

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
November 1, 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, Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director  
Neal Ownings, Parks and Public Buildings Director  
Gage Scheer, City Engineer  
Barry Smith, Asst. City Administrator  
Brent Clark, City Administrator  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –**

OCTOBER 18, 2022, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –**

INNOVATION AWARD RECOGNITION

City Administrator Clark and Mayor Cicirello announced that Asst. City Administrator Barry Smith was presented the Innovation Award at the KSGFOA conference in October. Smith used initiative and creativity to provide a better way to present and describe each capital project throughout the city. He used Google Earth to map capital projects inside our CIP on the City's webpage.

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Cicirello read a proclamation declaring November as Military Appreciation Month and recognizing November 11<sup>th</sup> as Veterans Day

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERIAGE MONTH PROLCAMATION

Mayor Cicirello read a proclamation for National American Indian Heritage Month to be observed in the month of November.

**PUBLIC FORUM – None**

**APPOINTMENTS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. RIDGEFIELD HOA SPEED LIMIT**

Public Safety Director Newman reported that staff had reviewed the traffic study in the Ridgefield area. At this time, it didn't seem that reducing the speed limit was justified. He thought that the placement of sign for deaf child at play would be appropriate. Mayor Cicirello stated that the placement of speed humps might be more helpful in reducing speed. James Janzen, president of the HOA addressed Council and would like consideration of lower speed limit to possible 25 to start. He appreciated the deaf/mute signage proposals. Colbert verified that the equipment used for traffic study is calibrated. He also wondered if a fence could be installed around the playground. Clark stated that the playground is not a city owned playground but belongs to the HOA.

Kerstetter moved to table and decision on speed limit, but direct city staff to explore the use of speed humps.

Seconded by Gregory. Evans questioned whether a follow up speed study was conducted in the Prairie Lake sub-division after the speed limit was reduced. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. GOLD STAR AWARD**

City Clerk Carrithers announced the City of Valley Center received the Gold Star award from Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust. A municipality is awarded a Gold Star based on safety procedures and accident claims. A discount is applied to workman's compensation premiums depending on level of award.

City Administrator Clark recommended to Mayor and Council one additional paid day off, and a \$100.00 after tax bonus be paid to full time employees and a \$50.00 bonus be paid to less than full-time employees who have worked at least 100 hours.

Colbert moved to approve granting one additional paid day off on December 23, 2022, and a \$100.00 after tax bonus be paid to full time employees and a \$50.00 bonus be paid to less than full-time employees who have worked at least 100 hours. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

**B. RESOLUTION 723-22 INCREASE IN FSA CARRYOVER**

Asst. City Administrator Smith presented Resolution to increase the dollar amount an employee may carry over to 2024 from 2023 Flexible spending account contributions.

Kerstetter moved to approve Resolution 723-22 amending the City of Valley Center plan to increase the amount of FSA dollars carryover from \$550.00 to \$610.00. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**C. FORD STREET CHANGE ORDER**

City Engineer Scheer presented change order #2 for improvements to the Ford Street project regarding the North Seneca Re-alignment. Amount of change order is \$48,457.18. He explained that this is for 3<sup>rd</sup> lane on Seneca and should be included with Ford Street improvements.

Stamm made motion to approve change order #2 for the Seneca re-alignment on Ford Street in the amount of \$48,457.18. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Stamm, Evans, Bass, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter and Wilson. Opposed: Colbert Motion carried.

**D. ORDINANCE 1383-22; REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF CITY OF VALLEY CENTER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATION**

City Administrator Clark explained the proposed Ordinance would repeal and replace the current floodplain management regulation. Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System means residents are eligible to purchase flood insurance policies and receive a 15% discount on their annual premiums. It also qualifies our residents to receive federal grants or loans in the case of damaging flood events.

Mayor Cicirello opened the public hearing for public comments at 7:31pm. Noting that there are no public comments he closed the public hearing at 7:31pm.

Gregory inquired where residents could view the maps. Clark stated that maps are available to view in the Community Development Office or online. Clark also explained that the new developments, especially the TIF development would improve the flood plain and help the lots in Prairie Lakes.

Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 1383-22, a repeal and replacement of the City of Valley Center's floodplain management regulations, for first reading, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### E. APPROVAL OF FARMLAND AGREEMENT

City Administrator Clark requested approval of farmland agreement between the City of Valley Center and James Vogt. He explained this was land donated to the city by Herb Rae last May. Vogt's and Rae had agreement on land, but this would be a formal written agreement between City and Vogt's.

Evans moved to approve rental agreement between City of Valley Center and James Vogt, seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### F. MAIN STREET CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS EVENTS REQUEST

Chris Strunk, president of Main Street Valley Center requested closure of the 100 block of Main Street on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to host the Hometown Christmas event again this year.

Stamm moved to approve closure of Main Street on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00pm for Hometown Christmas events. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Administrator Clark recognized the Main Street Valley Center for their donation of funds to purchase the Christmas tree this year.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – NOVEMBER 1, 2022

#### B. PUBLIC LIBRARY 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

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

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Stood for any questions regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter public safety report.

#### ASST CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

Announced that applications for the City Treasurer position are being accepted. The city will be implementing a multi-factor authentication process starting tomorrow.

Smith also reported that the YMCA will not be offering to support the wellness program in 2023. We will be working with Marque wellness for administration and support beginning next year.

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Urged all residents to be patient during the Ford Street project. Anderson inquired about progress on renovations to pool. Clark reported that the committee is working hard. The bids for the splash pad came in much higher than expected, so that might be pushed back to 2024.

### **GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –**

#### COUNCILMEMBER STAMM

Thanked the police department for their visibility on Halloween in local neighborhoods.

#### COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Reminded everyone that polls are open for early voting.

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Sedgwick County Association of Cities will be meeting November 12<sup>th</sup> in Haysville

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

**ADJOURN -**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk**