

City of Valley Falls

Open Meeting

January 2, 2019

Open Meeting

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

The minutes from the December 5, 2018 meeting were presented. Judy moves to approve the minutes. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented by email.

Water/Sewer: The tractor had repairs done at New Holland and cost of repairs was approx. \$3,000.

*Three bids were presented for water testing companies/labs. Salih made the motion to accept the bid from Eurofins in the amount of \$10,665. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

Street/Alley:

Park/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Jim's patrol car is in need of some repairs.

*There were not any issues through the holidays. The activity report was presented.

*The neighborhood watch presentation has been scheduled for Saturday January 26th and location to be determined.

VFEDC:

Old Business: Water tower maintenance: Discussion continues on avenues to proceed with the water tower maintenance. There is approx. \$169,000 in the MMK account. There would be \$100,000 available that could be used if needed.

New Business:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:00pm to discuss matters of non-elected personnel for review of the water, sewer, street, and admin department's annual evaluations. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The council returned to open session at 7:40pm with no action taken.

Mike made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss matters of non-elected personnel for review of the police department's annual evaluations. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The council returned to open session at 8:10pm with no action taken.

Employee reviews/raises:

Denise: Bonus of 40 extra hours of vacation.

April: 4% raise to increase her hourly rate to \$17.77.

Paul: 6% raise to increase his salary amount to \$59,592.00. (\$28.65 per hour)

Chad J: 3% increase to raise his hourly rate to \$16.20.

Chad S: 3% raise to increase his hourly rate to \$14.95.

Travis: Continue at current wage of \$17.00.

Jim V: 3% raise to increase his hourly rate to \$16.00.

Marcus: Bonus of 3 extra days of vacation when he reaches 6months of employment.

Paul J: Continue at current rate of \$17.00.

Judy made the motion to initiate pay changes as of January 1, 2019. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Mike moves to approve the vouchers. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Salih moves to adjourn. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK