

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 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, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Chris Evans

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Josh Golka, City Engineer
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
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

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

APRIL 20, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Kerstetter moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION-

Mayor Cicirello read a proclamation for observation of Law Enforcement Memorial Day, May 15, 2021.

LEXIPOOL CONNECT GOLD AWARD

Public Safety Director Newman announced that the Police Department received the Lexipool Connect Gold Award. This was in recognition of keeping current with all updates to policies and procedures and utilizing the daily training bulletins

VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Janice Sharp, Library Director, announced that the Library Board has approved more opening hours for the Library. New hours: Monday, 10-1 and 2-4. Tuesday/Wednesday, 10-1 and 2-6, Thursday, 12-3 and 4-7, Friday, 10-1 and 2-4. No Saturday hours currently.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1356-21; FIREWORKS

City Administrator Clark requested approval of 1st reading of Ordinance 1356-21 regarding the sale and discharge of fireworks. The only change will be specific language of the sale of fireworks matching the discharge hours.

Stamm moved to approve Ordinance 1356-21; regarding the sale and discharging of fireworks within the City limits of Valley Center for 1st reading, Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. REQUEST FOR FARMERS MARKET VENDOR FEE WAIVER

City Administrator Clark introduced Charisse Bansenmer with Kansas Flavor Farmer. Ms. Bansenmer is working with the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce to host a weekly farmers market at 117 S. Park Ave. They request that the Council waive the vendor fee for participants at the farmer's market. They are trying to build up the vendors and waiving the fees will allow vendors to come and see how they do. She stated that she does verify that all vendors have appropriate documents and license. She also will work with KDHE and the KS. Dept of Revenue for compliance. The Chamber of Commerce supports the market as it will bring people to downtown and shop at all Valley Center businesses and restaurants. Council discussed the application process and questioned how other communities charge for Farmers Market. Councilmember Stamm stated that Derby charges \$25.00.

Colbert moved to approve waiver of vendor fees for those participating in the Kansas Flavor Farmers Market for 2021. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

B. 2020 FINANCIAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Auditor Sean Gordon, CPA presented the audit of the city's 2020 financial statements. He reported sound financial policies and no budgetary discrepancies.

Wilson moved to accept and file the audit report. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. POOL USE AGREEMENT WITH VCRC AND VCSC

Valley Center Recreation Commission requested approval of the agreement for use of the swimming pool between the City, the Rec. Commission and the Valley Center Swim Club. He stated that he did check with other communities to make sure that the rates are in line.

Stamm moved to approve agreement for pool use between the City of Valley Center, Valley Center Recreation Commission and the Valley Center Swim Club and authorize Mayor to sign, seconded by Anderson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY TO UTILIZE TYLER TECHNOLOGIES LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Public Safety Director Newman reported that Sedgwick County has approved and purchased a contract with Tyler Technologies for their new records management system. All cities in Sedgwick County are able to utilize the system at no charge at this time. He requested Council approve this agreement.

Anderson moved to approve agreement with Sedgwick county for Tyler Technologies Law Enforcement records Management System and authorize Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Davis. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SERVER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Asst. City Administrator Smith reported that the current server at the public safety building is already on the 2nd one year contract extension and requests approval to purchase a new Lenovo Tower server from Gilmore Solutions. Kerstetter inquired where the funding will come from. Smith stated it will be paid from the emergency equipment reserve fund. The server at public works will be scheduled for replacement in 2022.

Wilson moved to approve purchase of server from Gilmore solutions in the amount of \$21,367.09 for the Public Safety Building. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

F. ORDINANCE 1355-21; RE-ZONE

Administrator Clark asked Council to approve Ordinance 1355-21 regarding re-zoning of property in the Dill Hill Subdivision. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended the re-zoning classification from A-1 (agricultural district) to RR-1 (Suburban Residential district). Kerstetter verified that there is no entrance to the sub-division from Ford Street.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1355-21 re-zoning of land located just northeast of the lot currently addressed as 2216 E Ford St., Valley Center, Ks from A-1 to RR-1 for 1st reading, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - MAY 4, 2021
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021
- C. VALLEY CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
- D. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – APRIL 27, 2021

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

STAFF REPORTS

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that his department has been busy with the seasonal mowing and flower bed maintenance. They are also working on the swimming pool in anticipation of opening on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. They have a bit more painting due to the 2020 closure, but they do have sufficient supply of chlorine for the season due to not being open in 2020.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Valley Center moved up to the #1 position of the Safewise report for cities in Kansas.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Staff have been hanging the Veterans banners. There are 7 new banners, and they are all located along Main Street. The banners will be on display from May 1 through July 31st.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

The Open House for the public regarding the Strategic Plan will be held May 5, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Community Building.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR CICIRELLO

Inquired about the purple streetlights. Administrator Clark stated that we are on the list for replacement with Evergy, but the defective lights are an issue all over and Evergy is working on a solution.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON

Thank you to the City crew in hanging the Veterans Banners. They look great and he has heard of family and friends making plans to travel to Valley Center to see the banners.

COUNCILMEMBER KERSTETTER

Thanks to the Police Department for their work in keeping Valley Center safe and earning the distinction of Safewise #1 City.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Agreed that the purple lights are a bit strange at night.

He also had information from Sedgwick County regarding recycling events that will take place August.13-15, 2021.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk