

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 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 Joyce Brown.

The minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting were presented. Lucy Thomas moved to approve and Tony Trower seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Denise presented the updated financial reports.

Water/Sewer:

Streets/Alleys: The Library has requested some street signs to be posted on 16 Hwy directing the public down Sycamore to the Library. Paul has made all the contacts necessary and will be ordering the signs. The Library will be covering the cost of the signs.

Parks:

Police/Court: Written report presented. TBS radio wants to offer credit on our old radios. Since we obtained new radios through the JF County grant there will be no need for the old radios. The credit would total \$880. There was no objection to return the old equipment for credit.

*Keisler's Police Supply quoted the City a price for three new duty pistols. If Council declares the old weapons that were purchased when Gordon Bledsoe was Chief as surplus and would give the permission to trade them in, the cost for the three new pistols would be \$432.00 plus shipping. Mike moves to approve the trade and purchase. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

*A new policy for Valley Health Care regarding a two officer call out for calls from the facility was discussed.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Three applications have been turned in for the Co-manager position. The committee and Denise will be working on dates for interviews.

Old Business: Condemnation: A review of our Health and Welfare Ordinance was discussed in an effort to develop a plan/process for some dilapidated homes. The same list of homes was reviewed from previous discussions. Paul has also put some figures together for cost if the City were to help with the demo process when that time comes. Depending on the size, shape, and condition of these homes Paul really felt he could complete the demo around \$3,100 (not including labor cost). Lots of cost would play a part. Rented equipment would be required. A skid steer is approx. \$280.00 per day plus gravel cost. It cost \$45 per ton to dump debris at the landfill and may require involvement from Hollis Trucking as a part of the haul off process. Research will continue.

New Business: Delaware Housing Project: Brandon Kane from Kane Law Office was here to review the RHID process. There was some confusion since The Mesner Group has now decided to not use the RHID

as a part of their application, so Brandon was here to answer any questions. RHID is for infrastructure and development of projects. These are set for 15 years and the developer can only recoup the marginal tax level. These are performed in three phases. Phase 1—show a need to the state. A housing analysis will be performed and then a Resolution #1 is written and approved by the Council. Phase 2—Resolution #2 is the development agreement and plan for that specific project. Other developers can use the RHID but would require a Resolution and agreement plan for each specific project. Phase 3—Veto period. An agreement is required from other agencies like the County, School District, Township, etc. The Council had no objection for Brandon to proceed with the RHID and their thoughts were to complete the RHID for the entire West side of The Barnes Addition.

LMI Survey: We are trying to continue to collect LMI Surveys. We still have a lot to collect to meet our numbers. Lucy had thought maybe to coordinate with the High School and gather groups of student volunteers to go door to door to collect in groups accompanied by an adult. Her thought was to maybe take advantage of Spring Break. There were thoughts of paying these students hourly for their services but the Council decided to keep it as volunteer services. We will continue to keep the notice on the utility bills and will continue to collect as many as we can.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Lucy moved to adjourn meeting and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK