

**CITY OF VALLEY FALLS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

January 4, 2017

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Andy moved to go into executive session at 6:00pm for approx. 30 minutes to discuss performance of non-elected personnel to include the Mayor, Council, Administrator, Police Chief, and City Attorney. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 6:30pm with no action taken.

Andy moves to find the complaint to the City unwarranted and to send the information over to the County Attorney for possible prosecution. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Tony Trower, Andy Dinger, Mike Hahn, Lucy Thomas, and Betsy Doughramaji.

Other members present were Connie Fridley, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the December 21, 2016 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Andy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written Report presented.

**Water/Sewer:** The Colorimeter used at the Water Plant to take and test samples is no longer working. Paul presented a bid to fix it at a cost of \$574. The price of a brand new one is \$1,341(USA Bluebook). After discussion Andy moves to approve the purchase of a new Colorimeter. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

\*The City of Meriden had a sewer back up. Paul was contacted by Heinen PHE for assistance on clearing the line with our new jetter. They were charged \$200 per hour and we were able to assist in clearing the line.

**Streets/Alleys:** Two new tires for the Chevy have been purchased.

\*The City power washer needs to be replaced. For the lower PSI washers the cost is \$279(Menards) or \$260(Lowes). For a higher PSI washer the cost is a little more. For a 3600PSI washer the cost is \$599(Lowes). For a 3400PSI washer the cost is \$599(Home Depot). Mike moves to approve the purchase from Lowes for \$599. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Parks:**

**Fire Board:** The board transferred \$80,000 to the Special Equipment Fund.

\*The topic on house fires came up regarding demolition of the property after a fire. The Council would like to think about setting an Ordinance for the City to hold the portion designated from insurance for demolition until the house is taken down and then to be released to the property owner after demolition.

**Police/Court:** Discussion on increasing the monthly discretionary spending for the department was brought to the table. Lucy moved to increase the monthly spending amount to \$350per month. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

**Old Business:** Delaware Place LLC: There is a new update since the last meeting on the Moderate Income Housing Grant. The amount has now gone up to \$150,000. Denise spoke with Brennan Crawford from CHWC and there is a new idea to partner this Moderate Income Housing Project with the Senior Housing Project the Mesner Development Group is working on to make it more feasible. The unit will be a 3 bedroom ranch style duplex. This will require a change/revision to the RHID with Brandon Kane. The Development plan will have to expand to include this unit with our RHID.

Housing Demolition: Paul and Denise are still working on the bidding process for housing demolition and to possibly start with address 405 Oak St.

\*Denise continues to stay in contact with the County on 106 Sycamore St.

**New Business:**

**VOUCHERS**

The vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

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