

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 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
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

MINUTES – JULY 2, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Gregory moved to accept the minutes of the July 2 2019, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM –

Janice Sharp, Public Library Director, invited everyone to attend a “family night” this Thursday, July 18th, beginning at 5:00pm. Hot dogs and games will be provided.

Steve Rains, Lifepoint Church, addressed Council regarding the August 24th “Serve VC” event. This will be the 4th year that all 8 local churches have come together to work on various projects throughout Valley Center. The event has been moved to August from an October date due to having rain impact the event the past couple of years. He extended an invitation to either join other residents to help with projects or provide projects ideas for the group.

APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Dove appointed Ronald Colbert as voting delegate and Brent Clark and Kristi Carrithers as alternate voting delegates for the October LKM annual meeting. Cicirello moved to accept the appointment of Colbert as voting delegate and Clark and Carrithers as alternate delegates, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. DISCUSSION OF FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Smith presented information regarding the revenue generated from the 2019 fireworks permits issued. Also Smith estimated what revenue could have been received based on fees charged by surrounding cities. He then presented a permit fee option to increase the per square foot fee by .50 cents and allow stands in Valley Center to begin sales on June 27th as allowed by State Statute. He also proposed changes to allow the City Administrator to approve late applications with an additional .50 cent late charge per square foot.

Council discussed the proposal and Cicirello stated that complaints were received previously with the sales beginning June 27th. McGettigan felt that the fireworks stands in Valley Center are at a disadvantage and miss out on early sales by waiting until June 30th. Colbert asked about the portion of fee revenue going to public safety. Smith explained that he based that on another cities ordinance, he felt that the fire department should receive a portion as they are responsible for inspection of the stands and fire protection.

Gregory and Stamm stated that they like and supported the proposed ordinance changes. No official action taken. Staff will draft proposal for new fireworks ordinance and present to Council.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. INVISIBLE DOG FENCE REPAIR REQUEST

Smith addressed Council regarding a request made from Jarrod West to repair his invisible dog fence. It was damaged with utility work was being completed in the ditch. Three options were given to Mr. West as listed in the agenda. Mr. West would like the City to issue him a check directly based on the quoted repair.

Council discussed all options with Stamm favoring option 1 or 2. Colbert favored option 2. Maschino stated that if we damaged the fence located on Mr. West's property, the City should make it right with him.

Maschino moved to approve the request to repair Jarrod West's invisible fence and issue a check payable to him (option 3). Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Maschino, Anderson, Gregory and Davis. Opposed: Colbert, Cicirello, Stamm and McGettigan. Vote tied. Mayor Dove broke tie and vote Yea on motion. Motion carried.

B. BIO-WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS PRESENTATION

Sarah Unruh, PEC, reported to Council regarding options for disposal of liquid sludge from Valley Center's wastewater treatment plant. The City of Wichita will no longer transport Valley Center's sludge after current contract expires March 2020. Options include purchasing truck and hauling it ourselves, private liquid sludge management or dewater liquid sludge at the WWTP and use dump truck to haul.

Discussion and questions from Council included: Breakdown of truck, current practices of surrounding cities, purchase vs lease of truck, smell, additional employee. Eggleston stated that the hauling would keep an additional employee very busy. Eggleston and Smith have met with City of Sedgwick regarding hauling their sludge, as they are also losing the City of Wichita's hauling services. Colbert thought a committee to explore options be formed. Council directed staff to gather estimates of cost and work with City of Sedgwick on charges.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE- JULY 16, 2019**
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – JUNE 2019**
- C. TREASURER'S RPORT – JUNE2019**
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARIES- JUNE 2019**
- E. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT- APRIL 2019**
- F. FAITH CHURCH REQUEST USE IN McLaughlin PARK**

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

The community survey was mailed to all Valley Center account addresses. 255 surveys (10%) have been returned to WSU. Shrack encouraged everyone to return the survey by the July 26th deadline.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

The Police department will participate in the August 3rd, Back to School Bash. Staff will be attending and greeting students and families. Stood for any questions regarding the 2nd quarter department report included in agenda.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Reported that the well replacement project has been completed. WWTP improvements have begun with de-watering. WAMPO MTP project planning assistance will be meeting. This partnership has been a great opportunity to fund past projects and future projects.

ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR-FINANCE SMITH

Reported that the 2018 audit report will be made at the August 20th Council Meeting.

BRENT CLARK

Reported that he has visited all city facilities and met with most staff. Noted that Valley Center has an incredible staff that are passionate about Valley Center. He also attended the municipal court last week and urged everyone to attend at some point. It was fascinating. City Clerk Carrithers spoke about the YMCA Wellness Challenge that staff won for the 2nd quarter. The traveling trophy is displayed at City Hall.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

Councilmember Colbert attended the SCAC meeting, and reported they are going to meet every other month.

Councilmember Cicirello asked public works to look at worn street markings at the intersection of 5th and Meridian. Cicirello also complimented the recent remodeling and development of apartments on 1st Street.

Councilmember Gregory reported that Thursday, July 18th the local emergency planning committee will have an exercise from 8:00am – noon. REAP will be meeting July 26, 2019 at Botanica.

ADJOURN -

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk