

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2023
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Council President Ben Anderson called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chris Evans, Ben Anderson Gina Gregory, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Mayor Cicirello, Matt Stamm, Clint Bass, Dale Kerstetter

Staff Present: Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Gage Scheer, City Engineer
Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk
Desirae Womack, City Treasurer

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Anderson requested addition of EMC Dividend check presentation and the removal of all appointments. Wilson moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

JUNE 20, 2023, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

Marsha Tormey, The Insurance Guys presented a dividend check from EMC insurance. The city is eligible for the dividend as a participant in the KMU Safety Group Program.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1390-23; ANNEX 120.17 ACRES SOUTHEAST OF SENECA AND FORD

Wilson moved to approve for 2nd reading, Ordinance 1390-23, annexing approximately 120.17 acres, seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1391-23; ANNEX 59.75 ACRES SOUTHEAST OF SENECA AND FORD

Colbert moved to approve for 2nd reading, Ordinance 1391-23, annexing approximately 59.75 acres. Seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. REQUEST FROM AMERICAN LEGION FOR AVENUE OF FLAGS

Leroy Cammerer, 308 N. Colby, Valley Center requested Council approval for the American Legion to place U.S. flags on City right of way beginning Memorial Day 2024.

Wilson moved to grant permission for flags to be placed in the right-of-way along Meridian beginning May 27, 2024, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. VC BOOSTER CLUB MAIN STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Sasha Randolph, 2663 E. Sunnyslope Ct., Park City addressed Council requesting closure of portion of Main Street on August 5, 2023, for a Valley Center Booster Club Event. She stated that the closure starting time will be moved to 1:00pm. All vendors and rides will be cleared by 8:00pm with movie starting between 8:30-9:00pm Evans stated he thought it would it is a cool idea.

Evans moved to approve request from VC Booster Club to close Main Street for event on August 5th. seconded by Wilson. Gregory verified hours again and asked Chief Newman if he had any objections to the event. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE 1392-23; REVISION TO ADOPTED FENCE DESIGN STANDARDS

Community Development Director Shrack presented Ordinance 1392-23 which would revise the City of Valley Center’s current fence regulations to include additional fence design standards. He explained that this would require all new wood fences to be “Good Neighbor” fences. With the finished side facing out. He researched seven other cities showing that 3 have such a design standard. This has been presented and approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. Gregory stated that she didn’t see a need for such a change and questioned a wooden fence located inside another fence, such as a chain link fence. Wilson asked if current fences are grandfathered in and how a repair or replacement of such a fence would be handled. He felt that the for the cost of a wood fence, the homeowner should be able to have the finished side facing them if they choose.

Colbert moved to approve Ordinance 1392-23 to adopt revised fence standards for 1st reading. Seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Colbert and Anderson. Opposed: Evans, Gregory and Wilson. Motion failed.

D. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #7 – FORD STREET

Engineer Scheer presented Change Order #7 for additional Riprap along Ford Street just west of the Arbor Valley Subdivision Pond along the northside of Ford Street. Also, the proposed change order includes additional fee for removal of trash and a deduct in the amount of \$4,250.00 for unneeded chain link fence. Overall increase of \$14,286.66 and an additional 3 days of contract time. Evans asked what Rip rap is. Scheer stated it is large rock or boulders to stop erosion. Colbert expressed displeasure at the extra cost for trash disposal.

Wilson moved to approve Ford Street Change Order #7 in an amount of \$14,286.66 and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: Evans, Anderson, Gregory and Wilson. Opposed: Colbert. Motion carried.

E. 2024 BUDGET COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION

Asst. City Administrator Smith presented the comprehensive FY24 Budget. He presented the department requests and funding sources. He also focused on debt reduction. On the website, the public can view individual projects on the dashboard. Smith requested Council give approval to exceed the RNR and set time and location for hearing. He stated that the CIP will be discussed at the July 18th. City Council Meeting. Wilson moved to file the intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate with Sedgwick County and set the Revenue neutral Rate Hearing for September 5, 2023, at 7:00pm located at Valley Center City Hall, 121 S. Meridian, Valley Center Kansas. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – JULY 11, 2023

B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – APRIL 2023

- C. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2023
- D. POOL/RECREATION CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 22, 2023
- E. POOL/RECREATION CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2023
- F. POOL/RECREATION CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES – MAY 17, 2023

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported that Kansas Gas should be complete in four weeks.

Eggleston also announced that he has 2 openings in the public works department. One opening is for an equipment operator. The second is for the Utilities Manager position currently held by Wade Gaylord.

CITY ENGINEER SCHEER

Reported that a walk through along Ford Street was conducted this afternoon. Some backfill and signage needs to be completed but expects opening of the street by the middle of next week.

ASST CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

Reported that a switch failed at the Community Building and the phones were down for the senior services, but they have been fixed and are up and running.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Reported that bids for the pool and rec center have been received and compiled. Discussion will be held at the July 18, 2023, council meeting.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Anderson stated that the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference will be held October 7-9th in Wichita. He asked all Council members interested in attending or willing to serve as voting delegate on October 9th, to check calendars. Mayor Cicirello will nominate and appoint delegates at the next meeting so that City Clerk can register attendee and delegates.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Colbert encouraged all veterans to attend the next City Council meeting on July 18th. A proclamation will be read to begin process for Valley Center to be a Purple Heart City

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk