

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 21, 2024  
CITY HALL  
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: Clint Bass

Staff Present: Matthew Vogt, Police Captain  
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director  
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk/HR Director

Press present: Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gregory made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Evans seconded the motion. Vote: Aye unanimous Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –**  
**MAY 7, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-**

Stamm moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Aye: unanimous Motion Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –**

Markey Jonas and Kimberly Neufeld, WAMPO, presented information regarding WAMPO projects, City of Valley Center has funding suballocated for Meridian Ave and the Seneca St. multiuse path. They also asked that council members and citizens participate in a survey regarding future projects. Public meetings regarding regional transit implementation plan will be held in Goddard and BelAire.

**PUBLIC FORUM –**

Stephen Owens, PO Box 606, Hesston, KS introduced himself. He is currently representing the 74<sup>th</sup> District. He is running for the State Senate.

**APPOINTMENTS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. APPROVAL OF WELL #12 REHAB:**

Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director presented quote for well #12 rehab. He explained that rehab on well #10 & #11 was completed in 2022 and 2023. Kerstetter verified that the final cost could be lower or higher depending on additional repairs or if the sonar jet treatment isn't needed.

Kerstetter moved to accept bid from Sargent Drilling for rehab of well #12 in the amount of \$16,510.00. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Aye: unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. APPROVAL TO APPOINT INTERIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR:**

City Clerk/HR Director Carrithers requested council appoint the City Administrator granting authority of duties of the Community Development Director. Evans questioned whether a different staff member should be assigned those duties as the City Administrator already has so many duties. Shrack explained that the role of floodplain manager is vital to sign official documents and reports.

Stamm moved to appoint City Administrator as interim Community Development Director. Seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Aye: unanimous. Motion Carried.

**C. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONSULTATION PRIVILEGED IN ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP:**

Gregory moved, seconded by Anderson to recess into executive session for ten minutes to consult with City Attorney, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City Council chamber at 7:32 pm. Included in executive session in addition to City Council are City Attorney Arbuckle and Mayor. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Session started at 7:22pm

Mayor Truman called meeting back to order at 7:32 pm.

Gregory stated no official action was taken by Council while in executive session.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – MAY 21, 2024
- B. TREASURER’S REPORT – APRIL 2024
- C. CHECK RECONCILIATION – APRIL 2024
- D. REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT – APRIL 2024
- E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES – MAY 1, 2024
- F. LIONS PARK SPECIAL USE REQUEST – PATHWAY CHURCH -JUNE 23, 2024

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SHRACK**

Announced that this will be his final meeting. His last day will be May 24<sup>th</sup>. Shrack read a statement thanking the City of Valley Center, the administration, the governing body and his staff. He highlighted the accomplishments from the past 8 ½ years.

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS**

A survey is being prepared to gather input on site plans and playgrounds. The ribbon cutting for the new splash pad at the Lions Park pool will be Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Work continues for Ford Street welcome sign. Depending on weather, the sign should be installed next week.

**POLICE CAPTAIN VOGT**

Citizens Academy will be held May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in City Hall.

New Officer Little graduated from Academy last Friday, He is currently completing field training.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON**

His public works staff have been busy cleaning up following the weekend storm. Work on Meridian continues.

**CITY CLERK/HR DIRECTOR CARRITHERS**

Reported that a conditional offer for the Finance Director position has been made. Tentative start date will be June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The position of Community Development Director has been opened. Have begun to receive resumes and applications.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-**

**MAYOR TRUMAN**

Assisted at schools last Thursday and Friday. Each school was presented with a street sign with their winning street name.

A farewell reception for Mr. Shrack will be held, Thursday, from 4:00-6:00pm

**COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT**

Requested Council discussion and possible updates to Ordinances regarding golf carts and speed limits within the city limits.

Reported that WAMPO is also gathering information regarding a county transportation system that would provide rides from Valley Center. He also stated that he will be cutting back on some of his committee responsibilities. Would like to step down from WAMPO.

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Thanked Ryan Shrack for all the work he has done for the City of Valley Center. He will be missed.

Stamm moved to adjourn, second by Kerstetter. Vote Aye: Unanimous.

**ADJOURN -**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.**

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**Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk/HR Director**