

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 21st, 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, Ben Anderson, 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
Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator
Matt Koehn, City Treasurer

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA –

Mayor Cicirello announced addition of item G, the approval of street closures for the Moving Wall. Kerstetter moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2021, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS -- None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS—

A. ORDINANCE 1359-21; SMALL CELL ORDINANCE:

Megan Bottenberg, Director of Government affairs at Cox Communications presented the agreement for small cell boxes to be placed in the city. Bottenberg explained that Cox Communications partners with wireless providers to allow the use of Cox's existing infrastructure to increase 5G coverage. Cox primarily uses existing structures to add small cell boxes, which are about the size of a toaster oven. After discussion, Wilson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1359-21, establishing small cell agreement with Cox Communications for 1st reading, seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1360-21; UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE:

Public Safety Director Newman Presented the updated UPOC to the council and reviewed the changes. Stamm made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1360-21, amending chapter 9-01 of the Valley Center Municipal Code and amendments thereto for 1st reading, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE 1361-21; STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE:

Public Safety Director Newman Presented the updated Standard Traffic Ordinance and reviewed the changes. Wilson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1361-21, amending Chapter 10.04, section 10 of the Valley Center Municipal Code, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. CIP UPDATE AND APPROVAL:

Asst. City Administrator Smith reviewed the proposed 2022-2031 CIP and recommended projects through 2026. Recommended changes include moving the Water Tower Rehab to FY2021 and adding City Entryway Signs to FY2022. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the 2022-2031 Capital Improvement Plan as presented, seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

E. LIONS PARK USAGE REQUEST FOM VCPD AND VALLEY CENTER MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE:

Public Safety Director and Officer Nygaard presented a request to use Lions Park for a Faith and Blue event in partnership with the Valley Center Ministerial Alliance. Date of the event will be October 9, 2021. The event will encourage community policing, include lunch, a K-9 demonstration, and other activities. Evans made a motion to approve the Valley Center Police Department and Valley Center Ministerial Alliance's Faith and Blue Event to be held in Lions Park on October 9, 2021. Seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

F. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2 FLOCK CAMERAS:

Public Safety Director Newman proposed the purchase of two Flock Cameras. These cameras will be placed at the most common entry points into Valley Center and allow the department to capture license plate information and other identifying features of a vehicle. Newman States that Flock cameras are used in over on thousand agencies across the country. The data collected will be a great investigative tool that can help solve crimes by identifying vehicles. The cameras will not run all license plates but will look for vehicles and license plates that have been entered into the system. The Flock system also has features that other license plate readers can't do, such as identify vehicle color, and if there are mismatched wheels or vehicle damage.

Cameras are not constantly monitored, these cameras don't take video, only still pictures. They cannot see inside of vehicles. They will not be used for traffic violations or enforcement. There is no speed monitoring feature.

After discussion of protecting privacy and ensuring that the camera's information will be protected, Robert Wilson moved to approve the purchase of two Flock Cameras at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00 in year one and \$5,000.00 in year two. Seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

G. APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURES FOR THE MOVING WALL:

City Administrator Brent Clark presented the street closures in the area surrounding Lions Park during the Moving Wall. Anderson moved to approve the proposed street closure on Abilene and Clay Street

during the Valley Center Moving Wall event from Oct 21st- Oct 25th. Seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – AUGUST 2021

C. TREASURER’S REPORT – AUGUST 2021

D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARIES – AUGUST 2021

Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Evans

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Reported that the Main Street Valley Center is going to have a second round of the Main Street Enhancement Grant this year, due to extra funds. It is a \$500.00 dollar-for-dollar grant.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that his department has had a vacancy that has been filled the new employee will start on October 4, 2021.

Mayor Cicirello asked about why we don’t mulch grass clipping while mowing, the main reason is speed, because we aren’t able to mow often enough to keep that grass short enough to be able to mulch.

Council member Wilson asked if there are any safeguards in place to keep the city’s public bathrooms safe from vandalism due to the current trends in social media. Owings reported that we do have cameras and our law enforcement does patrol the parks regularly.

ASST. CITY ADMINSTRATOR SMITH

Reported that we have received the first delivery of new trucks from Enterprise Fleet Management.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Reminded everyone that Fall Festival is “this weekend”(Sept 24&25). Also, the Moving wall is coming soon, please make sure you get to the website and volunteer because it will be open 24/7, volunteers will be needed.

Clark also reported that he will be gone for both City Council meetings in October.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

COUNCIL MEMBER GREGORY

Reported that the Sedgwick County Association of Cities is this weekend.

Colbert moved the adjourn, Kerstetter seconded. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURN –

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Matt Koehn, City Treasurer