

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 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, Gina Gregory, Marci Maschino, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: Lou Cicirello and Brendan McGettigan

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
Josh Golka, City Engineer
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator of Finance
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Dove requested the addition of item 9B: Appointment to Outdoor Spaces Board and 12H: Closure of Meridian to the agenda.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES –APRIL 16, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

Mayor Dove stated that May 15, 2019 will be Law Enforcement Memorial Day and read a Proclamation designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Janice Sharp, Public Library Director, distributed 1st quarter financial reports for the library and also reported on the successful Easter program and upcoming summer reading activities.

APPOINTMENTS –

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dove requested the re-appointment of Gary Janzen and Danielle Keenan to each serve 3 year terms. Stamm moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

OUTDOOR SPACES BOARD

Mayor Dove requested the appointment of Tina Payne to serve a 2 year term on the Outdoor Spaces Board. Stamm moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. HISTORICAL BOOKS DISCUSSION

Smith reported that the public library has equipment that can scan and digitize the 2 atlas books. They would both need to be unbound for best results. The original proposal from Chris Brown Bindery did not include taking apart one of the atlas. The cost to unbind both books, allow the library to scan and digitize them, then restore and rebind would be \$1000.00.

Anderson moved to approve the funds to restore the books and have them digitized. The motion was seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS, SERIES 2019-1, ORDINANCE 1328-19 AND RESOLUTION 678-19

Smith reported that bond bids were opened this morning and introduced Garth Herrmann, with Piper Jeffray to present the bids and process moving forward. Mr. Herrmann was pleased to report that 8 bids were received for the General Obligation Bonds with the winning bid from Raymond James and Associates, Dallas TX. The 20 year bond would mature December 1 2039 and have a 2.64% interest cost. It will require Ordinance passage by Council as well as adoption of Resolution outlining the terms.

He also reported that the Temp Notes received 3 bids with the bid awarded to Hutchinson, Shockley, Erley & Co., Chicago, IL. The Temp Notes will be due December 1, 2020 with a 1.98% interest rate.

Maschino made motion that the first reading requirement for the Ordinance be waived, the award of the bid be ratified, that Ordinance 1328-19 be passed and Resolution 678-19 to adopted. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION 679-19, GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMP NOTES

Stamm moved that the award of the bid be ratified and that Resolution 679-19 be adopted. Motion seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. BUDGET PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

Smith addressed Council with the results from the Council survey on their budget priorities. He explained that the Strategic Plan has ended but the City and Wichita State University are in the preliminary stages to create a new plan. He noted that the City has made great strides in achieving the goals outlined in the past plan. Projects have included: Meridian drainage, Community Building/Library, City wide GIS, Main Street initiatives, converting to a Public Safety Department, 5th Street, Land Bank as well as numerous equipment and vehicle upgrades. Smith stated that 2020 budgets will be based upon the outcome based budgeting strategies in line from the previous strategic plan.

He anticipates this will be a rebuilding year with preliminary budget numbers looking to be conservative with minimal room for additional small projects. This is due to the employee benefit fund balance reaching its 25% of expenditure threshold. Such a rebuilding year allows time to get through major transitions and allows a new City Administrator time to get their feet firmly set.

D. FORMATION AND APPOINTMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Owings explained that grant funds have been approved by WAMPO and requested a committee be formed to plan future development of pedestrian and bicycle pathways. He requested members from various community organizations as well as staff members.

Anderson moved to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway Committee and appoint up to 9 community members to serve. Motion seconded by Maschino. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor requested appointment of Ben Anderson to serve on the committee. Stamm moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: Colbert, Gregory, Maschino, Stamm, Davis. Abstain: Anderson. Motion carried.

Mayor Dove requested the appointment of Tina Payne, Cory Gibson, Kelsey Parker, Larry Hoetmer, Roger Steward and Rick Shellenbarger to serve as community members to the committee and staff members Golka, Eggleston, Shrack and Owing to serve as staff on the committee. Anderson moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Maschino. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

E. VALLEY CENTER STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG ALLEN FROM PARK TO MERIDIAN

Golka reported that as part of the master drainage plan, the improvements along Allen have been requested to be completed. He stated that this project was identified and requested by staff to be completed. The cost of the project would be around \$80,000.00. Colbert inquired about time line for the project as well as impact on citizens and streets. Golka anticipated minimal impact with Meridian going to one line traffic for approximately one week. Project should be completed by fall 2019. Stamm questioned why this project is getting pushed to the front of the list, when it was not even discussed several years ago, following a request by the school district to look into the drainage problems at that time. Mayor Dove stated that the City has been very successful following the master drainage plan and many problem areas have been resolved. Golka explained that this project was a small project with minimal cost unlike some of the previous major projects. Smith stated that funds are in the Stormwater fund to cover the project.

Anderson moved to approve agreement with PEC to provide professional services for the Storm Sewer Improvements along Allen from Park to Meridian and authorize Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Davis. Vote yea: Colbert, Gregory, Maschino, Anderson and Davis. Opposed: Stamm. Motion carried.

F. APPROVAL OF MC3LITE MOBILE METER READING SYSTEM

Eggleston requested approval to purchase new meter reading system. Anderson asked how long of life span might be expected from the upgraded system. Eggleston stated he didn't know. Stamm confirmed that software upgrades are included in the bid.

Stamm moved to approve purchase an upgraded MC3Lite mobile meter reading system from Salina Supply Company in amount not to exceed \$18,632.50. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

G. APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT OF SCADA SYSTEMS

Eggleston presented proposal from Decker Electric to replace existing SCADA system in the Water Supply Booster Station and the WWTP influent building. Eggleston stated that the current system is operating on an outdated windows system which requires an upgrade in January 2020. This purchase would eliminate the need to upgrade the current system for the same or less cost.

Maschino moved to approve purchase of SCADA systems from Decker Electric in amount not to exceed \$10,883.00. Seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

H. REQUEST OF CLOSURE OF MERIDIAN, MAY 18

Newman reported that a request was received to close Meridian from Southwind to 7th Street for approximately 30 minutes on May 18th. The Hulk Dash 5k benefit run and the family fun run have had tremendous interest. 150 people have registered for the 5k and over 250 adults and children are participating in the fun run. To create a safe course for the fun run, the organizers requested closure of Meridian beginning at approximately 8:45am. Newman stated that he will already have extra staff scheduled so it would not be a problem for his department.

Anderson moved to approve closure of Meridian on May 18, 2019 for the event. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appropriation Ordinance, May 7, 2019

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

STAFF REPORTS-

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Reported that 115k impressions were seen with the Cox media campaign with 177 clicks from Sedgwick, Reno and Harvey counties.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Stated that the new police truck has arrived and can be viewed following the meeting. The 2nd annual SHOW chili and salsa contest will be May 18th. It has been expanded to include Police, Military and SWAT vehicles.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

A tentative schedule has been created to clean out culverts. Maschino inquired about the repair of streets following Kansas Gas line repair. Eggleston reported that Kansas Gas contracts with a company that is making temporary repairs with a cold pack at this time, but will follow up with a hot patch for the permanent repair later this summer.

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR-FINANCE SMITH

Reminded Council of need to file for re-election for City positions. June 3rd is deadline.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR DOVE

Reported that review has been completed on City Administrator applications. Interviews will be held the first part of June, with representatives from the community, staff and City Council. She stated that several qualified applications with city administration experience have been identified.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Colbert thanked the staff and members of Riverlawn Church for work done at Arrowhead Park. He also reminded everyone of the Veteran's and SHOW events on May 18th.

COUNCILMEMBER STAMM

Thanked Owings and staff for work completed in Lions Park.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Expressed appreciation for the "Clean up day". Heard about the huge community turnout and the hard-working, courteous staff that took care of them.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk