

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 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, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Chris Evans, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Paul Davis

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Josh Golka, City Engineer
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Matt Koehn, City Treasurer
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

Press present: The Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA -

Mayor Cicirello added item G, Kansas Department of Transportation Agreement for Ford Street under New Business. Kerstetter moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

FEBRUARY 2, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Gregory moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021, regular City Council meeting, seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

APPOINTMENTS – NONE

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS-

A. MAIN STREET VALLEY CENTER STREET CLOSING REQUEST

Chris Strunk, Main Street Valley Center President requested a closure of the 200 block of West Main Street on March 6th. The Apostle Bike works will host a bicycle race and would like to use that block for the beginning and end of race. This race will bring approximately 200 riders and will be either a 20- or 50-mile route. More information about the race is on Facebook. Council had several questions regarding insurance coverage, parking issues, other vendors permits and restroom facilities. Public Safety Director Newman said that extra officers might be needed at the beginning of the race. No additional permit will be needed, and no vendors will be there, as local businesses will be promoted to the riders.

Anderson moved to approve request from Main Street Valley Center and work with City staff regarding this street closure, seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

Rebecca Burchfiel requested City sponsorship for the nationals of the Jr Teen competition. She needs to obtain sponsor to attend and represent Valley Center. The ad in the yearbook/program will be designed by the pageant staff based on information submitted. Different levels are available ranging from \$75.00 to \$750.00.

Evans moved to sponsor Miss Valley Center, Rebecca Burchfiel at the \$750.00 level. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Assistant City Administrator Smith and City Treasurer Koehn presented the financial year in review. Smith stated that 2020 was definitely a different year. Cares funding was received which helped with unbudgeted expenses. He thanked all the staff for their flexibility and partnership with the City in getting things done in 2020. Koehn highlighted a few items in the report. On page 9 the revenue was much higher than budgeted due to the CARES funding. Under the expenditure line item, it is under due to not replacing the IT position. Parks was also under budget due to full time staff taking on more responsibilities and working without the seasonal workers.

Koehn explained that extra funds in utility funds and capital improvement will be kept for future project funding.

Anderson moved to accept and file the report. Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW

Community Development Director Shrack reviewed the tax exemption for Safarik Tool Company. This would be the final year. He explained that 2020 was also a difficult year due to COVID and they did have to reduce their work force for a time. They have increased staff again up to 25 employees and plan on increasing staff by the end of 2021 to 45.

Kerstetter asked if they could ask to extend the tax abatement again. Shrack explained that this abatement cannot be extended, but they could re-apply following the criteria under the economic development plan.

Kerstetter moved to approve the tax abatement request from Safarik Tool Company for their final year. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote: Yea. Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. PROPOSED TIF DISTRICT INFORMATION

Shrack reported staff has continued to meet with Iron Horse Development regarding the TIF. A public hearing will be scheduled, and Ordinance proposed for approve in April. Smith addressed Council to explain how the incremental assessed valuation of the property included in the TIF flows to the City created fund to pay for project costs. The 142 lots south of the retention pond could potentially add \$3,263,546 in added valuation over time. Anderson verified that this TIF would end after 20 years. Smith stated that it could end sooner, but 20 years would be the termination date.

F. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR FORD STREET

City Administrator Clark presented the KDOT agreement for Ford Street. This agreement is also with Park City and Sedgwick County. He explained that it is a reimbursement grant and expenses will be drawn down from the State. The project will begin to the east of Ford Street around the Broadway intersection.

Gregory moved to approve the agreement with KDOT for Ford Street and authorize Mayor Cicirello or City Administrators to sign. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote: Yea. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - FEBRUARY 16, 2021
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – JANUARY 2021
- C. TREASURER’S REPORT – JANUARY 2021
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY – JANUARY 2021
- E. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – OCTOBER 2020
- F. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020
- G. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2021
- H. OUTDOOR SPACES BOARD MINUTES – FEBRUARY 4, 2021

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Shrack reported that a presentation was made for the Main Street Valley Center national accreditation. They had a great presentation, but unfortunately wasn't chosen. The state of Kansas Main Street organization did award Valley Center an affiliate designation and a \$400.00 grant.

Reminder that the Home Show will be held February 27th and 28th and volunteers are still needed.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Work will begin on Ford at the Broadway intersection.

The siting study of the water treatment plant will take into consideration the new developments.

He will add the quiet zone study to his council report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Reported that the extreme cold has created issues trash pick-up. Monday and Tuesday were not picked up this week but will be picked next week. Residents may set out additional bags next week with no extra charge.

Clark thanked all city staff that worked out in the cold this last week.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Stated that she experienced issues with transition to Waste Connections. A wheel was broken on the recycling carts.

A Sedgwick County Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be held via zoom, February 18, 2021. She will not be able to attend so encouraged someone else to attend.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

