

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 5, 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, Clint Bass, Ben Anderson, Gina Gregory, Dale Kerstetter, Chris Evans and Matt Stamm.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director  
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Building Director  
Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director  
Kyle Fiedler, Community Development Director  
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**

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

**ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –**

**OCTOBER 15, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-**

Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Gregory. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS – NONE**

**PUBLIC FORUM –**

Mike Miller, 701 Dover addressed Council regarding concerns with the budget process. He thanked Finance Director Miller for his exploration of revenue sources to offset expenses.

**APPOINTMENTS – NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. MAIN STREET CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS EVENTS REQUEST:**

Main Street Valley Center President Chris Strunk requested Council approval to close the 100 block of West Main Street on December 7, 2024, for the annual Hometown Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. Closure would be from 6:00-9:00pm. With the tree lighting ceremony at 7:00pm.

Stamm moved to approve request for street closure of the 100 block of West Main Street on December 7, 2024, between 6:00-9:00pm for Hometown Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. Seconded by Bass. Vote Aye: unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. SENECA STREET TRAFFIC ANALYSIS:**

Kristy Skaggs, PEC, presented the traffic analysis for the intersection of Seneca St. and Tanner Trail. Based on new residential and elementary school development, it was recommended a single-lane roundabout be included in the design. The analysis projected the biggest concern was during the a.m. drop off period and morning commute. A short computer-generated video showed the eastbound Tanner

Trail traffic backing up at the intersection with a stop control vs the roundabout. Kerstetter inquired whether a traffic light is an option. Skaggs stated that a traffic light isn't warranted, Kerstetter stated that he dislikes roundabouts and is not in favor of this design. Bass and Wilson spoke in support of the installation of roundabouts and explained how they have experienced a smoother and faster flow of traffic. Anderson and Stamm stated that safety at the intersection should be the #1 concern. Traffic especially buses attempting turns are more likely to be involved in a serious accident. Skaggs shared that traffic lights have become very hard to get because most are manufactured in Florida. Due to the recent hurricanes availability and costs are prohibitive. Gregory inquired about loan agreement with KDOT. Administrator Clark stated that control and decisions remain local. Colbert asked about delivery trucks and the impact they might have.

Bass moved to accept the traffic analysis and approve the recommendation of a roundabout at Seneca and Tanner Trail. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: Colbert, Wilson, Bass, Anderson, Gregory, Evans and Stamm. Opposed: Kerstetter. Motion carried.

**C. RESOLUTION 769-24: AUTHORIZATION FOR INTRAFI ACCOUNT-LEGACY BANK:**

Finance Director Miller presented resolution to open IntraFi account with Legacy Bank. He stated that Legacy Bank had reached out to him directly regarding accounts. He reported that funds have been transferred to IntraFi accounts with Fidelity Bank. Following approval of Resolution, a second motion to name the authorized signers is needed.

Kerstetter moved to adopt Resolution 769-24, expanding the investment option with Legacy Bank for the City of Valley Center with an IntraFi account. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

Kerstetter moved to approve Clint Miller, Desirae Womack, Mayor James Truman and Council President Anderson as authorized signers on Legacy Bank – City of Valley Center IntraFi account. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT:**

Finance Director Miller presented the bids received for financial audit. Three bids were received for the five-year contract. Gordon CPA submitted the lowest qualified bid in an amount of \$92,815.00. Gordon CPA is the city's current auditing firm.

Evans moved to award Gordon CPA a five-year contract for financial auditing services in an amount of \$92,815.00 and authorize Mayor to sign. Seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**E. APPROVAL OF RFP – BANKING SERVICES:**

Finance Director Miller reported to Council his experiences with working with Sedgwick County Banks and specifically Intrust Bank. He has requested that Intrust match the current T-bill rates as other banks have pledged to match that rate. He explained the loss of interest income is a large amount. Intrust notified Miller that they would not raise the interest rates for City accounts Intrust also has lots and lots of fees. While Miller acknowledge the long history with Intrust, he requests authorization to request proposals for banking services from other Sedgwick County banks. Anderson asked whether a change would impact residents and staff. Miller stated that staff would be impacted during the transition, residents would probably not notice the change.

Kerstetter moved to approve RFP for banking services and collect proposals. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – NOVEMBER 5, 2024
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT – AUGUST 2024
- C. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – OCTOBER 22, 2024
- D. ALCOHOL WAIVER REQUEST – DECEMBER 6, 2024

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

**PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS**

Reported that first trees for Meridian have been delivered. Additional trees will be delivered at later dates. Staff will be working closely with residents as these will be planted along Meridian depending on variety.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN**

Police department staff have again placed in the lobby an Angel Tree. Profiles of children requesting help through the Christmas season are placed on the tree. Everyone is encouraged to select a child and purchase items for the child listed on their profile.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON**

Reported that the lights for North Meridian are scheduled to be shipped on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The closure of Meridian at the railroad crossing has been delayed due to the recent rain until Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Reported that even with the heavy rain over the weekend the drainage along North Meridian did not experience flooded streets.

Staff has been exploring option for advance warnings for the crosswalks on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Wilson inquired about the concrete flume at Goff and Fieldstone. The rains have created a pool. Eggleston said that the rains have delayed the project, but he would call.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR MILLER**

Stated that he tried to keep relationship with Intrust Bank, They will be invited to submit a proposal for banking services, he just felt that they thought he was bluffing with other banks rates. Following the transfer of funds to invest in Fidelity's IntrFi accounts maybe they will be competitive. Kerstetter asked whether the decision to not match rates was at the local level. Miller stated that he was talking with one of the Vice-Presidents not local.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK**

Public Works Director Eggleston reported that Nicholas Manning began at the Utility Manager. He brings extensive water and utility background. His previous position was Utilities Director at McAllister, Oklahoma. Skylar Fleetwood also began as equipment operator with the streets department. Eggleston will plan on introducing both gentlemen at the next council meeting.

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-**

**MAYOR TRUMAN**

Stated that he also drove down Meridian Ave during the heavy rain and no water was standing. Thanked the Chamber and Main Street Valley Center for a great Trick or Treat event. Very well attended.

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

**ADJOURN -**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.**

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