

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2023
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Councilmember Gina Gregory called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chris Matt Stamm, Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Mayor Lou Cicirello and Ben Anderson

Staff Present: Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Gage Scheer, City Engineer
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk
Desirae Womack, City Treasurer

Press present:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gregory announced addition of New Business, item A, “Pre-approval of potential CHIP application” for agenda. Stamm moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –
JULY 18, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Bass moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. PRE-APPROVAL OF POTENTIAL CHIP APPLICATION

Community Development Director Shrack explained the CHIP program. It is an economic development incentive tool designed for developers to invest in residential growth through construction of new multi-family rental properties. Shrack explained that 45 duplexes are planned on the 5 lots in Sunflower Valley. Developed Fisher Wells with Bridget Development addressed Council. He explained that pre-approval is being requested to present to bank to make the purchase more feasible financially.

Kerstetter inquired about the rent and target market of renters. While Stamm likes the project, he expressed frustration with the addition of this item being added to agenda at last minute. Wilson inquired why a pre-approval is needed. Clark explained that the specials on these lots will be high, and a pre-

approval helps secure the financial backing. Bass and Stamm both feel that all cities need a variety of home for residents, and they appreciate the investment in Valley Center. Stamm moved to give pre-approval for CHIP process from Bridger Development for properties located in the Sunflower Valley subdivision, seconded by Bass. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION 737-23: AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TEMPORARY NOTES

Assistant City Administrator Smith presented the Temporary Note Sale Documents and Resolution 737-23 authorizing the sale of General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2023-1. He explained that the sale will be August 30, 2023, and will be presented to Council at the September 5, 2023, City Council meeting. Kerstetter verified that the funds listed under Sunflower Valley and Prairie Lakes Additions will ultimately be paid with specials.

Wilson moved to approve Resolution 737-23 authorizing the sale of General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2023-1. Motion seconded by Bass. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE 1393-23; STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Public Safety Director Newman presented Ordinance 1393-23 for 1st reading approval. This is the annual update to the Standard Traffic Ordinance.

Evans moved to adopt Ordinance 1393-23, amending Chapter 10.04, section 10 of the Valley Center Municipal Code and amendments thereto related to the Regulation of Traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Valley Center, Kansas, for 1st reading. Seconded by Bass. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. ORDINANCE 1394-23; UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE

Public Safety Director Newman presented Ordinance 1394-23 for 1st reading approval. This is the annual update to the Uniform Public Offense Code.

Bass moved to adopt Ordinance 1394-23, amending Chapter 9.01 of the Valley Center Municipal Code and amendments thereto, for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – AUGUST 1, 2023

B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – MAY 2023

C. VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY 2ND QUARTER REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

ASST CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

Included the budget summary for Council review. Smith stated it will be published in the Ark Valley News August 10th. The budget hearing will be held September 5, 2023, at 7:00pm in City Hall.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Farmer's Market will be this Thursday. Reminded everyone of the back-to-school bash on August 5th. Main Street will be closed between Ash and Park from 1:00-11:00pm. Also announced the groundbreaking for the Aquatic Center will be August 24, 2023, at 7:00pm.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-

COUNCILMEMBER STAMM

Attended the cookout hosted by Valley Center for employees of both Park City and Valley Center. Stated it was a lot of fun.

COUNCILMEMBER KERSTETTER

Inquired whether the swimming pool can stay open later into the summer. Would like to be open at least on the weekends while it is still so hot.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Colbert asked if someone would like to make a nomination for designated veteran for PBS. Colbert also reported that a Resolution will be read tomorrow at the Sedgwick County Commission meeting recognizing Valley Center as a Purple Heart City. On August 7th, a short program will be held for all Sedgwick County Purple Heart City.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk