

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 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(arrived 7:05pm), Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Matt Vogt, Police Captain
Gage Scheer, City Engineer
Matt Koehn, City Treasurer
Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

OCTOBER 4, 2022, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Bass moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. RIDGEFIELD HOA SPEED LIMIT

Public Works Director Eggleston presented findings from one week traffic study along Redbud. He explained how the information is gathered and what it shows. Eggleston stated that staff will review and discuss study and bring recommendation to next Council. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Public Works Director Eggleston stated that a request to close the 100-200 blocks of Main Street for the Chamber Trick or Treat Main Street event has been received.

Wilson moved to approve closure of 100-200 W. Main St. on October 28, 2022, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm for annual Trick or Treat event. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR/BID FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Public Works Director Eggleston stated that following the advertisement for proposals for the water treatment plant, three companies submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed and scored the proposals and have invited representatives from Burns & McDonnell / CAS Constructors, LLC. to present to Council. Brian Meier, Jake White, Dana Weir and Don Koci with Burns & McDonnell, Tom Costello with Wildcat Construction and Travis Stryker with CAS Constructors LLC addressed Council. They each spoke regarding their area of expertise and how they would work on the project. Anderson noted that staff overwhelmingly supported this proposal based on the scores. Kerstetter questioned a graph in the proposal regarding the differences between types of treatments.

Anderson moved to direct staff to enter into negotiations with Burns & McDonnell/CAS LLC for fees and final scope of services for phase one of the design & construction of the water treatment plant. seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Eggleston stated that for full disclosure, the fee proposals from the other two companies have been returned unopened and he opened the sealed fee proposal which will now be reviewed by staff to begin negotiations.

C. 3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW

Matt Koehn, City Treasurer presented a review of the 3rd quarter 2022 financial reports and stood for questions.

Wilson moved to approve to accept and file 3rd quarter financial review report. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote Yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – OCTOBER 18, 2022
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION - SEPTEMBER 2022
- C. TREASURER’S REPORT -SEPTEMBER 2022
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY -SEPTEMBER 2022
- E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES – OCTOBER 5, 2022

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported that staff repaired a water leak on Abilene last week. Eggleston recognized Adam Enterkin for his expertise in the repair. Eggleston also announced that the water tower won the people’s choice award, but the water tower of the year will not be announced until later this week.

ASST. CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

Reported that he participated in group discussion regarding the Wichita water rates and how they are figured. They are estimating a 6% yearly increase which would directly impact Valley Center’s rates. So, the new water treatment plant is timely. Staff will begin process of reviewing our rates in the next month.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR CICIRELLO

Mayor attended the League of Kansas annual conference. Stated that while educational programs were good, the best part of the conference is networking with other cities across the State.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Thanked public works staff for their quick response to the water leak. Anderson also voiced concern regarding availability of water from Wichita in drought conditions. Having our own treatment plant gives a level of confidence to our residents.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Attended the League conference as well, has brought back some educational material and “freebies” to share.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk