

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2025

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

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

JANUARY 7, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Bass moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Colbert. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

PUBLIC SAFETY PROMOTIONS

Public Safety Director Newman announced two promotions within the Public Safety department.

Ben English was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. His wife pinned his new badge.

Jason Easley was promoted to the rank of Captain. Many of his family attended and his brother and his wife pinned his badge and bars.

PUBLIC FORUM –

APPOINTMENTS –

VALLEY CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Ben Anderson – expires December 2026 (reappointment)

Tim Hoffman – expires December 2026 (reappointment)

Ron Colbert – expires December 2026 (reappointment)

Brian Haight – expires December 2026 (reappointment)

Randy Jackson – expires December 2026 (reappointment)

Brendan McGettigan – expires December 2026 (reappointment)

Gregory moved to approve the appointments to the Economic Development Board as presented. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1417-25; SOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS

Community Development Director Fiedler presented for final approval Ordinance 1417-25 regarding Solar Energy Conversion Systems. He stated that included in final ordinance was definition of “Forbs” and specified that the entire Energy Conversion System is required to have a six-foot fence surrounding it. Kerstetter noted that Section 10 referred to Abandonment, but he would like to have a separate section specifically addressing disposal plans.

Following a short discussion, Kerstetter moved to table approval of Ordinance 1417-25, seconded by Bass. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. FINANCIAL BANKING SERVICES

Finance Director Miller presented information and requested approval to award financial banking services to Peoples Bank. Miller explained that in review final proposal from Equity Bank, the proposal used a formula that was less than he originally based his recommendation on. The proposal from Peoples Bank did include the full T-bill rate, but it was listed in a section listed as high yield savings, (which isn’t an account City uses). City Staff met with Peoples Bank last week and recommend that the RFP from Peoples Bank be awarded.

Kerstetter moved to switch the three-year RFP award for banking services contract from Equity Bank to Peoples Bank. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote Yea: unanimous Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. RIO BELLA BID AWARD – PEARSON CONSTRUCTION

Eric Glover, Garver requested awarding bid for the Rio Bella Addition to Pearson Construction.

Bass moved to award bid for improvement in the Rio Bella Addition to Pearson Construction and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Motion seconded by Anderson. Vote Yea: unanimous Motion carried

B. APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – PEARSON CONSTRUCTION

Eric Glover, Garver presented information and the construction contract for improvements in the Rio Bella Addition. Pearson Construction submitted the lowest qualified bid of \$879,095.75.

Bass moved to approve Construction Agreement with Pearson Construction for improvements in the Rio Bella Addition and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Eric Glover, Garver requested approval of the Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services Contract in an amount not exceeding \$97,400.00. This will be for professional services for the construction phase for the paving and grading project in the Rio Bella Addition.

Evans moved to approve contract amendment for the Rio Bella Addition with Garver in an amount not to exceed \$97,400.00 and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Stamm seconded the motion.

Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. APPROVAL OF RFP – 2025 ROADWAY UPGRADE SERVICES

Public Works Director Eggleston requested approval of RFP (request of proposal) for the 2025 Roadway Upgrade Services. 18,860 square yards of pavement on Ash Street and 3rd Street have been selected.

Kerstetter inquired what happens if a street is determined to be in such disrepair that a mil and overlay will not solve the issue. Eggleston stated that such a street would need a full depth replacement. Both streets have good bases and a mil and overlay would repair them.

Wilson moved to approve the RFP and authorized staff to collect proposals for Roadway Upgrade Services. Bass seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF RFP – 2025 WATER WELL SERVICES

Public Works Director Eggleston requested approval of RFP (request of proposal) for the 2025 Water Well Services. He explained that this will clean and service the City’s three raw water wells. In the past maintenance on the wells were rotated. This will ensure that all wells are ready for the water treatment plant.

Wilson moved to approve the RFP and authorized staff to collect proposals for Water Well Services. Bass seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

F. ORDINANCE 1418-25; AMEND NUISANCE REGULATIONS

Comm. Dev. Director Fiedler and Public Safety Director Eggleston presented Ordinance No. 1418-25, which amends the nuisance regulation in City Code. This change requires all property owners to maintain the City ROW, except for where there is an 8-foot or wider multi-use path, which the City would still maintain the ROW. City would be able to bill property owners if necessary Stamm indicated that he would prefer that mowing be contracted out instead of city staff mowing. Evans moved to approve Ordinance 1418-25 amending the City's nuisance regulations for 1st reading. Motion seconded by Kerstetter. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – JANUARY 21, 2025
- B. SENIOR CENTER AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK COUNTY
- C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2025

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

STAFF REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FIEDLER

Reminded Council about the upcoming home show beginning January 30th. He has a sign in sheet seeking volunteers to work in the booth.

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that 50 trees have been planted along North Meridian. 30 more trees will be planted later in the spring.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NEWMAN

Announced that Bailey Rainwater has been hired for a patrol officer. She will begin training at the academy mid-February, although she is on a cancellation list to begin earlier. Hayden Schwartz began as patrol officer today. Although he is certified, he will undergo approximately 10 weeks of field training with our current officers. Newman also has more applicants working through the process

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Eggleston reported that his department was out working the streets due to the snowstorm. He stated that all equipment has been repaired and the brine applicator has been installed. Work on South Meridian is stopped due to the extreme cold but Pearson expects to be back working at the end of this week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Announced that during a progress meeting work on Meridian is approximately one month behind schedule. That pushes back the closure of 69th and Meridian back as well.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-

MAYOR TRUMAN

Thanked City Staff for all their work and thanked the residents of Valley Center for their patience in getting streets cleared.

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

ADJOURN -

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

