

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 2021
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Cicirello called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Stamm, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Chris Evans and Paul Davis

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Matt Vogt, Police Captain
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Matt Koehn, City Treasurer
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

JUNE 15, 2021, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Kerstetter requested spelling changes in his report. Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021, regular City Council meeting as corrected, seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS –

VALLEY CENTER RECREATION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Cicirello made recommendation to appoint Travis Bryant to the Valley Center Recreation Board based on their recommendation. Anderson moved to approve appointment of Travis Bryant to the VC Recreation Board, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ADOPTION OF 2021 CITY OF VALLEY CENTER STRATEGIC PLAN

Community Development Director Shrack reported that the finalized 2021 Strategic Plan is ready for official adoption by the City Council. Each Council member was emailed a copy and hard copies have been placed on the Council bench. Asst. City Administrator Smith presented the Strategic Plan that is available on the website. Smith demonstrated how the five goals are outlined and each has action items that can be measured, and progress tracked until completion.

Stamm moved to adopt the 2021 City of Valley Center Strategic Plan. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE 17.06.01 WAIVER

Community Development Director Shrack explained that City Ordinance places a 14-day limit on living in recreational vehicles. A request from Chase Brillhart for waiver of Ordinance as they are finalized repairs to home following a fire to their house. Council discussed granting the waiver longer than requested to allow for contractor/construction delays that may happen.

Wilson moved to approve waiver of Ordinance for Chase Brillhart for a date not to exceed September 7, 2021. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

B. COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET DISCUSSION

Asst. Administrator Smith led discussion in 2022 proposed budget. He reported on projected fund balances at year end 2022. Kerstetter requested clarification on the mil levy and exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. City Administrator Clark stated that it is the same mil rate, however, housing values have continued to increase.

Wilson made a motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2022 budget. Motion was seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

C. QUITCLAIM DEED APPROVAL – 5TH AND ABILENE

City Administrator Clark explained that this is a small strip of property located at 5th and Abilene that the City owns, mows and maintains. The quitclaim deed would transfer ownership to RO Davis, who would then assume maintenance. Colbert inquired regarding ownership if Mr. Davis sells the property. Clark stated that Mr. Davis would have ownership and it would be his to sell.

Kerstetter moved to approve Quitclaim deed to R.O. Davis for property located at 5th and Abilene for one dollar, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. SOUTH MERIDIAN ROUNDABOUT DISCUSSION

City Administrator Clark introduced Riley Schmitz with PEC and explained that he will explain possible roundabout on South Meridian and lead Council discussion. Schmitz explained that the proposal would be a roundabout located at 69th St and Meridian. Meridian north of that intersection would then be designed as a “road diet” with 2 lanes of traffic with a turning lane into Valley Center. The roundabout would help slow traffic and greatly reduce T-crashes in that intersection.

Several citizens addressed Council in opposition to reducing Meridian from 4 lanes to 2. Glen Hawkins opposed a roundabout as he feels it is confusing to residents. Joe Dessenberger and Steve Jacobs both felt that a traffic signal would be a better alternative and felt that going to 2 lanes would be more dangerous to drivers as traffic slows for vehicles making right hand turns.

Council requested more options at that intersection. They would also like a traffic count and traffic study be completed before making any decisions. The consensus of the Council also was to keep the Meridian at 4 lanes and not go down to the proposed 2 lanes.

No action was taken at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - JULY 6, 2021

B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – APRIL 2021

C. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – JUNE 22, 2021

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Reported that the State Department of Water Resources is beginning process to update flood maps. It will be a 1–2-year process.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Captain Vogt is attending the meeting tonight with two of the members of the Citizens Police Academy.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported that mil and overlay work will begin this week on Meridian St. north of 5th.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR CICIRELLO

Stated that it was the “loudest” July 4th that he could remember, but everyone seemed to be having fun and mindful of their neighbors. Also enjoyed the July 4th activities on Main Street.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Stated that KDOT will be announcing projects for the IKE program on July 7th at 1:00pm.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk