

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

February 3rd, 2021

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

Staff members: Joe Hackney, City Administrator, Marcus Koch, Chief of Police, Chad Jepson, Public Works Director.

Others: Clarke Davis, the Vindicator

The minutes from the January 20th, 2021 meeting were presented. Mike moved to approve. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0 (Salih was present after the vote)

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Updated governing body on the Swimming Pool hiring process. Joe advised that the lifeguard positions will be advertised first, and Lori will see if there is a need to hire concessions workers after the first round of applications are received.

Water/Sewer: Dump truck is back and repaired for just under \$4,500. The tree dump has been burnt. The water loss report is done. Chad can't treat the pond when temp hits 50 degrees, pond dye that helps clear up algae. Says the treatment doesn't work once it hits a certain temperature. Salih asked that we stay on top of it so we can maybe avoid the big expense.

Mike said that 1000 oak hill apartments, there is a water leak and running down the street. Asked if Public Works could take a look at it.

Streets/Alleys:

Parks/Pool:

Fire board: Mike: Fire board did not meet.

Police: January activity report provided.

Marcus advised every one of the different ways to report. Phone system is set up so that anyone who calls the 3434 number will get an on-duty officer, or will go to dispatch. There will be an officer responding to the problem as quickly as possible.

Three clicks will get to the online reporting tool on the website. Marcus encouraged people to use this feature. Officers do check and follow up on those reports.

The PD will be adding a QR symbol to their business cards which take users to the reporting portal on the website. This will be a simple and straightforward way of getting information to the PD.

Marcus urged people to report anything that concerns them to the PD. The PD wants timely reporting and finds it important.

Marcus is going to look into grant funding source to get new ballistic vests for officers.

Police committee meeting to be rescheduled for the meeting on the Feb 17th.

Gary asked if PD has been contacted about being vaccinated. Marcus said that two officers have received their first round of vaccinations. Follow up will be February 23rd.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

VFEDC:

Old Business: UPDATE ON SEWER PER: Joe and Chad discussed the upcoming Sewer PER project with Alex Darby of PEC. Most likely there will be work started on the cleaning and televising of the sewer system sometime this spring. Salih asked Joe to get a better idea of exactly what date, because his hope is that the City can get a CDBG application for SEWER/WATER repairs sometime this upcoming fall.

New Business:

1. Approval of donation to Lions Club - \$500

Mike motioned, Connie seconded
Motion passes 5-0

2. Work session item: City Financial Status- update

Report attached. After giving presentation, the City Council discussed various items on the list of discretionary spending.

After discussion, the governing body would like to go ahead with refreshing a previous bid to fix the swimming pool parking lot driveway, which was originally quoted at \$6,000

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers for February 3rd in the amount of \$16,839.79 were presented. Salih moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK