dalton Wilson to the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded Kerstetter. Voting yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. ORDINANCE 1388-23; SPEED LIMIT WITHIN THE CEDAR RIDGE SUBDIVISION**

City Administration Clark presented Ordinance 1388-23 for 2nd reading. This ordinance lowers the maximum speed limit to 20-mph within the Cedar Ridge Development.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1388-23 which establishes a maximum speed limit of 20 mph within the Cedar Ridge Development for 2<sup>nd</sup>. reading. Motion seconded by Bass. Vote Yea: Bass, Anderson, Wilson and Colbert. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. REQUEST FOR RIGHT OF WAY WAIVER-FARMERS MARKET SIGNS**

City Administrator Brent Clark requested the Council approve a waiver to place signs for the 2023 Farmers Market season. Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the first market and special entertainment and inaugural lighting of new downtown lights. Kerstetter inquired about the current sign ordinance. Community Development Director Shrack explained that garage sale or realtor open house signs are allowed during the event but must be taken down following the event. Clark stated that the signs will be removed following each Farmers Market event but sought Council approval similar to waivers given for Fall Festival.

Bass moved to approve the right of way waiver to allow Farmers Market signs, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. APPROVAL OF ALLOCATING THE REMAINING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING**

City Administrator Brent Clark stated that Burns and MacDonald are actively working on plans for the water treatment plant. He requested the Council approve the allocation of remaining ARPA funds plus any interest earned go toward the design and construction of the new water treatment plant. Funds remaining total \$698,954.81.

Wilson moved to allocate remaining ARPA funds for the new water treatment plant. Motion seconded by Bass. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – MAY 2, 2023**

**B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023**

**C. ALCOHOL WAIVER REQUEST -MELVA JETER**

**D. VALLEY CENTER LIBRARY 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**E. POOL/RECREATION CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 1, 2023**

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK**

Shrack reported any updates regarding weather issues for the Farmers Market will be posted on social media platforms.

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS**

Announced that the city entrance sign now has electricity and is lit. The purple tube slide at the Lions Park playground is being replaced. The playground will be closed during this time. Reported lots of progress is occurring at Lions Park. He anticipates pool work will be completed on schedule with his staff getting control by May 12<sup>th</sup>. Work is also progressing around the pickleball court. Anderson inquired whether any plans have been made regarding relocation of the sand volleyball court. Clark and Owings stated it has not been discussed. Colbert asked if staff could work on the Lion statue in Lions Park to help it look better. Bass asked whether plans for the new rec center includes specific equipment.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON**

Thanked the public for their patience while the brush pile is closed. For the safety of both residents and workers, it must be closed while Sedgwick County is grinding the trees and brush. He stated that having Sedgwick County workers come in twice a year is a huge cost savings for the city, especially now that burning is no longer allowed.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS**

**COUNCILMEMBER KERSTETTER**

Asked about the dollar amount of expenses incurred without Council approval. Clark stated that the City does have the purchasing policy in place, but \$25,000.00 can be staff approved.

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

**ADJOURN -**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**