

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 1, 2024  
CITY HALL  
121 S. MERIDIAN

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

Members Absent: Ronald Colbert

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director  
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Kyle Fiedler, Community Development Director  
Gage Scheer, City Engineer  
Clint Miller, Finance Director  
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney  
Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk/HR Director  
Brent Clark, City Administrator

Press present: Ark Valley News

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-**

Stamm moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Evans. Vote Aye: Unanimous Motion Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – None**

**PUBLIC FORUM –**

The Valley Center Lions Club announced that the 2024 Car Show had a record 179 cars registered. The members thanked the city staff for all their help, especially the public safety department. New event to the car show was a kid's zone, that was well received. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Mayor Truman.

**APPOINTMENTS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. DAR – WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:**

Pam Brillhart, with Service to Veterans Wreaths Across America Chair requested a donation of \$350.00 to purchase Remembrance Wreaths to be placed on graves on each of the 46 veterans buried in the Valley Center Cemetery. Ceremony will be held on December 14th.

Wilson made motion to approve donation to the DAR for the Wreaths across America program in the amount of \$350.00. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Aye: unanimous. Motion carried

**B. RESOLUTION 765-24: AUTHORIZATION FOR INTRA FI ACCOUNT – EMPRISE BANK:**

Finance Director Miller presented information regarding IntraFi investment options. He explained the City's investment policy. He has consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities to ensure compliance with State Statute. With the current inverted yield curves investing is less predictable in the short term. This option will allow excess funds to earn much higher rates. All funds will remain under the FDIC insured limit. Councilmember Wilson commented that he is very familiar with this product, and it has been a huge asset, especially now with the inverted curve. Council further discussed risk of losing funds, even with the FDIC insurance coverage. Halstead Bank opting out of Intra Fi. Administrator Clark explained that a diversification of revenue streams is needed as expenses do not decrease. It was also recommended that City Council President Anderson be included as an authorized signer. City Arbuckle noted that those Councilmembers that have conflict of interest with the banks could abstain from the vote.

Bass moved to adopt Resolution 765-24, expanding the investment option for the City of Valley Center with an IntraFi account with Emprise Bank. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote Aye: Bass, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter and Stamm. Abstain Wilson and Evans. Motion carried.

Bass moved to approve Clint Miller, Desirae Womack, Mayor James Truman and Council President Ben Anderson as authorized signers on Emprise Bank -City of Valley Center IntraFi account. Vote Aye: Bass, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter and Stamm. Abstain Wilson and Evans. Motion carried.

**C. RESOLUTION 766-24: AUTHORIZATION FOR INTRA FI ACCOUNT – INTRUST BANK:**

Miller requested Council approval of Resolution 766-24 giving authority to open IntraFi account with Intrust Bank.

Stamm moved to adopt Resolution 766-24, expanding the investment option for the City of Valley Center with an IntraFi account with Intrust Bank. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Stamm moved to approve Clint Miller, Desirae Womack, Mayor James Truman and Council President Ben Anderson as authorized signers on Intrust Bank -City of Valley Center IntraFi account. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

**D. RESOLUTION 768-24: REGION G HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:**

Community Development Director Fiedler presented Resolution 768-24. This Resolution adopts the 2024 Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan. This mitigation plan expands the plan actions and ensures that more funding is available if a disaster happens.

Evans moved to approve Resolution 768-24, adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – OCTOBER 1, 2024**

**B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT –JULY 2024**

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FIEDLER**

Announced that this Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be the final farmers market for the season. It will be held from 4:00-7:00pm. There will be a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 6:00pm.

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS**

The McLaughlin Park restrooms are closed currently due to vandalism. He hopes they can get them reopened soon. Roger Stewart and Owings have been in contact with all homeowners, except three, on North Meridian regarding the 83 replacement trees. The welcome sign at Ford and Broadway is ready for the electrical contractor to install lights. Owings also stated that the DAR plans to donate a bench to be placed in Veterans Park to honor Pam Porter who gave so much time to the organization.

**CITY ENGINEER SCHEER**

East side is finished on South Meridian. Work on the center lanes is delayed as the milling equipment is being repaired but should be working by Thursday.

**CITY CLERK/HR DIRECTOR CARRITHERS**

Reminded attendees going to the League of Kansas Municipalities conference October 10-12<sup>th</sup>. All voting delegates should plan on attending the annual meeting on Saturday.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK**

Announced that thanks to all who donated blood on Monday, 240 lives were impacted. Valley Center had 6 first time donors. We also won the Park City/Valley Center Challenge with Valley Center having 49 donors to Park City's 31 donors.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-**

**MAYOR TRUMAN**

Thanked everyone who donated blood. Also thanked the Lions Club for a great car show. He had fun talking to 82 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students about local city government.

**COUNCILMEMBER EVANS**

Thanked Director Miller for his diligent work.

**COUNCILMEMBER STAMM**

Also thanked Miller for working and obtaining investment options. He also wanted to recognize Park City Mayor John Lehnher, as he has recently been named Mayor of the Year. Good to see "local" people recognized.

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

**ADJOURN -**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.**

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