

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 2, 2022  
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, Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

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

Press present: The Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –**

**JULY 19, 2022, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-**

Evans moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: Evans, Bass, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter, Wilson and Colbert. Abstain: Stamm. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None**

**PUBLIC FORUM – None**

**APPOINTMENTS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. ORDINANCE 1379-22; AMENDMENT TO CITY’S ADOPTED BUILDING CODES**

Community Development Director Shrack introduced Code Enforcement Officer/Residential Building Inspector Bill Andrews. Andrews stated that with the planned development of 3D housing, the current building code need to be updated. He explained that the city will use the International Residential Code.

He stood for any questions regarding his memo or the proposed Ordinance.

Stamm moved to approve Ordinance 1379-22, amendment to city building codes for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. ORDINANCE 1380-22; UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE**

Public Safety Director Newman requested approval of Ordinance 1380-22, Uniform Public Offense Code for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Newman explained that the code is updated yearly, and the Ordinance keeps the city code current.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1380-22, amending Chapter 9.01 of the Valley Center Municipal Code and amendments thereto, for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**C. ORDINANCE 1381-22; STANDARD TRAFFIC OFFENSE CODE**

Public Safety Director Newman requested approval of Ordinance 1381-22. Standard Traffic Offense Code for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Gregory inquired about the usage of electronic bikes in Valley Center. Newman stated he hasn't seen many in the city. If approved for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and following publication the Ordinance would take effect at that time. Colbert expressed concern for scooters on sidewalks, Newman stated that education would be the most effective.

Wilson moved to adopt Ordinance 1381-22, 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 Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR GIS SERVICES**

Public Works Director Eggleston requested approval of contract with MSA Professional Services for GIS services. He explained the current GIS system has been a great tool, but with expansion of city it has become difficult to edit or update information. He explained they requested bids from MSA and PEC. Staff recommends MSA based on pricing and services offered. This GIS system will offer 10-12 different layers/applications that will benefit various departments. Kerstetter noted past dates in quote and verified they would be updated, and the pricing remains the same. Council questioned funding and current pricing. Eggleston stated that we currently paying \$3,600.00 for GIS and \$3,442 for pubworks. This system could replace both. Stamm stated that he deals with Midland GIS (current GIS provider) and said they are hard to deal with and get updates installed.

Stamm made a motion to approve low, qualified bid from MSA for GIS services in the amount of \$31,050.00 and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – AUGUST 2, 2022
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – MAY 2022
- C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES – JULY 7, 2022
- D. PARK USAGE REQUEST – VCHS BOOSTER CLUB – AUGUST 20, 2022

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK**

Shrack reminded everyone of the farmer's market. It will be this Thursday from 4:00-8:00pm

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN**

Newman updated Council on several projects and equipment upgrades. E-ticket is moving forward and hopefully will be ready by end of year. Body cameras are here, but the car cameras have not arrived. Public safety has received the radios for both fire and police. A shipment for Narcan has arrived to aid officers responding to an opioid overdose.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported on a recent water main break. A 9-person crew from UMC was brought in that greatly reduced the time that residents were without water. Reported that Javon Baker was recently offered a position with KRWA. While it's a great loss to our department, it's a great opportunity for him to share his expertise with other cities.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**  
COUNCILMEMBER STAMM

Reported that he has talked with BNSF regarding the train traffic. Stated that they indicated that the work on tracks up through Emporia should be completed within the next year, which will greatly reduce the number of trains traveling through Valley Center.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Thanked all City and Library Staff for their help in assisting residents waiting in line to cast their vote in the primary election. He had never seen such long lines and knew that many older and handicap residents needed to get out of the extreme heat. City staff provided water and organized the lines to travel through the Meadowlark room and Library to take advantage of the air conditioning. Owings explained that the County election office does come and evaluate the space for elections, but he can contact them for future elections with the issues experienced today.

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

**ADJOURN -**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**