

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 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, and Matt Stamm.

Members Absent: Dale Kerstetter and Chris Evans

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Gregory moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Wilson. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

A. NORTH MERIDIAN TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Parks and Public Building Director Owings stated that this update will be presented at the March 4, 2025, Council meeting.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY PROMOTIONS

Public Safety Director Newman announced the following promotions for officers in the Police Department. Sergeant- Greg Fox, Corporal- Rasheed Berry, Liliana Garcia, Scott Hamlin and Ceara Hay.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1418-25; AMEND NUISANCE REGULATIONS

Community Development Director Fiedler presented for final approval Ordinance 1418-25 which amends the nuisance regulations in City Code. As directed by Council a change in the final draft was made granting authority to City Administrator and Public Works Director to grant exceptions for agricultural use land in special circumstances. Final Draft also has a change to date of final approval due to postponement of Council meeting.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1418-25 to amend City's nuisance regulation for final reading. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. APPROVAL OF REAL ESTATE CONTRACT WITH USD NO 262

City Administrator Clark presented contract between the City of Valley Center and Unified School District No. 262. This is for property legally described as Lot 1 Block F in the Trails End Addition of Valley Center commonly known as 1500 East Tanner Trail. School Superintendent Greg Lehr addressed Council and reported that work will begin in a few weeks. A ground "bringing" is planned. Dirt from each school will be brought to the new school site. The new school will open in fall 2026.

Stamm moved to approve contract to sell real estate located at Lot 1 Block F in the Trails End Addition of Valley Center, Kansas for \$1.00 to USD 262. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MINUTES – JANUARY 28, 2025

Community Development Director Fiedler presented minutes for the January 28, 2025, Planning and Zoning Board Meeting. He explained the Council needed to accept and file these minutes. Motion to accept and file minutes is needed prior to discussion of proposed Ordinance 1420-25.

Wilson moved to accept and file minutes from January 28, 2025, Planning and Zoning Board Meeting. Colbert seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE 1420-25; COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTION

Community Development Director Fiedler explained the process and history in the development of the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that following his presentation of the 2025-2035 Comprehensive Plan, the Mayor should open a public hearing. Following the public hearing and Council discussion a motion to approve Ordinance for first reading is needed. Fiedler stated that multiple committee and public forum meetings were held to go over all details.

Mayor Truman opened the public hearing at 7:28pm. Paul Spranger a member of the Planning and Zoning Board addressed Council with the opportunity this plan has to set the vision for future of Valley Center. Valley Center has a great school system and retains the small-town feel, but the vision is vital. Public hearing closed at 7:32pm.

Wilson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and approve for 1st reading Ordinance 1420-25, approving the Valley Center 2025-2035 Comprehensive Plan as the official Comprehensive Plan for the City of Valley Center. Anderson seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. AWARD BID OF 2025 RAW WATER SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Public Works Director presented the proposal received from Sargent Drilling for raw water services and maintenance for the three city wells. He stated Sargent was the only bid received, but prior experience with their company has always been positive.

Colbert moved to accept bid from Sargeant Drilling for 2025 Water Well Services in the amount of \$54,570.00 and authorize Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Bass seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

E. AWARD BID OF 2025 ROADWAY UPGRADE SERVICES

Public Works Director Eggleston reported that two proposals were received for Road Upgrade Services. In keeping with the overall street rehabilitation strategy, Apac of Kansas submitted the lowest qualified bids for the approximately 18,860 square yards of pavement for 2" mill & overlay. This will be for 3rd Street, Sheridan to RR and Ash St. 5th St to Main. Gregory inquired about work needed on South Seneca. Eggleston stated that project will be included in a WAMPO project.

Wilson moved to approve of the award of the negotiated proposal for the 2024 Roadway Upgrade services of the selected street segments from Apac of Kansas in the amount of \$283,575.00. Authorize the Mayor or City. Bass seconded the motion. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – FEBRUARY 18, 2025

B. DELINQUENT ACCOUNT REPORT

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES

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

STAFF REPORTS

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDING DIRECTOR OWINGS

Reported that Jonathan Holdaway has been hired into his department. Holdaway started this morning. They are still looking to schedule interviews for the other open position.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Eggleston submitted a department report in the agenda. He stated there is another delay with the Meridan Street project due to weather.

FINANCE DIRECTOR MILLER

He reported that the full conversion of accounts to Peoples Bank should occur in approximately 14 days. Linlee Prater will begin with the City as Accounting Clerk next week.

CITY CLERK/HR DIRECTOR CARRITHERS

Thanked the City on behalf of the wellness committee and all staff for the opportunity for Rec. Center memberships. Staff were able to utilize the soft opening this week.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLARK

Announced the Open House and ribbon cutting for the Rec. Center will be Saturday, February 22nd. The open house will be held from 9:00-11:00am with the ribbon cutting at 11:00. Clark stated that the Recreation Center was the direct result of the need and support of the community. Thank You.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-

MAYOR TRUMAN

Truman noted how good North Meridian looks with the lights and flags. Truman also thanked city staff for the snow removal following the latest snow.

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Submitted a report regarding sites that have wells on the EPA list.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS

Bass also noted the staff working to clear the streets of snow. Noted they were working overnight to clear roads.

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

ADJOURN -

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk/HR Director