

VALLEY CENTER COUNCIL MEETING  
August 6, 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, and Paul Davis.

Members Absent: Ben Anderson

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  
Matt Koehn, City Treasurer  
Brent Clark, City Administrator  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Dove requested addition of item C under New Business, "Approval of bid for Phone/Internet Services". Maschino moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA**

MINUTES – JULY 16, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Gregory noted correction needed under Staff reports. It should read Councilmember Colbert attended the KCAC meeting, not Stamm. Gregory moved to accept the minutes of the July 16 2019, regular City Council meeting with correction, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None**

**PUBLIC FORUM – None**

**APPOINTMENTS –**

Mayor Dove appointed the following persons to the Planning and Zoning Board. Mike Boyd to serve until April 2022 and Toby Meadows to serve until April 2020. Maschino moved to accept the appointments, seconded by McGettigan. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS –**

Stamm moved to accept and file the minutes of the May 2, 2019 Outdoor Spaces Board, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Davis moved to accept and file the minutes of the July 11, 2019 Outdoor Spaces Board, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Maschino moved to accept and file the minutes of the July 23, 2019 Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS –**

### **A. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED FY 2020 BUDGET:**

Smith stated that the budget and notice of public hearing had been printed in the Ark Valley News as required. Mayor Dove requested motion to open the public hearing at 7:05pm. Colbert moved to open the public hearing for public comments. The motion was seconded by Cicirello. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried. No comments were raised. Mayor Dove closed the public hearing at 7:06pm.

### **B. 2020 BUDGET APPROVAL**

Smith request approval of 2020 budget. He explained that Council could make any changes at this time, but doing so would require the budget to be published again, with a new public hearing.

Cicirello moved to adopt the 2020 budget for the City of Valley Center as presented in the July 25, 2019 publication for Public Hearing with the amount of Ad Valorem Tax not to exceed \$2,953,446.00. Maschino seconded the motion. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS-**

### **A. ORDINANCE 1330-19; RE-ZONING PROPERTY**

Shrack reported that the Planning and Zoning Board discussed the re-zoning of the property located at 222 W. Allen. It is currently zoned C-2 (General Business District). As the owners are selling the property, lenders and insurance would like it zoned R-1B (Single Family Residential). Cicirello questioned property taxes. Shrack stated that Sedgwick County handles all of that.

Based on approval from the Valley Center Planning and Zoning Board, Stamm moved to adopt Ordinance 1330-19, rezoning of land located at 222 W. Allen St. Valley Center, Ks. For 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion seconded by Davis. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

### **B. WAMPO-LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT**

Administrator Clark and Golka presented to Council the list of projects they recommend be placed in the long range plan to be submitted to WAMPO for possible federal funding in future years. Golka stated that a change to the priority #3 has been made and new project costs have been placed on the bench. Golka reminded Council that the list does not obligate the City to these projects but this is the first step. The City has been able to obtain Federal funds following the criteria of projects being regionally significant for transportation. Which means water or sewer projects wouldn't qualify. Colbert inquired why all the projects listed were in the South part of Valley Center, when most of the streets north of 5<sup>th</sup> need repairs. Golka stated that only Meridian would qualify as being regionally significant, and Meridian north of 5<sup>th</sup> could be added to the project list. Residential side streets would not qualify for WAMPO funding.

### **C. APPROVAL OF BID FOR PHONE/INTERNET SERVICES**

Smith reported that the contract with Giant Communications for telephone service had expired September 2018. A request for bids was sent out and two companies, Giant Communication and SCI submitted bids for services. Giant Communications had the low bid of \$1,644.65 per month.

McGettigan moved to approve bid from Giant Communications for phone/internet services, Maschino seconded the motion. Cicirello inquired how this expense compared to the current charges. Smith estimated we are currently paying \$1,580.00, but the new bid included internet billings so is actually less expensive overall. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE- AUGUST 6, 2019**

### **B. VC BOOSTER CLUB REQUEST FOR LIONS PARK USE**

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK**

548 community surveys have been returned to WSU. WSU has begun the process of compiling the data. Shrack stated that a Land Bank Meeting will be scheduled following the regular Council Meeting on August 20, 2019.

### **PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS**

His department is working on installation of tables outside of the Community Building. They are also working on automatic door and gate access at the Public Works building and the treatment plant. August 24<sup>th</sup>, will be the Serve VC community day with area churches helping with projects. The Valley Center Booster Club will also host the community BBQ in Lions Park on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN**

The City Police Academy will graduate the first class, Thursday evening, August 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm. It will be located at the Public Safety Building.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON**

Eggleston discussed the progress made at the sewer plant. He showed photographs of the excavation being done for the new clarifier.

### **CITY ENGINEER GOLKA**

Reported that in addition to the project report included in the agenda, an application for payment for the WWTP has been included.

### **ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR-FINANCE SMITH**

Reported that the USDA interest rate for loan is currently 3.5% whereas a Bond interest rate is 2.7-2.9% Smith also introduced Matthew Koehn, the City Treasurer.

### **BRENT CLARK**

Thanked and recognized the wellness committee for hosting the all staff and Council swim party and cook out.

Reported that he is working with Victor Hogstrom from KPTS to host a Valley Center night during their fundraising campaign. On August 22, volunteers are needed to answer phones during the telethon. Meridian Street Glass will be featured on the "Positively Kansas" segment. Katrina Rubenich and Amanda Park have been working to get the channel 7, local access channel working again.

The owners of the new senior apartments on 1<sup>st</sup> St. would like to give Council members a tour following the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**

**COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT** attended the SCAC meeting, and reported they are going to meet every other month.

**COUNCILMEMBER CICIRELLO** noted that the school zone lights are flashing. Eggleston affirmed that they are being turned on in anticipation of school starting next week. Cicirello stated that he didn't think radar should be run prior to school being started. Dove reminded everyone that an individual Councilmember can't direct staff. Cicirello stated that he'd move to turn off the lights until school started. Stamm stated that many Cities start the lights and enforcement prior to school starting to get people aware of the school zones. Cicirello withdrew the motion.

**COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY** Thanked the wellness committee for the swim party stated that it was a lot of fun.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS Inquired about the weeds along the railroad track. Shrack stated that Code Enforcement Officer Andrews has been in contact with the railroad.

**ADJOURN -**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**