

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 2019
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Chairperson Maschino called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ron Colbert, Lou Cicirello, Gina Gregory, Matt Stamm and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: Mayor Laurie Dove, Brendan McGettigan and Ben Anderson

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
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

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – MAY 21, 2019 WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – MAY 21, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Stamm moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019, work session and regular City Council meeting, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS –

Chairperson Maschino recommended appointment of Blake Peniston and Matthew Vogt to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathways Committee. Cicirello moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES-MAY 28, 2019

Stamm asked if the proposed four-plex would have separate water meters and sewer lines. Shrack affirmed that they would according to City Code. Cicirello moved to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2019, Planning and Zoning Board. Motion was seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. SPONSORSHIP REQUEST OF AUTHORS AND ARTISTS EVENT:

Smith introduced Jim Gregory who is organizing the event. Gregory explained that “Community” organization sponsorships are being encouraged instead of commercial. Stamm moved that Valley Center sponsor the Authors and Artists of Valley Center Event, August 8, 2019. Motion seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1329-19; RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 338 N. ASH:

Shrack presented Ordinance 1329-19 to re-zoning property at 338 N. Ash from R-1B single family to R-3, multi-family. He explained that Tobias and Judy Conrady would like to demolish the current house and build a four-plex. Council questioned the removal of the eight trees and if neighbors had concerns. Shrack stated that notice was given to neighbors and none have opposed the change. Shrack also stated that the current house is one marked as distressed in the recent study. Gregory verified that the re-zoning is not the whole block just the address.

Stamm moved that based on approval from the Valley Center Planning and Zoning Board, to adopt Ordinance 1329-19, the rezoning of land located at 338 N. Ash Ave., Valley Center, Kansas, for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried

C. ONLINE MARKETING CAMPAIGN RENEWAL REQUEST:

Shrack requested approval to renew the on-line marketing campaign with Cox. It has been very successful and generated interest in the Land Bank Lots.

Cicirello moved to renew the on-line marketing campaign with Cox Media for another six months for \$5,000.00, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. BUDGET DISCUSSION/CHALLENGES:

Smith addressed Council with 2020 budget information. He stated that the tax lid will have a large impact on the City for the 2020 budget. He first addressed the enterprise funds of water, sewer, storm water and solid waste. The revenue for these funds comes from user fees. Smith presented both 2019 and 2020 budgeted expenditures. In all of the enterprise funds, money will be taken from the fund balance. Debt service will be a large part of the expenditures.

Smith discussed the taxing funds of General Fund, Library, Bond and Interest, Employee Benefit, Special Parks and Rec, Special Alcohol and Special Streets and Highway. The Library receives a dedicated mill levy and expenditures are intentionally over budgeted. Bond and Interest Fund also has a dedicated mill levy. The Employee Benefit Fund has benefited by controlling costs of insurance by the City moving to a self-funded health insurance plan. However, in previous years the City has transferred mills from the Employee Benefits fund to the General Fund for one time expenditures. The fund balance no longer is at the recommended 25% threshold and the City now needs to start re-building the reserves

The mill levy transfers in previous years from the Employee Benefit to the General Fund gave the illusion of having additional operating funds. A deficit of roughly \$300,000.00 will occur in the 2020 preliminary budget. Smith reported that working with our department heads in cutting costs and with proposed mill transfer from Bond and Interest he can cut this deficit to roughly \$70,000.00. He feels that can be made up with the valuation increase which he'll receive from Sedgwick County later this month.

Council thanked him for his report, acknowledging the difficulty in preparing a budget without knowing what the valuation increase might be.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE- JUNE 4, 2019

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Reported that the Cox Media campaign last month resulted in 112,485 impressions and 216 clicks.

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR-FINANCE SMITH

Interviews for the City Administrator position will be June 14th. Council discussion regarding the selection process was held.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS – None

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk