

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2021
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Cicirello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Stamm, Paul Davis, Gina Gregory, Chris Evans, Robert Wilson, Dale Kerstetter and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

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

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -

Mayor Cicirello announced addition of Police Officer/SRO swear in as item 7C. Kerstetter moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

JULY 20, 2021, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Stamm moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

REBEKAH BURCHFIEL

Ms. Burchfiel thanked the City Council for the sponsorship. She was one of 200 girls participating in the pageant and will now be going on to the National pageant.

VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT AND 2ND QTR FINANCIAL REPORT

Janice Sharp, Library Director distributed report on the 2021 summer reading program. The program was very successful this year. Ms. Sharp also reported on new open hours for the library.

POLICE OFFICER/SRO SWEAR IN – ISAIAH MESSICK

Public Safety Director Newman introduced Isaiah Messick to the City Council. He is a certified officer and will begin local training on August 15th to work as patrol officer and SRO in the middle school. Officer Messick was sworn in by City Clerk Carrithers.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS –

LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES VOTING DELEGATES

City Clerk reported that she and Councilmember Colbert are planning on attending the LKM conference. No one else has indicated they are planning on attending. Kerstetter moved to appoint Ronald Colbert

and Kristi Carrithers as voting delegates for the LKM annual meeting. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. RECOMMENDATION FOR INSURANCE/BENEFITS BROKER

City Administrator Clark addressed Council. He stated that a request for qualifications had been sent out to insurance brokers. The city received five responses. The top ranked two brokers presented information to the wellness committee and administrative staff. IMA was the selected to provide the insurance/benefits broker services to the City of Valley Center. Clark introduced Christy Powell and Matt Quinn from IMA. They explained that they will offer a dedicated team to serve Valley Center as well navigate a smooth transition to online enrollments. An “in person” open enrollment meeting would still be held to explain and educate staff. Employees will have ability to use an app to navigate most benefit information. The initial agreement would be two years.

Anderson moved to enter into agreement with IMA for insurance/benefits Broker services effective September 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1358-21; RE-ZONE PROPERTY 930 S. MERIDIAN

Community Development Director Shrack presented Ordinance 1358-21, which will re-zone property located at 930 S. Meridian Ave from C-2 (General Business District) to I (Industrial District). He explained that the Planning and Zoning Board had reviewed the request. A screened open area for RV storage/parking is planned for the lot. The lot is in the flood plain, so the open concept is ideal. Any building development would have to be approved by the State and Flood Plan Committee. Property owner Jose De La Rosa attended the meeting to answer questions. Kerstetter stated that it’s a good idea and supports the plan. Mayor Cicirello voiced concerns about re-zoning to industrial and what might be developed on the lot several years down the road.

Kerstetter moved to approve ordinance 1358-21; rezoning of land located at 930 S. Meridian Ave., Valley Center, Kansas for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea; Stamm, Evans, Davis, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter and Wilson. Opposed: Colbert. Motion carried.

C. REVISED FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR CEDAR RIDGE ESTATES

Community Development Director Shrack presented the revised final plat for Cedar Ridge Estates. He explained that this is the plat approved by Council earlier under the name of Dill Hill Estates. The original plat was never filed with Sedgwick County. Minor changes have been made so approval is needed for the Cedar Ridge Estate final plat.

Stamm made a motion based on approval by the Valley Center Planning and Zoning Board, to approve revised final plat for Cedar Ridge Estates. Seconded by Davis. Vote yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW

City Treasurer Koehn presented the mid-year financial report. He explained that the report included in the agenda was a narrative of highlighted accomplishments for each department. He then went to the City website to show the budget dashboard with details of financial data. All these reports can now be accessed from the website at any time.

Anderson moved to approve the accept and file the mid-year financial report. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - AUGUST 3, 2021
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – MAY 2021
- C. SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR LIONS PARK – AUGUST 21, 2021
- D. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – JULY 27, 2021
- E. REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT COMMUNITY BUILDING

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

STAFF REPORTS

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reminded everyone that an item under the consent agenda was approval of Lions Park for Booster Club BBQ on August 21st. Urged the public to support the event.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

The public safety quarterly report was included in agenda, stood for any questions.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Golka distributed project updates. He explained that PEC and City staff had meet July 29th to dive deep into the current projects and discuss them in detail.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Clark had nothing to report but wished Asst. City Administrator Smith “Happy Birthday”.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk