

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

January 6, 2021

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Jennifer Ingraham, Connie Fridley, and Gary McKnight. Others present were Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the January 6, 2021 meeting were presented. Mike moved to approve. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

### **Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc.:**

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report was presented. There should be an update on the CDBG grant application by the next meeting.

\*Joe reports that Rick Johnson is dealing with some significant health issues. Leonard Buddenbohm will be taking over all court duties until further notice.

**Water/Sewer:** Chad presented a quote from Ace Pipeline to clean out the river pump pit. For one day of work including travel time, it is \$6,160. For two days of work and travel time it is \$11,120. Salih moves to approve up to two days of work at the river pumps. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

\*The new Neptune water meter shipment is almost complete. Chad and crew will begin installing them as weather permits.

**Streets/Alleys:** The dump truck is out of commission at the moment. The gears in the rear axle blew out. It had to be towed to Valley Truck and Traylor for repairs.

\*The Dodge truck that Chad drives keeps dying. He will make arrangements to get it checked out.

#### **Parks/Pool:**

#### **Fire board:**

**Police:** Marcus will have 2020-year end reports to present at next meeting.

\*The department is working a dog attack case that occurred on New Year's Day. The dog owners will be facing charges in the Valley Falls City Court along with the Jefferson County District Court. The goal is to destroy the dog and prosecute the owners.

#### **Health Code:**

#### **VFEDC:**

#### **Swimming Pool:**

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Animal Control Ordinance: The Council spent most the meeting reviewing the Animal Control Ordinance. They reviewed a few articles in the chapter pertaining to dogs.

Article 2-116: Running at Large: This article covers keeping control of the animal and not allowing it to roam free off a leash.

Article 2-201 & 2-202: Dog Registration & Dog Tags: This article covers the registration and tagging and is an annual process and helps to identify the animal. This also keeps record that the animal is up to date on all vaccinations and rabies shot.

Article 2-115: Vicious Animals: This article is the one that holds up in court the best. Once an animal is deemed vicious it will be quarantined until the case can go through the court process.

Article3: Pitt Bull. This one is breed specific and a little tough in court because of all the different dynamics and different characteristics of the breed. This one would require a DNA test and who determines that without one? Pictures were provided to the council as an exhibit to show how difficult it could be to make that determination. The council wants to tighten this chapter up and really has no tolerance for any vicious animal not matter what breed it is. Details would include court hearings and arrangements for special hearings. Leonard and Joe will work together on a draft Ordinance to present.

### VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Salih moved to approve. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### ADJOURNMENT

Salih moved to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK