

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
June 18, 2019
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: None

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 fireworks permit approval to be added as New Business item 12-A, moving other new business items down respectively.

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – JUNE 4, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

McGettigan moved to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

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

Shrack presented Ordinance 1329-19 for re-zoning property at 338 N. Ash from R-1B single family to R-3, multi-family.

Cicirello moved to adopt Ordinance 1329-19, the rezoning of land located at 338 N. Ash Ave., Valley Center, Kansas, for 2nd. reading. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS-

A. FIREWORKS PERMIT APPROVAL

Smith requested approval of fireworks permit for Joyce Mertens. Due to oversight, she failed to secure the permit ahead of deadline and has requested approval for permit to sell fireworks again this year. Cicirello moved, seconded by Colbert to approve fireworks permit for Joyce Mertens. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM RENEWAL REQUEST

Shrack requested Council approval of renewal of the Housing Incentive Program. He stated that the program has greatly aided in the construction of new, single-family homes as well as the marketing and selling of the City's Land Bank lots in the Ridgefield Addition.

Tom Bartel with Top Dog Realty addressed Council urging them to extend the program. He stated that he knows of 4 individuals that bought lots because of the incentives offered. Housing builder, Brad Haedt stated that new construction in the Ridgefield addition has increased.

Councilmember Maschino stated that she has voted in the past against incentives and waiver of construction fees due to the fact that it always seemed to benefit the builder or contractor. She is in favor of this program which benefits the homeowner.

McGettigan moved to renew the City of Valley Center's Housing Incentive Program and amend City Resolution 661-17, Sections 7.B and 8. To reflect a new program end date of December 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Maschino. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION 680-19 REGION G HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Shrack explained this is the next step in approval of the FEMA hazard plan for Region G. Each municipality will be approving the Resolution to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard mitigation Plan. The full plan (over 600 pages) and the Resolution will be posted to the City's webpage upon Council approval.

Stamm moved to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard mitigation Plan and approve Resolution 680-19. Motion seconded by Cicirello. Vote; unanimous. Motion carried.

D. COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET DISCUSSION

Smith presented to Council a draft of the 2020 budget. With the final valuations received from Sedgwick County, he is now dealing with solid numbers. The assessed valuation increased by 5.6% which is similar to last year. Smith explained that by making cuts in the operating budget, rights sizing our Bond and Interest Fund and reallocating salaries and mills to the appropriate fund, no tax increase will be necessary. He stated that funds should not have to be drawn from reserves, however the budget does not allow to put any funds into the reserve accounts. Smith stated that Council must set maximum spending limits and publish Notice of Public Hearing at the July 2, 2019 meeting.

Council thanked Smith for the detailed report and appreciated his hard work to get it prepared. No action was taken.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Cicirello moved to recess into Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Motion died for lack of second.

Cicirello moved to recess into Executive Session for twenty minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Included in executive session in addition to Council members are Asst. City Administrator Smith and Public Safety Director Newman. Motion seconded by Gregory Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Session started at 7:24pm

Session ended at 7:44pm

Mayor Dove called meeting back to order at 7:44 pm.

Cicirello stated no action was taken by Council while in executive session.

Cicirello moved that a City Administrator negotiation committee be formed to finalize selection and contract for City Administrator. Members of the committee include Mayor Dove, Council members Stamm and

Colbert and Asst. City Administrator Smith. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE- JUNE 18, 2019
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – MAY 2019
- C. TREASURER’S RPORT – MAY 2019
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARIES- MAY 2019
- E. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT- MARCH 2019
- F. MAIN STREET CLOSURE REQUEST BY MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER
- G. CITY PROPERTY DISPOSAL

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Information regarding the community survey will be available soon, with the survey being mailed to all residents the first part of July.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWNINGS

Reported that Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway committee met. Plans are being made to post maps around the City to allow residents to pin routes across the City.

August 24, 2019 will be a local serve VC day, with area churches, students and civic groups coming together to help the community and residents.

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR-FINANCE SMITH

Urged all citizens to participate in the upcoming community survey. The martian green surveys arriving in the mail should stand out and be easy to identify.

Thanked staff, council and community members for participating in the Administrator interviews last Friday.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

Councilmember Colbert attended the WAMPO meeting, June 11, 2109.

Councilmember Cicirello stated that he was proud of Council and the open interview process..

Councilmember Stamm thanked the staff for their work. Stamm also stated that a resident asked him about the Ordinance regarding campers (RV's) Shrack responded that the current Ordinance allows 48 hour parking, but if the camper is moved at all the 48 hour limit starts again.

Councilmember Anderson expressed concern over Council reacting or trying to resolve every citizen complaint. He would like citizens come to a Council meeting with concerns if they feel strongly enough about the issue. Anderson thanked the City Staff for their quick response to tree damage follow the weekend storm. Anderson reported that Hornet Pride will have approximately 100 kids and 20 adults around Valley Center working on various projects.

Councilmember Davis echoed Anderson in thanking the City crews and getting the brush dump site open for disposal of limbs.

ADJOURN -

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk