

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

January 6, 2016

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Mike Hahn, Lucy Thomas, Betsy Doughramaji, and Tony Trower. Andy Dinger was absent. Other members present were Donny Smith, Joyce Brown, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the December 16, 2015 meeting were presented. Tony Trower moved to approve and Lucy Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented.

*The unaudited year end figures for 2015 were presented to the Council for review. It was also decided to not do any transfers.

Water/Sewer: Paul got the new river pump he ordered. They will work on getting that replaced.

*There was a water leak repaired at 401 10th St.

*Paul would like to look into working on the sedimentation pond rip-raff and fixing that when the weather warms up in the spring. He would also like to look into raising some man holes when the weather warms up too.

Streets/Alleys: Paul would like to arrange a meeting with the street committee to talk about street overlay projects.

Parks:

Police/Court: Bronson presented his written report. Some questions on the budgeted area of traffic fines/court fines were brought up. It was clarified that those are deposited into and are included in the General Fund. There were also questions about the different areas of crime and the areas of the most written speeding tickets.

Health Code:

VFEDC: The committee has several items they touched on at their meeting tonight. They talked about a business after hours meeting. They would like to look into getting a banner to show our Blue Ribbon Awarded School. They talked about developing an EDC web site as a part of the City website. Denise can talk with our web developer on setting up a tab for EDC and setting up a user name and password for access when the EDC is closer to wanting to set that up. They also talked about setting up a Facebook page as long as everyone was ok with that idea. The committee still talks about helping collect the LMI surveys around town and would be willing to help knock door to door if needed. Paid sponsorship for the Chambers welcome to Valley Falls sign is being researched with the CORP.

Swimming Pool: We are on the second week of posting the Co-manager position in the paper. One application has been brought to City Hall so far. The ad will be run one more week with a cutoff date for applications of January 20th.

Old Business: Condemnation: Betsy has reviewed the City Ordinances pertaining to Health Code/Safe and Unfit Structures. She had some ideas she thought of to address some properties here in town. One thought was to look into a possible contract with larger Cities that have their own building inspectors. Before going any further Charlie would like to take time to discuss legal counsel and cost before proceeding.

New Business: Senior Housing Project: Resolution 07-2016 for housing tax credit application for the development of affordable rental housing was presented. Mike moves to approve. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The project has been named Delaware Place for now but the council talked about changing the name to coordinate with Barnes before the application is submitted. A discussion of the layout of lots was brought up but the Council decided to keep the lots all on the north of proposed 16th St. An Option for Donation of Real Estate from the City of Valley Falls to CHWC(501c3) was presented. Tony moves to approve the option for donation. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The land does not change hands until the application is approved and the tax credits awarded. The deadline for Mesner's application to the State is Feb 3rd.

Web-site: The web-site was discussed. There is no official policy or procedure but will see that it is updated frequently.

VFEDC: Salih Doughramaji has joined the VFEDC committee. The Council had no objection.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Lucy Thomas moved to approve and Tony Trower seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Hahn moved to adjourn meeting and Lucy Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK