

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2019
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Laurie Dove called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ron Colbert, Gina Gregory, Brendan McGettigan, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: Lou Cicirello and Marci Maschino

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 Smith, Asst. City Administrator of Finance
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

PRESENTATIONS

Community Development Director Shrack stated that in 2019 construction of twelve new single-family homes has begun. To date, 16 of the City Land Bank lots have been sold. Shrack reported that Bill Andrews, code enforcement officer/building inspector is in process of completing building inspection certification. Once he has his certifications, we can resume inspections in house. Shrack made no new budget requests, but plans to continue to support Main Street Valley Center (\$10,000.00) and economic development (\$30,000.00).

Parks and Public Buildings Director Owings introduced Matthew Nordick, who assisted in the department budget report. Highlighted projects completed are the dog park and landscaping around the Community Building. Department requested consideration of an additional full time employee to be authorized in 2020. Nordick explained that filling the seasonal vacancies each year has become a major problem. A full time position would decrease reliance of seasonal workers. Owings stated that the department would like to replace the ½ ton pickup with a ¾ ton pickup.

Public Works Director Eggleston reported on the purchase of the software package and the backhoe/loader. He is requesting the purchase of an articulated wheel loader. This tractor would replace the current 2001 model that is experiencing several failures and needed repairs. The estimated replacement cost is \$150,000.00. He is also requesting \$10,000.00 in the wastewater budget to replace/renovate manholes across the City.

Public Safety Director Newman first addressed the 2020 budget for the Police Department. He would like to move the part time victim advocate position to full time. Newman is requesting to continue with the 2 vehicle replacement schedule. Long term goals for the department include technology upgrades including records management software and e-citations. By 2025, 911 system upgrades will require new radios.

Newman stated that the fire department plans to recruit additional on-call firefighters to assist the full time firefighters. \$15,000.00 has been added to the 2020 budget for bunker gear replacement. Replacement of the fire engine should be included in the CIP.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Mayor Laurie Dove called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ron Colbert, Gina Gregory, Brendan McGettigan, Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: Lou Cicirello and Marci Maschino

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

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Dove noted that item 12-A-Budget Request Presentation will not be needed..

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – MAY 7, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Stamm moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM –

Jim Gregory, #1 High Point, Valley Center requested Council sponsor the Authors and Artist event planned for August 8, 2019. He explained that no monetary funding is requested, just a formal sponsorship is desired. Council requested that the request be placed on future agenda for discussion and action.

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. HEARING ON CITY CODE VIOLATION REGARDING INOPERABLE VEHICLES:

Shrack introduced Bill Andrews, Code Enforcement Officer and they discussed the process so far as they work with Mr. Swank in getting the vehicles removed from the property located at 328 N. Birch. Andrews stated that Mr. Swank has always been cooperative, and does remove some vehicles, but then more show up. Mr. Swank addressed Council requesting more time. Not all of the vehicles belong to him and with the rains, he is unable to move any until it dries.

Council discussed the situation and whether the vehicles are registered and the legal aspects on the City removing the vehicles.

Colbert moved, seconded by Anderson to establish June 21, 2019 as a final deadline for the abatement of the inoperable vehicles located at 328 N. Birch Avenue and determine what course of action City Staff should take if the abatement is not finished by the deadline. Staff requested Council recommend what course of action should be taken. Colbert moved to amend his motion to allow City dispose of vehicles and subsequently send all associated costs to the property owner and add to property taxes if not paid. Anderson seconded the amended motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE- MAY 21, 2019
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – APRIL 2019
- C. TREASURER’S RPORT – APRIL 2019
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARIES- APRIL 2019
- E. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT- FEBRUARY 2019
- F. SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY POOL PARTY

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

STAFF REPORTS

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWNINGS

Reported that Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway committee met to discuss the Walkable Spaces Grant. Owings also reported that 2 projects are currently planned for June 19th, when students from the High School will be doing group projects across the City.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

The Hulk Dash was successful and the closure of Meridian for the event had no problems. The SHOW programs salsa contest and Vietnam Veteran’s luncheon was also held last Saturday. A large crowd attended in spite of the rain.

The fire department will recognize a Abilene school student who took the initiative to get help and treatment for a fellow classmate who showed signs of dehydration.

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR-FINANCE SMITH

Interviews for the City Treasurer position are scheduled for this week, so he is hoping to have that position filled in the coming weeks. Smith also stated that the bond closing is this week.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

Councilmember Colbert thanked the Police Department for their work with the salsa contest and the Veteran’s luncheon.

Councilmember Gregory noted that even with the large amount of rain in the last few days, the stormwater drainage project along Meridian was able to handle the rain. Big improvement from the flooding that used to occur.

Councilmember Anderson inquired about a section of sidewalk at 2nd and Sheridan that Kansas Gas removed last year and if they would come back and make final replacement with concrete instead of the asphalt. Anderson echoed Gregory's comments about the Meridian drainage project.

Councilmember Davis thanked the Police Department for all their community involvement.

Anderson moved to adjourn, second by Davis. Vote Yea: Unanimous.

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk