

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2025

CITY HALL

121 S. MERIDIAN

Council President Anderson 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, Chris Evans and Matt Stamm.

Members Absent: Mayor Truman and Dale Kerstetter

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

Press present: Ark Valley News

APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –

MARCH 18, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MINUTES-

Evans moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2025, City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Gregory. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –

A. ROGER STEWART MONTH PROCLAMATION

City Council President Anderson read a proclamation recognizing and extending gratitude to Roger Stewart for his years of dedicated service to the community. The month of April 2025 has been declared as Roger Stewart Month in Valley Center. Thank you for your service.

B. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Council President Anderson asked Roger Stewart to read the 2025 Arbor Day Proclamation declaring April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Valley Center.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. ORDINANCE 1421-25: SPEED LIMIT-NORTH MERIDIAN

Public Safety Director Newman presented for 2nd reading Ordinance 1421-25. This Ordinance will lower the maximum speed limit to 45 mph. on Meridian Avenue from the 9200 block to 9600 block. During posted school hours the maximum speed limit from the 9300 block to 9600 block would be 35 m.p.h. Wilson moved to approve for 2nd reading Ordinance 1421-25, lowering the speed limit on North Meridian. Motion seconded by Bass. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. APPROVAL OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Kayleb Vulgamore, Troop 494 presented to Council his proposal for his Eagle Scout Project. He explained his project will install fish habitats in McLaughlin and Arrowhead ponds. He stated that he and other scouts will also clean up the Parks while they are there.

Evans moved to approve allowing Kayleb Vulgamore to install fish habitats in the McLaughlin and Arrowhead ponds for his Eagle Scout project. Motion seconded by Colbert. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. FUNDING REQUEST FROM VALLEY CENTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lori Sherrill, Valley Center Historical Society President addressed Council and requested funding of grant to the Historical Society. She explained that the 24 windows in the museum house are in need of repair or replacement. They are requesting a grant of \$10,000.00. Finance Director Miller stated that there are no funds within the current budget. If Council wishes to approve a donation to the Historical Society cuts would need to be made to other funding requests. Eg. Fall Fest, KPTS, 2026 Home Show and advertising for new developments. Council discussed the funding but didn't feel there was a consensus as promotion of the new developments was vital, but the history of the community was necessary.

Bass moved to table the decision regarding funding to a later date. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF FINAL PAY APP – PRAIRIE LAKES PHASE IV

Samantha Ghareeb with SEH reported on the Prairie Lakes Phase IV project. She resented the final pay application for the project in the amount of \$64,619.08.

Stamm made a motion to approve the final payment in the amount of \$64,619.08 for the Prairie Lakes Phase IV project. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. ORDINANCE 1422-25; RE-ZONE 125 N ASH

Comm. Dev. Director Fiedler presented for 1st reading Ordinance 1422-25 which would re-zone property at 135 N. Ash from R1B (single-family) to R-4 (high density multi-family). An application was received from Michael and Tammy Miller. The applicant is requesting a rezoning to demolish the dilapidated single-family structure and build two new two-family 2 story structures. Each unit would have 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom and a one car garage. Council questioned if adequate parking would be available. Fiedler stated that pending final passage of ordinance, the plans would not be presented to Planning and Zoning Board for approval, the plans would be reviewed by staff to ensure that they follow all codes and zoning restrictions.

Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 1422-25 which re-zones property located at 135 N. Ash Ave from R-1B to R-4 for 1st reading. Second by Colbert. Vote Aye: Colbert, Wilson, Anderson, Gregory, Evans and Stamm. Opposed: Bass. Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT: BOBWHITE SUBDIVISION

Comm. Dev. Director Fiedler presented for approval final plat for the Bobwhite subdivision located at the southeast corner of Interurban Dr. and W 93rd Street N. The land is located in Sedgwick County but in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of Valley. The Planning and Zoning Board approved the plat and the next step in formal process is Council approval. Colbert inquired whether there are any plans to annex this property. Fiedler stated that there are no plans at this time for annexation and the road maintenance would continue to be done by the County or Township.

Bass moved to approve final plat for Bobwhite Subdivision. Motion seconded by Wilson. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

F. APPROVAL OF 3RD STREET CHANGE ORDER

Public Works Director Eggleston presented information and requested approval of change order for the 2025 Roadway Upgrade Services. He explained that after removing the curbing on the south side of 3rd Street, it was determined that over time this portion of the road was built up approx. 7 inches. This would require milling too deep to stay in the original roadway material and maintain the flowline. To repair this roadway correctly, it is suggested to remove all the road surface, apply new base, then lay 5 inches of asphalt. The increase of \$108,645.00 will be taken from the system improvement line item in the Streets

budget. Stamm suggested that on future projects that a GIS core is drilled to ensure it is known what is under the pavement.

Bass moved to approve the 2025 Roadway Upgrade Services RFP change order 3/27/25 in the amount of \$108,645.00 and authorize the Mayor or City Administrator to sign. Second by Evans. Vote Aye: Unanimous. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – APRIL 1, 2025
- B. SPECIAL USE PARK REQUEST – THE FAMILY INITIATIVE- MAY 3, 2025
- C. TREASURER REPORT -NOVEMBER 2024
- D. CHECK RECONCILIATION- NOVEMBER 2024
- E. REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON

Reported that both lanes on South Meridian are poured to 69th. They are working on driveways. The re-direct on the water line will take place Thursday evening beginning at 8:00pm Eggleston stated that is a low-usage time overnight so that the water tower would be able to handle the city needs for that 8 to 12 hour period.

CITY CLERK/HR DIRECTOR CARRITHERS

Reminded everyone to leave comments regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050. www.wamp.org/mtp2050

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS-

COUNCILMEMBER COLBERT

Expressed concerns regarding traffic exiting the Rec Center parking lot. Cars are not stopping or yielding to traffic. Cars also pull forward that access to sidewalk is hampered. Public Safety Newman stated that there is stop sign going out of the parking lot, but because it is a parking lot, the stop sign is not enforceable. However, if cars do not yield to incoming traffic that would be a violation. Public Works Director Eggleston stated that his department is looking at solutions.

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

ADJOURN -

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Kristi Carrithers, City Clerk/HR Director