

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 4, 2020  
VALLEY CENTER CITY HALL  
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: Ben Anderson

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director  
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator  
Brent Clark, City Administrator  
Matt Koehn, City Treasurer  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –  
JULY 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-**

Kerstetter moved to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2020, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –  
WAMPO**

Chris Upchurch address Council regarding the Reimagine Move 2040 program. He explained that the group hopes to address 3 major issues, Safety, Congestion and Infrastructure conditions. He further broke it down into 5 focus areas. 1) Safety & Health, 2) multi-modal network, 3) mobility & economy, 4) equity & diversity, 5) quality of place and talent. Upchurch stated that the north junction has been identified as a gold line project with a high priority.

Upchurch reminded Council that there are committees with WAMPO that need volunteers to serve, as well as opportunities to help with the regional bike count.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

Colbert moved to receive and file the report, Kerstetter seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – None

**APPOINTMENTS** – None

**COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED FY 2021 BUDGET**

Smith stated that the budget and notice of public hearing had been printed in the Ark Valley News as required. Mayor Cicirello opened the public hearing at 7:20pm. No comments were raised. Mayor Cicirello closed the public hearing at 7:21pm.

**B. 2021 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Smith request approval of 2021 budget. The Published 2021 Budget Summary proposed a maximum budget authority of \$14,393,522 and a maximum Ad Valorem Tax Levy of \$3,148,678. These amounts may be lowered, but cannot be increased without republication and conducting another public hearing.

Colbert moved to adopt the 2021 budget for the City of Valley Center as presented on the 2021 City of Valley Center Budget Certificate page, establishing a maximum budget authority of \$14,393,522.00 and total Ad Valorem Tax not to exceed \$3,148,678.00. Stamm seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. MOBILE HOME VARIANCE REQUEST**

Clark presented to Council a variance request submitted by Rick Mann to allow a manufactured home to be placed in the River Valley Mobile Home Park. The approval of the request is needed as the home is older than fifteen (15) years, which is not compliant with current code. Kerstetter questioned the inspection happening after the installation of the home and Gregory asked how the fifteen year limit was decided. Clark stated that to inspect prior to installation could be a logistical hassle as homes might be located some distance from Valley Center.

Stamm moved to approve variance request based on pictures provided by the applicant and that the mobile home will be inspected, once installed, by the City's residential building inspector, Bill Andrews. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. SWIMMING POOL UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

Clark reported that a survey has been distributed to the community and 1200 responses have been received. Deadline for this survey is August 5, 2020. Clark reminded the group of a town hall information meeting that will be held via zoom and Facebook live tomorrow beginning at 7:00pm. A joint special meeting will be held remotely with the School Board and Recreation Commission Board on August 17, 2020 beginning at 6:15pm. Evans and Davis both serve on the committee and are encouraged by the public involvement with the project.

**C. RESOLUTION 688-2: RE-FINANCE G.O. BONDS**

Smith presented Resolution 688-20 authorizing the offering for sale General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-2. The sale of these General Obligation refunding bonds are for Series 2010-1, 2012-1, 2012-2 and 2013-1. Smith explained that the re-financing could potentially save the City over \$500,000.00 in interest. The older bonds are for a variety of special assessments including Ridgefield, park equipment and water system upgrades. The re-finance doesn't extend the life/pay off of the current bonds just the interest rate, which current rates are historically low at this time.

Kerstetter moved to approve Resolution 688-20 authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020-2, of the City of Valley Center, Kansas. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**D. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY – RSVP PROGRAM**

Smith requested Council approval to continue the RSVP agreement with Sedgwick County. This provides funding for coordinated transportation services by RSVP program volunteers for senior citizens.

Evans moved to approve agreement between Sedgwick County Department on Aging and City of Valley Center and authorize Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**E. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY BUILDING WINDOW TINTING**

Owings presented a proposal to install window tinting film on the south windows at the Community Building/Library. Owings explained that the heat radiates through the windows making it expensive to cool. He stated that the film should reduce the solar energy by 84% and infrared solar heat by 61%. The Library

Board has agreed to share the cost of the project in a 50/50 cost split. When asked by Kerstetter about other bids, Owings said several companies were contacted and he felt that this was the best option based on costs, warranty and quality of the product.

Kerstetter moved to approve window tinting project at Community Building in an amount not to exceed \$10,849.29 with 50/50 cost share from Library, seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**F. ORDINANCE 1347-20; AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Clark presented Ordinance 1347-20, which amends the Future Land Use Map in the City's current Comprehensive Plan. Per state law, this amendment had to receive prior approval by the Planning and Zoning Board and receive a public hearing, both of which were conducted on July 28, 2020. Clark explained this outlines the City's area of influence which could prohibit possible future land annexation from cities to the south or west.

Based on approval by the Planning and Zoning Board, Gregory moved to approve the amended Future Land Use Map and the associated Ordinance 1347-20 for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Davis. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**G. ORDINANCE 1348-20; AMENDMENT TO COURT COSTS**

Smith requested 1<sup>st</sup> reading approval of Ordinance 1348-20, amending section 2.24.270 regarding court costs. He explained that the proposed Ordinance would keep court costs the same but adds explanation of how the court costs will be allocated. The allocation will allow a dedicated revenue stream for training and additional revenue for public safety equipment and technology purchases. This funds designated for equipment and technology would be used for the purchase of needed public safety radios and the SCBA for Fire Department.

Colbert moved, seconded by Stamm to motion to approve Ordinance 1348-20, amending section 2.24.270 amending court costs for 1st reading. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – AUGUST 4, 2020**

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN**

Stood for questions regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter department report included in agenda packet.

**ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE SMITH**

Smith reported forms are now available on the website for contractors and developers. These are in addition to the applications for permits. Smith also shared that Channel 7 is up and running. Options to live stream Council meetings are being explored.

A committee has been working on re-design of website.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK**

Stated that in partnership with Wesley Health Care, yard signs encouraging wearing masks are available.

Clark thanked Barry Smith and Matt Koehn for the work in creating the 2021 budget. Recognized Smith for getting channel 7 on the air again.

Reminded the group of the Land Bank meeting immediately following the Council meeting.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**

**COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY**

Thanked Smith for prepared the budget for 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Encouraged volunteers to serve on the WAMPO committees. Clark did mention that Neal Owings will be serving on the safety and health committee.

**ADJOURN -**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**