

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2024
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Cicirello called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Stamm, Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
 Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
 Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
 Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
 Gage Scheer, City Engineer
 Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
 Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator
 Brent Clark, City Administrator
 Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk
 Desirae Womack, City Treasurer

Press present: Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

DECEMBER 19, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Evans moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Stamm. Vote Aye: Unanimous Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS –None

OUTGOING MAYOR RECOGNITION

Mayor Cicirello stated that he has served Valley Center for 14 years. There have been lots of changes, all for the best. He recognized the great staff and department heads. He also thanked the Council for serving with him. Thank You

Incoming Mayor Truman presented Cicirello with a plaque and thanked him for his service.

ADJOURN

Kerstetter moved to adjourn, second by Gregory. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Adjourn at 7:07pm

SWEAR IN OF MAYOR TRUMAN

City Clerk Carrithers swore James E Truman in as the new Mayor for the City of Valley Center.

Mayor Truman called the council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Stamm, Chris Evans, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Robert Wilson and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Gage Scheer, City Engineer
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Barry Smith, Assistant City Administrator
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS-

A. DESIGNATION OF ACCOUNT SIGNERS-EMPRISE, HALSTEAD AND INTRUST BANK:

Asst. City Administrator Smith stated that with the election of new Mayor, the signers of bank accounts will need updated. He requested official action to authorize the following persons to sign checks.

Barry Smith – Asst. City Administrator of Finance

Desirae Womack – City Treasurer

James (Jet) Truman – Mayor

Ben Anderson – Council President

Anderson moved to approve Barry Smith, Desirae Womack, Mayor Jet Truman and Ben Anderson as authorized signers on City of Valley Center checking accounts and removed Lou Cicirello as signer on all accounts. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote Aye: All. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF PEC BOUNDARY UPDATE AGREEMENT.

City Engineer Scheer stated that Sedgwick County has requested an updated city boundary description as annexations have occurred in recent years. With this agreement PEC will update/revise a 2023 Boundary description for the city.

Wilson moved to approve agreement with PEC to update 2023 Boundary Description in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 and authorize Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote Aye: unanimous. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF NORTH RIVERVIEW AT FAIRFIELD FINAL REPLAT

Community Development Director Shrack presented for approval the North Riverview at Fairfield final replat. It is located north of the intersection of 61st St and Fairfield Avenue. Gregory inquired whether this

includes the dog training area. Shrack stated it does not. On an unrelated topic, Stamm requested City staff investigate vacation of road at 63rd. St.

Wilson moved to approve final replat of North Riverview at Fairfield. Bass seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. ORDINANCE 1401-24; SPECIAL USE SE OF 85TH ST AND RIDGE ROAD

Community Development Shrack stated that the special use application was approved at the December Planning and Zoning Board Meeting. The next step is approval of Ordinance for special use with 2 readings. Shrack read from staff memo addressing concerns raised by residents near the proposed sand pit. Phil Meyer with Baughman Co. spoke as an agent for the applicant. He stated that many plan changes have been made to project since Sedgwick County denied application. Council had many questions regarding hours of operation, sound ordinance, berms, truck traffic and maintenance and ground water testing. Blayne Martin with Baughman Co. also addressed many of the questions. Kerstetter asked if the developers would consider testing groundwater prior to development and received an affirmative “yes”

A large group opposed to the special use Ordinance were in attendance. Mayor requested comments be limited and to speak on topics not already addressed. The following individuals voiced their opposition.

Deana Bushell, 8020 N 63rd. St W

Jennifer Lee, 5335 W. 81st N

Gary Lee, 5335 W. 81st. N

Chris McElgunn, 301N. Main St.

Jerry Hawkins, 401 N Fiddlers Creek

Daniel Clement with Burns & McDonnell addressed Council regarding water rights and the water treatment plant being built. Councilmember Stamm stated that he went to a sand pit operating on Hoover Road to check decibel levels. He found that cars had the loudest decibel levels, not the sand pit operation.

Kerstetter moved to adopt Ordinance 1401-24; special use for property located southeast of 85th St. and Ridge Road for 1st reading, based on recommendation of Planning and Zoning Board. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote Aye: Stamm, Bass, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter, Wilson and Colbert. Opposed: Evans.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – JANUARY 2, 2024

B. SEDGWICK COUNTY AGREEMENT FOR SENIOR CENTERS

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK

Announced that Bill Andrews has passed the testing to receive certification for Commercial Inspections. Stamm inquired whether he will also review building plans. Shrack replied that he would not.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Announced that tree removal has begun on Meridian between Main and 5th. Two lanes are open, but street parking is prohibited.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Working on lots of projects in 2024. He also continues to build strong relationships.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-

MAYOR TRUMAN

Thanked the voters for their support. He is looking forward to working with Councilmembers in the future.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Welcomed Mayor Truman to the governing body.

COUNCILMEMBER KERSTETTER

Requested a definite truck route through Valley Center be defined and posted before the sand pit begins operations.

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

ADJOURN -

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk