

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 3, 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
Kyle Fiedler, Community Development Director
Gage Scheer, City Engineer
Clint Miller, Finance Director
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Kristi Carithers, City Clerk/HR Director
Brent Clark, City Administrator

Press present: Ark Valley News

Boy Scout Troop 494 lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

NOVEMBER 19, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Correction to minutes of the November 19, 2024, minutes. Chris Evans was not presented at the meeting. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024, City Council meeting as amended, seconded by Gregory. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

PUBLIC FORUM –

Mayor Truman recognized the Scouts from Troop 494 attending the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS –

Gregory moved to approve the appointment of Amy Bradley to fill and open position on the Planning and Zoning Board through April 2026. Kerstetter seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS-

A. APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT INSPECTION SERVICES - PEC:

Gage Scheer, PEC presented supplemental agreement for Water Treatment Plant. Introduced Sarah Unruh who has been working closely on the project. Kerstetter inquired whether this expense will be rolled into the loan. Administrator Clark reported it is not currently part of the loan as approval happens in stages but anticipates it will be rolled into the loan in the future. Scheer stated that the increase in the supplemental agreement is due to the final scope of the project and the length of the project construction being over a year.

Kerstetter moved to approve supplemental inspection agreement with PEC for Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$744,927.71 and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Seconded by Anderson. Vote Aye: unanimous. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF BID FOR TASER PURCHASE:

Public Safety Director Newman requested approval to re-allocate funds to purchase 18 Tasers from Axon Enterprise. He explained the current tasers used are over 7 years old, with the and an expected life span of only 5 years. Kerstetter asked if the old ones can be returned for a credit. Newman stated that after all officers are trained with the new ones, they will send back in the old ones.

Anderson moved to approve bid to purchase 18 Tasers 10's from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$82,745.20 and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Motion seconded by Bass. Vote Yea: unanimous Motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION 771-24 KPERS 401(a):

City Clerk/HR Director Carrithers requested approval of Resolution 771-24. She explained that the Resolution establishes qualified defined contribution plan under Code Section 401(a) with KPERS. As the City makes contributions on behalf of City Administrator and Fire Chief these contributions should be made into a 401(a) plan, not the KPERS 457 plan.

Stamm moved to approve Resolution 771-24 to establish a 401(a) defined contribution plan with KPERS. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

D. ORDINANCE 1413-24; INVESTMENT OF MONEYS:

Finance Director Miller presented Ordinance 1413-24. He explained the current ordinance policies dated back to 1961, 1973 and 2005, so all were outdated. Ordinance 1413-24 would repeal and replace all current Ordinances contained in the Valley Center Municipal Code.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1413-24 regarding investment of moneys for 1st reading. Seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – DECEMBER 3, 2024
- B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT
- C. MOU WITH VA FOR PARKING

Kerstetter moved, seconded by Stamm to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote Aye: Colbert, Wilson, Anderson, Gregory, Kerstetter, Evans and Stamm. Bass abstained from vote. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FIEDLER

Explained that an updated flyer regarding the Flood Insurance Program was included in the recent utility bill. Valley Center is a level 7 city which intitles residents to purchase Federal Flood Insurance (if needed) at a 15% discount.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS

Owings reported that the first 20 trees have been planted along North Meridian St. The DAR Wreathes Across American service will be December 14th at 11:00am.

The city Christmas Tree and sleigh have been delivered downtown for Saturday's Main Street Christmas event.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Reported that the funds for the tasers are available due to staffing shortages. There are 4 officers short. He recognized the current officers and staff for their hard work. The department has conducted numerous interviews and conducted extensive background investigations to ensure that quality officers are hired not quantity of slots filled.

CITY ENGINEER SCHEER

Planting of trees along north Meridian has begun. The lights are scheduled to be shipped on Friday. Work on the west lane of south Meridian is being completed as well as the railroad road crossing. Work on the roundabout at 69th Street is scheduled to begin in late January 2025.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-

COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY

Reminded everyone to about the Christmas Tree lighting event on Main Street this Saturday, December 7th beginning at 7:00pm.

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

ADJOURN -

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk/HR Director