REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2026
CITY HALL
121 S. MERIDIAN

Mayor Truman called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Truman, Amy Reid, Gina Gregory, Jeanne Daniels, Matt Stamm Chris Evans, Ben Anderson & Eric Scriven.

Members Absent: Ronald Colbert

Staff Present: Lloyd Newman, Public Safety Director
Kyle Fiedler, Community Development Director
Neal Owings, Parks and Public Buildings Director
Barry Arbuckle, City Attorney
Clint Miller, Finance Director
Amanda Park, City Clerk/HR Director
Cyndra Kastens, City Administrator

Press present: Ark Valley News & Wichita Eagle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA -
Gregory moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Evans. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA –
Anderson moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2026, regular City Council meeting as presented, seconded by Gregory. Vote yea: unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS –
Larry Hoetmer presented a preliminary conceptual design for Section E from the Cemetery Subcommittee for council review

PUBLIC FORUM –None

APPOINTMENTS – None

OLD BUSINESS –

A. AWARD BID 2026 ROADWAY UPGRADE SERVICES:

Public Works Director Eggleston presented the bid from the May 5th Council Meeting from Pearson Construction for 5" asphalt replacement at $446,023.00 and 7" at $539,319.00 to replace Seneca St from 69th south to the railroad tracks. Eggleston included the various pricing options from City Engineer PEC for inspection and testing.

Council member Reid made motion to accept the bid from Pearson Construction for 5" remove and replace plus inspection and testing for a total cost of $587,891.00. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

B. DEPENDABLE PALLET SPECIAL USE PERMIT REVIEW:

Community Development Director Fiedler provided an update on the Special Use Permit at 201 S Cedar Ave citing issues of violation of the special use requirements. Terry Sowers, owner of Dependable Pallet Inc. requested to have until the end of August 2026 to relocate the business off the property.

Councilmember Evans made a motion to give grace by requiring ceasing all operations at this location by August 1, 2026. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote: yea: Evans, Anderson, Gregory, Daniels, Scriven, and Stamm; opposed by Reid. Motion carried.
After further discussion regarding fire safety and the need to have water available on site, the motion was amended by Councilmember Evans to require the water to be kept on at all times by the customer during this period. Seconded by Gregory. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

C. SENECA ST FORD TO 5TH CHANGE ORDER #5

Public Parks Director Owings presented Seneca St Ford to 5th change order #5. This change order will allow trees to be planted at the correct time. The rock will be delivered instead of installed.

Council member Stamm made a motion to approve Seneca St Ford to 5th change order #5 in the amount of $9,334.58 and approve Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

A. REQUEST TO CHANGE THE FIREWORKS SALE DATES:

Jacob Maritta with Wholesale Fireworks asked the council to consider changing the date to start fireworks sales from June 27th to June 26, 2026, one day earlier.

Reid moved to change Ordinance# 1406-21 to the 26th of June for one year. Motion seconded by Anderson.
Vote: yea; opposed Daniels. Motion carried
Administrator Kastens clarified that an ordinance would be presented at the next meeting to make the change effective.

B. APPROVAL OF HORNET HUSTLE RACE:

Public Safety Director Newman presented road closures and police assistance requested during the annual Hornet Hustle. The race will be held on August 29, 2026.

Evans made motion to approve staff assistance needed for the Hornet Hustle Race. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried

C. REQUEST THE USE OF 225 W MAIN FOR MOVIE ON MAIN:

Community Development Director Fiedler requested the use of 225 W Main for Main Street Valley Center's Movie on Main for June 6, 2026.

Anderson made a motion to approve the use of 225 W Main for Main Street Valley Center Movie on Main. Motion seconded by Reid. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

D. RESCIND TRAILS END CHANGE ORDER #1 APPROVED MARCH 17, 2026 AND APPROVAL OF TRAILS END CHANGE ORDER #2:

Samantha Ghareeb with SEH presented the request to rescind Trails End Change Order #1 approved March 17, 2026, and approval of Trails End Change Order #2 to correct paperwork errors.

Anderson made a motion to rescind Trails End Change Order# 1 approved March 17, 2026, and approve Change Order #2 in the amount of $19,276.60. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

E. TRAILS END CHANGE ORDER #3 ELEVATION CORRECTION ISSUES:

Jake Vasa with SEH presented Trails End Change Order #3 which required additional costs for site adjustments, downtime due to redesign, and extra excavation/fill quantities due to incorrect elevation issues in the amount of $144,043.30. The council had a great discussion regarding the errors and responsible party of such. Vasa explained that it could cause warranty issues if the city does not pay for the change order. Administrator Kastens indicated that final research on the issue is still pending but would be brought to council when complete.

Anderson made a motion to approve Trails End change order #3 Elevation Correction issues in the amount of $144,043.30 and approve Mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Gregory. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

H. VALEPOINTE PHASE #1 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Item H was presented before Item F and G. Jake Vasa with SEH presented Valepointe Phase #1 Professional Service Agreement in the amount of $220,000.00.

Anderson made motion to approve Valepointe Phase #1 Professional Service Agreement in the amount of $220,000.00 and approve the mayor to sign. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

At 9:08 p.m. Councilmember Stamm made motion to recess for 5 minutes. Motion Seconded by Evans. Vote: yea; Absent Mayor Truman and Councilmember Scriven. Motion carried.

City Council Meeting was called back to order by Mayor Truman at 9:13pm

F. 2027 DIRECTORS BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Public Works Director Eggleston, Community Development Director Fiedler, Parks and Public Buildings Director Owings, Public Safety Director Newman and Finance Director Miller presented first draft of budgets for the year 2027.

G. SEDGWICK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1 AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT TERMINATION:

Public Safety Director Newman discussed a letter received from Sedgwick County Fire District #1providing official 90-day notification to terminate Automatic Aid from Sedgwick County. Newman informed the council that staff are researching all possible options to address this loss of assistance and will be presenting the information to council. Staff will be working in subcommittee form to prepare the information along with Mayor Truman, and Councilmembers Stamm and Scriven.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATON PURSANT TO "CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC BODY ORAGENCY, WHICH WOULD BE DEEMED PRIVILEGED IN THE ATTORNEY-CLINET RELATIONSHIP;", K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (2).:

Councilmember Anderson made motion for Council to recess into executive session for 5 minutes. Session to include Councilmembers, Mayor, City Attorney and City Administrator. The open meeting will resume in the City Council Chamber at 10:11 pm. Motion seconded by Stamm. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.

At 10:11 p.m. the Council meeting was called back to order. No binding action was taken.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STAFFING PURSUANT TO "PERSONNEL MATTERS OF NONELECTED PERSONNEL", K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1).:
Councilmember Anderson made motion for Council to recess into executive session for 10 minutes. Session to include Councilmembers, Mayor, City Attorney and City Administrator. The open meeting will resume in the City Council Chamber at 10:22 pm. Motion seconded by Evans. Vote: yea; unanimous. Motion carried.
At 10:22 p.m. the Council meeting was called back to order. No binding action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA -

A. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – May 8, 2026
B. APRIL 28, 2026 PLANNING AND ZONING MINUTES

Evans made motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Stamm, Vote: Yea: Unanimous. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS-

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FIELDER
Farmer's Market this week.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIRECTOR OWINGS
Disc golf at McLauglin Park ribbon cutting for the new course, will be May 26, 2026, at 4:30. Forrest Service will also be in town. The pool will be open to the public on May 23, 2026.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EGGLESTON
The brush pile will be separated into smaller piles; we will burn before the brush pile opens again. Trip to Bonner Springs to visit the water treatment facility. On May 7, 2026, the City of Valley Center was presented with award for Outstanding Engineering Achievement for the Meridian Project. Staff are researching trail cameras for the brush pile.

LIBRARIAN SHARP
Summer reading program starts June 1st and will be on Monday's & Wednesday's at 9:00am and 11:00am. On Tuesday's the start time is at 10:00am.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS –

MAYOR TRUMAN
I visited a 3rd grade class at West Elementary and a Girl Scout Group from Kindergarten to 2nd grade.

Stamm moved to adjourn, second by Evans. Vote Yea: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN -

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 PM.

Amanda Park, City Clerk