

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 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, Paul Davis, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Chris Evans, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
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 a proclamation regarding Vietnam War Veteran's Day to agenda. Anderson moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

MARCH 2, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

A. NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

Mayor Cicirello read proclamation in honor of National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29th, 2021.

B. US CENSUS RECOGNITION

Administrator Clark shared recognition and certificate received from the United States Census Bureau for being a member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program.

C. LAMP RYNEARSON POOL/REC CENTER PRESENTATION

A re-cap of the pool/rec center was presented by Kyle McCawley. He discussed the original sites that were considered as well as the results from the community surveys. Conceptual drawings and projections of construction and operating costs were shared. Administrator Clark reminded Council that the approved sales tax will begin April 1st. The school, recreation commission and the city will come together later this year to negotiate terms of operation and finalize plans with the steering committee.

PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

APPOINTMENTS – NONE

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – NONE

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS-

A. BUDGET CALENDAR

City Treasurer Koehn presented a 2022 budget calendar for Council approval. He stated that changes to the calendar might be necessary due to passage of Senate Bill 13.

Stamm moved to approve the proposed 2022 budget calendar, seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. KANSAS COLLEGIATE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION FUNDING REQUEST

Sheldon Howell updated the City Council regarding the MudDaubers baseball season. He discussed the ways that the team works with the YMCA, REC, and the community. Howell thanked the Council for their support in the past years and asked for their continued financial support of \$5,000.00-\$10,000.00. Ben Anderson stated that his family has hosted players in the past and is excited to host a player again. City Administrator Clark recommended an approval of \$2,000.00 funding.

Anderson moved to approve \$2,000.00 for funding of the 2021 season for the Valley Center Mud Daubers. Motion was seconded by Gregory. Anderson encouraged residents to look for ways to support the Mud Daubers throughout the season, especially during the events held in conjunction with the community. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. WATERLINE REPLACEMENT FINAL CHANGE ORDER

City Engineer Golka presented the final change order for the waterline replacement project. This change order is compiled with the inspectors as they go through all water meters, pipe, joints, etc. This project went very well with a budget of 3.3 million the final numbers were just over 3 million. Approval of this final change is need for finalization of over/underruns.

Evans moved to approve Change Order No. 4 for the waterline replacement project and authorize Mayor to sign. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote: Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT OF WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Clark and Golka explained that the final payments of projects will now be formally approved by Council for public record and audit purposes. Council expressed appreciation of this process. The final pay app for the project is \$148,431.78.

Stamm moved to approve final payment for waterline replacement project in the amount of \$148,431.78. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote: Yea. Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF PORPOSAL FOR TURF, TREE AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Parks Director Owings presents RFP and bids received for turf, tree and vegetation management services for 2021. Kerstetter confirmed that these services were in budget and had been completed by outside vendors in previous years. Owings confirmed this and also it is comparable to previous years cost. Council was disappointed that only 2 bids were received. Owings explained that bids were due back right during that artic blast and companies had been hit hard with work and snow removal. He did open the bid process again and allow for another week for bids to be submitted. Did not received any more. Anderson commended Director Owings for the balance of what work his staff does and what should be contracted.

Kerstetter moved to approve low, qualified bid from Dragonfly Lawn and Tree Care in the amount of \$16,270.00 for Turf, Tree and Vegetation Management Services. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote: Yea, Unanimous. Motion carried.

F. PROPERTY ACQUISITION AT 1400 WEST 77TH ST. N

City Administrator Clark presented contract to purchase property at 1400 West 77th St. N. He explained that the Ford Street project will re-align the Seneca intersection. As safety, drainage and right of way issues were discussed it became apparent that the realignment should happen on the north side of Ford. The acquisition of this property will allow for a safer intersection with turn lanes and recreational use sidewalks.

Anderson moved to approve contract for purchase of property located at 1400 West 77th St. N. in the amount of \$360,000.00. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote: Yea. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - MARCH 16, 2021
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – FEBRUARY 2021
- C. TREASURER’S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 2021
- E. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – DECEMBER 2020
- F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING – MARCH 3, 2021
- G. OUTDOOR SPACES BOARD MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2021

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Newman reported that air packs for the fire department have been shipped. He expects them to arrive later this week or next week.

The department is working closely with the Public Library on the Easter Eggstravaganza. It will be held in the High School parking lot on March 27th from 1-3pm.

CITY ENGINEER GOLKA

Noted that pay app #14 for the WWTP has been distributed to Council. He anticipates close out of that project and final contractor pay app will be submitted by end of March.

Continues to work closely with staff regarding Ford Street and Meridian Improvements.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR CICIRELLO

Assisted with KPTS fundraiser earlier this month. He has also recorded the promotional video for Valley Center.

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

A Sedgwick County Association of Cities meeting will be held March 18, 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Stated that one of the flags in Veterans Park had become entangled in branches. Requested that all the trees be inspected for possible trimming.

Reported that he witnessed a car go through a railroad crossing as the arms were lowering. Inquired how the police officers handle these situations.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk