

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 4, 2024

CITY HALL

121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Truman called the budget presentation workshop meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Matt Stamm, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter and Ronald Colbert.

Members Absent: Ben Anderson, Chris Evans, Clint Bass and Robert Wilson

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Desirae Womack, City Treasurer
Kristi Carithers, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director Eggleston reported on the Public Works department. The public works department has 4 separate areas, streets, water, wastewater and stormwater. The streets division maintains 74.4 miles of streets and roads. An increase of \$135,040 is requested with the majority of the increase going to salaries and benefits.

The water department is requesting additional funding of \$21,056. Again, most of the increase will be salaries and benefits.

An increase of \$29,643 is requested by the sewer department.

Director Eggleston stated that he has worked very hard on creating a balanced budget.

Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director stated that his department has processed permits in 2024 for 12 new single family and 36 multi-family homes. The new position added in 2023 has assisted in code enforcement and in meter locates and serve as the stormwater officer. Bill Andrews completed tests for commercial inspections, thus enabling all residential and commercial inspections to be done by city staff. An increase of \$11,242 will ensure investment back to the community through the Main Street Valley Center program and economic development resources as well as stay competitive with salaries and benefits.

Parks and Public Buildings Director Owings reminded Council these staff are responsible for all things outdoor and in public buildings. Owings reported funding for HVAC unit, Meridian Street tree replacement, contract mowing, and custodial services are planned. An increase of \$54,307 is requested.

Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director, requested an increase of \$57,829 for the police department. He will be bringing proposal for create additional captain and corporal positions

Newman would also propose a lieutenant position for the fire department. The position will ensure coverage in the absence of the Chief and Captain. The department request is an additional \$63,492.

Desirae Womack, City Treasurer has projected an increase of \$33,683. Increases were needed in the HIP/CHIP program, Fleet Management Transfer and salaries and benefits.

Kerstetter moved to adjourn the work session, seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried. Session adjourned at 6:54pm. Mayor Truman reminded everyone the regular Council meeting will begin at 7:00pm

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk

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

Members Absent: Ben Anderson and Clint Bass

Staff Present: Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director
Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Gage Scheer, City Engineer
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Desirae Womack, 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 Kerstetter. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

Stamm moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

APPOINTMENTS –

Councilmember Colbert requested a replacement for his appointment to the WAMPO-Transportation Policy Board at the May 21, 2024, council meeting. Mayor Truman agreed to be the Valley Center representative. Rodney Eggleston continues to be the alternate. Kerstetter made a motion to approve the appointment of James Truman to the WAMPO-TPB. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS-

A. APPROVAL OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN-BUILD, AMENDMENT NO 2 WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL

Brian Meyer, Burns and McDonnell and Ryan McClaskey presented amendment no. 2 for the water treatment plant design/build. The amendment will take the design to approximately 60%. They explained that the large increase is due in part because of the sizing of the plant as well as design and procurement process regarding Build American Buy American. BABA stipulates that 55% of value must be derived from USA products.

Kerstetter moved to approve Amendment No. 2 with Burns and McDonnell for water treatment plant design-build increasing contract by \$1,050,000.00 and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF RIO BELLA FINAL PLAT

City Administrator Clark requested approval of the final plat for the Rio Bella development. These 80 acres will be plated into 35 residential lots. Water will come from City, with lines going under river.

Based on approval granted by the Planning and Zoning Board, Wilson moved to approve the final plat for Rio Bella. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote Yea: Stamm, Evans, Gregory, Kerstetter, Wilson, and Colbert. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

C. DISCUSSION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE VALLEY CENTER CITY LIMITS

Councilmember Colbert requested review of Ordinance 1302-17 regarding the use of golf carts within the city limits. Public Safety Director Newman reported that our Ordinance does need to be reviewed as it doesn't match the STO. Also reported that a classification of low-speed vehicles can be tagged by the State of Kansas. Staff will review and draft a proposed Ordinance and present it to Council at a later date.

D. DISCUSSION OF SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE VALLEY CENTER CITY LIMITS

Councilmember Colbert noted the inconsistency of speed limits within Valley Center. He would like to see a more uniform speed limit throughout the city. Director Newman stated that the city follows the STO. Some residential areas have been changed due to street limitations regarding width or conditions and are clearly marked with speed limit signs. If all streets were changed to a lower limit, speed limit signs would be needed throughout every neighborhood and street. Several Councilmembers stated they didn't see a need to changes to speed limits at this time. No action was taken.

E. ORDINANCE 1406-24: FIREWORK SALES

City Administrator Clark presented Ordinance 1406-24 regarding the sale and discharge of fireworks. The City of Wichita recently made changes to their firework ordinance. To capture tax revenue from July 5th, the proposed ordinance would allow the sale and discharge of fireworks on July 5th matching the hours of July 4th. Kerstetter stated that although he is in favor of the change this year. He would like to have it reviewed when the holiday isn't part of a weekend.

Stamm moved to approve Ordinance 1406-24 regarding the sale and discharging of fireworks within the city limits of Valley Center for 1st. reading. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

F. APPROVAL TO CLOSE CITY OFFICES JULY 5, 2024

City Administrator Clark requested Council approve closure of City offices on July 5th. All essential services, including emergency response and public safety, will continue to operate as usual. Clark stated that staff works very hard, and he would like to recognize them with additional time off.

Evans moved to close city offices on July 5th in observance of July 4th holiday. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: Stamm, Evans, Gregory, Kerstetter, Wilson, and Colbert. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – JUNE 4, 2024

B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – MARCH 2024

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

STAFF REPORTS

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWNINGS

The ribbon cutting for the Lions Park splash pad was held. Thanked Mayor Truman and Councilmember Gregory for attending. Reported that the Ford Street welcome sign has been installed. He plans to have public survey out next week. Wilson asked how public is aware of evening closures of the splash pad. Ownings and Clark stated that pool rentals are handled by the rec. commission and pool staff. Due to the large number of after-hour rentals, it would probably be best to assume that the splash pad at Lions Park is only open to public use without pool entry fee in the mornings.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported on progress on Meridian project.

CITY CLERK/HR DIRECTOR CARRITHERS

Have received 44 resumes/applications for the Community Development Director position. Have begun the review process. The Public Safety and Public Works departments continue to accept applications for openings.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Introduced Clint Miller as the Finance Director. He will begin with the city next Monday, June 10th.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

Stamm moved to adjourn, second by Gregory. Vote Yea: Unanimous.

ADJOURN -

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk