

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2023
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, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson, and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Ben Anderson

Staff Present: Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building 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

Mayor Cicirello requested the addition of New Business E; Signature Card update approval to agenda. Stamm moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

JANUARY 17, 2023, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Colbert. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None.

APPOINTMENTS –

Mayor Cicirello requested approval of Mike McCormick to replace Richard Ranzau as the USD 262 representative on the Pool/Recreation Center Steering Committee. Stamm moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: Unanimous Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

A. KANSAS COLLEGIATE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION FUNDING REQUEST

Sheldon Howell with the Kansas Collegiate League Baseball addressed Council requesting funding for the 2023 baseball season. He stated that the 2022 kids baseball camp was a huge success with 150+ kids attending. He also mentioned that several of the players were hired by the City's parks department. Ideas for the 2023 season include a fireworks show and a game played against the Valley Center Baseball team.

Gregory inquired about the ages of the children attending the kid's camp. Howell stated they ranged from t-ball to high school, divided by age. Kerstetter said that he would be in favor of increasing the amount given last year.

Stamm moved to approve \$2,000.00 donation to the Mud Daubers. Motion seconded by Evans. Kerstetter asked how other funds are raised. Howell said the players fees are a large part, but the more funds raised from the community, the less the players fees are. Vote yea: Stamm, Evans, Bass, Kerstetter and Wilson. Opposed: Gregory and Colbert. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1385-23: RE-ZONING IN ARBOR VALLEY ADDITION

Shrack presented two Ordinances for approval. The re-zoning in Arbor Valley and Marquez Acres additions have been approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. The re-zoning of the properties from RR-1 to R-1B is needed to reduce the building setbacks and make it possible for future homeowners to have the option to build small accessory structures, pools, on the lots and still have the necessary open space for the wastewater systems. Kerstetter confirmed that the lot size is not changing.

Kerstetter moved to approve Ordinance 1385-23, re-zoning property in the Arbor Valley Addition for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE 1386-23: RE-ZONING IN MARQUEZ ACRES ADDITION

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1386-23, re-zoning property in the Marquez Acres Addition for 1st Reading. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. REQUEST TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR 2023 MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECTS

Public Works Director Eggleston requested approval of Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2023 Mill and Overlay projects. Streets to be re-surfaced include Meadow (from Fieldstone to Parkway) and 2nd St. (from Sheridan to Birch).

Wilson moved to approve the RFP for 2023 mill and overlay improvements, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

E. SIGNATURE CARD UPDATE APPROVAL (ADDITION TO AMENDED AGENDA)

Asst. City Administrator Smith introduced Desirae Womack, City Treasurer. She began with the City January 16th. Smith requested updates to the signature cards adding Womack as a designated signer at all banking institutions the city does business with.

Evans moved to approve Mayor Lou Cicirello, Council President Ben Anderson, Assistant City Administrator Barry Smith, and City Treasurer Desirae Womack as designated signers for all City bank accounts. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – FEBRUARY 7, 2023
- B. CHECK RECONCILIATION – DECEMBER 2022
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2022
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT – DECEMBER 2022
- E. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 23, 2023

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Announced the Home Show in Wichita will be March 2-5th. Valley Center will once again have a booth to promote Valley Center and housing developments, schools, etc. He has a signup sheet for volunteers.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Newman reported that the department has begun an accreditation program offered to departments across the State of Kansas. Departments must go through a process highlighting effective policing policy, consisting of 165 set of standards. It will be a challenge for his department, but he is excited for the program which must be completed in two years.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Eggleston stood for questions regarding his staff report.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR CICIRELLO

Stated that he feels the customer service provided by Waste Connections is lacking. A discussion regarding experiences with the company was held. Mayor Cicirello was especially frustrated with the recycling program. Administrator Clark stated that he is in contact with our representative and he has found they are very willing to help as needed. Waste Connections has also been very supportive of community events and projects by providing both service and monetary donations.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Reported on HB236 regarding homestead property. Also plans are beginning made for Old Kansas Day, which will be an opportunity for senior citizens to meet with legislators in Topeka. Colbert also reminded everyone about an information meeting next Monday, February 13th regarding the PACK Act. Please call him as space will be limited.

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

ADJOURN -

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk