

# City of Valley Falls

## Open Meeting

February 20, 2019

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

The minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting were presented. Mike moves to approve the minutes. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Public Comments:** Craig Meyer was here and was presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 for half of his lot price. He met all of the requirements of the designated restrictive covenants and built their house within the two year time frame in the Walker-Barnes Addition.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Denise touched on the utility use at the RV Park. The income more than covers the utility use. Currently the rate is \$8.50 per night.

**Water/Sewer:** The bad water leak on Oak St. (between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> St.) and a second water leak at Mary St. and Sycamore St. have been repaired.

\*Paul addressed other maintenance things we could be doing in the meantime building up to sewer TVing. He stated there are 30 buried manholes and quoted prices of \$62 for 2.5inch, and \$70 for 3inch.

\*There is a broken manhole riser on Linn St. near Delaware Place. He has the part on order for repairs.

**Street/Alley:** Paul states the 2010 Country Clipper mower is wearing down and it is time to look to replace it for this mowing season. Paul will get quotes for the next meeting.

\*The backhoe front two tires are bald and need replaced. Paul presents a quote from Valley Ag in the amount of \$319.75, a quote from Armstrong in the amount of \$250, and a quote from Kansas Land Tires in the amount of \$286. Mike moves to approve the purchase from Armstrong. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

\*Judy Rider addressed the street signs and how bad they are aging. Paul will work on quotes.

**Parks:** B&B evaluated all the Oak trees in the park. They feel the only one that needs to be taken down is the one with lightning damage. They did identify a tree with some dead branches and could address those while working on the other tree. The cost is \$500 to remove the dead tree and \$250 to remove the dead branches from the other tree. Betsy moves to approve. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Fire board:**

**Police:** The second neighborhood watch meeting had 21 attendees. Marcus plans on future meetings with the next one on June 1, 2019.

\*Marcus will attend Safe Pledge at the school next Wednesday.

\*Marcus started lunch with the Chief and will attend lunch with the students as time allows.

\*Marcus will be participating in a special traffic enforcement program 2/22/19—3/8/19 and the focus is on youth drivers.

\*The Jeep is in for repairs. Travis hit a deer.

\*Paul Judes's mother passed away. He is our part time police officer for the City.

### **VFEDC:**

**Pool:** The annual flier was updated with some cost increases for admissions, lessons, and season passes. After review Gary moves to approve. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

\*The shade structure discussion continues. Judy states that there are still conversations with Joe Heinen and working through some ideas. Brett Frakes at H.C.O. was consulted. He quoted prices anywhere between \$4,000-\$5,000. There were concerns in drilling into the deck and future cracking so placement locations are still being evaluated. There were a couple different designs shown including retractable structures. Misters were also mentioned as an avenue to cool off as well.

**Health Code:** Spring is approaching so it is time to start thinking about Code Enforcement. With weather permitting it was discussed to get a dumpster again once Jimmy starts his evaluation process.

**Old Business:** House Demolition: Denise reached out to NEK Environmental Services. Dennis Foster is no longer doing the inspection process anymore. They are going to check with the other employees there on availability.

Sewer Maintenance discussion continued: \*Paul met with the sewer committee and it was decided to hold off on the sewer TVing of the entire town and just to address the problem areas identified. There are ten blocks with issues that Paul has identified while competing jetter maintenance. Johnson Service Company quoted 4,000 linear feet would cost between \$5,800--\$9,000 depending on what is found. Mike moves to approve Johnson Service Company not to exceed \$10,000 in price. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage Ordinance: Discussion continued until next meeting.

**New Business:** Water Tower Maintenance: Tony Grant from McGuire Iron was here to discuss water tower maintenance for both our water towers. McGuire Iron is a tank manufacturer that offers maintenance/service plans to help manage maintenance and up keep of water towers. Full service plans include regular inspections and each tank will be on a separate agreement. After inspecting our towers, Tony recommends updates and painting for the interior and exterior at a cost of approx. \$100,000 per tower. He presented a service plan for both towers over the next ten years for the Council to review. There will be another company (Suez) coming to the next meeting to present options and maintenance plans so this discussion will continue.

Additions: Denise has given her official notice and looking at a July 1<sup>st</sup> date as her last day.

### VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Gary moves to approve the vouchers. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### ADJOURNMENT

Judy moves to adjourn. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

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