

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 15, 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, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Clint Bass

Staff Present: Neal Owings, Park and Public Building Director
Lloyd Newman, Public Works Director
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Josh Golka, City Engineer
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
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 AGENDA

Mayor Cicirello requested that new business items D-Executive Session and USD 262 appointment to the pool/rec committee be added to agenda. Stamm moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –
FEBRUARY 1, 2022, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

Chris Evans on behalf of the Vietnam Moving Wall committee presented to Council a proposal to place a permanent sign in Veterans Park. It will list the 2 dates the wall has been in Valley Center with room for future dates. The sign will have lighting for display at night. No action was necessary, but Council fully support the project.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS –
POOL/RECREATION CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

USD 262 nominated Richard Ranzau as representative for the steering committee. Mayor Cicirello recommended Mr. Ranzau to serve.

Anderson moved to accept the appointment as recommended, motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: Stamm, Evans, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter and Colbert. Nay: none. Abstain: Wilson Motion carried.

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. ORDINANCE 1371-22: CEMETERY

Parks and Public Buildings Director Ownings presented for 1st reading Ordinance 1371-22. The Ordinance will repeal and replace current Ordinance regarding the Valley Center Cemetery. He stated that staff had met to review and make changes to the language of purchase and transfer of lots.

Kerstetter inquired if there is a provision for long term residents that need nursing care and move out of the City to a nursing facility, so are not technically a resident. Owings explained that all cemetery funding comes from resident taxes, so that's why there is a cost difference for residents/non-residents. A resident can purchase a plot for future use knowing they will be moving out of the city limits.

Colbert inquired about the restriction on burial of both casket and urn in same plot. Owings clarified that it is for liability to only open the plot once. The risk of damage to casket or urn for burials at 2 different times is too great. If the ashes can be placed in the casket and buried at the same time, it would be allowed.

Stamm moved to approve for 1st reading; Ordinance 1371-22 regarding the Valley Center Cemetery. Seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL FOR ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS

Asst. City Administrator Smith requested approval of Accounting Policies and Procedures for Administration of Grants. He explained that each grant application has criteria and requirements. With approval of a formal policy, it can be submitted with the grant application, He stated it will greatly aid in the efficiency of completing applications.

Wilson moved to approve Accounting Policies and Procedures for Administration of Grants, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF MERIDIAN STREET PROJECT

City Engineer Golka reported to Council the ongoing process for planning the intersection at 69th and Meridian. The original Meridian Street project did not include a roundabout, but, he explained that City and County staff have meet to discuss traffic counts and future development. The intersection is county property. Current traffic studies show that a traffic signal is not viable. The daily vehicle count for Meridian is 10,000 and 69th is 1,000. Sedgwick County has indicated that following the completion of the project they will give the city the intersection, so that it's not an island in the middle of City owned Streets. Administrator Clark stated that additional county, State and federal funding has been secured for the project. Federal funding for this project is limited and if we don't plan for future development and needs, all funds for future projects will be entirely on our city budget. Additional discussion regarding accident history, design proposal and feedback on recently completed roundabout at Broadway and 77th. was held. Kerstetter stated that he is not in favor of a roundabout at the intersection. Evans and Anderson stated positive experiences with roundabouts. No action was taken.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF LAND ACQUISITION

Anderson moved, seconded by Wilson to recess into executive session to discuss possible acquisition of real estate, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City Council chamber at 8:06 pm. Included in executive session in addition to City Council/Mayor are City Administrator Clark and Community Development Director Shrack. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Session started at 7:51pm

Mayor Cicirello called meeting back to order at 8:06 pm.

Anderson stated no official action was taken by Council while in executive session

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – FEBRUARY 15, 2022
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – JANUARY 2022
- C. TREASURER’S REPORT – JANUARY 2022
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT-JANUARY 2022
- E. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES- JANUARY 25, 2022
- F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES-FEBRUARY 2, 2022
- G. PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND OUTDOOR SPACES BOARD MINUTES-FEBRUARY 3, 2022

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

STAFF REPORTS

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that the Every Green Team is planning on clearing trails at Wetland Park this Saturday, 2/19/2022, (weather permitting)

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Thanked the Lions Club for their support of the K-9 program. Their donation helps to purchase food for our K-9.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR SMITH

The 2023 budget process will begin soon. The auditors will be here in March to complete the 2021 audit.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

The Food for Fines program will begin March 1st. The right of way land acquisition along Ford is almost complete and anticipates going out for project bids in March. Wished Councilmember Kerstetter a Happy Birthday for his upcoming day.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Has invited WAMPO to attend an upcoming Council meeting to discuss projects and possible staff changes.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk