

**CITY OF VALLEY FALLS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

March 2, 2016

**Open Meeting**

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

Other members present were Joyce Brown, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the February 17, 2016 meeting were presented. Lucy moved to approve and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report was presented. Denise showed the Council the finished Memorial Plaques that were made for Daryl Courter, Paul Burns, Gordon Bledsoe, and Paul Heinen. Paul Burghart will be helping mount them onto limestone rocks. There are different dates being set up to present/place the plaques. Paul Burns' plaque will be presented Memorial Day weekend and placed at the tree planted in his honor at the ball fields. Gordon Bledsoe's plaque will be presented on Arbor Day 4/28/16 in conjunction with the school and planting the Arbor Day tree at the City Park. Paul Heinen has already been presented his plaque during the 40<sup>th</sup> year celebration last summer at Sunset. We just need to find a good time to plant a tree at Sunset to place his plaque next to. Daryl Courter's plaque will be placed next to a chokecherry tree in the City Park that was planted at the Arbor Day celebration in 2014. A date has not been set yet.

**Water/Sewer:** Now that the weather is getting nicer Paul would like to add rip-raff to the sed-pond bank. The cost of rock is approx. \$2800. There was no objection from the Council to proceed.

\*There has been contact from 709 Willow and some questions on their sewer and hook up to City main. The current set up is a septic tank that is not working properly. City Ordinance states you have to be within 140ft of City hook up. In this case he is located further than that so a lateral field can be placed. Paul would like to see a time frame set because he is having trouble meeting/making contact with the home owner. After discussion it was decided to make the time frame 90 days from original contact. If owner is noncompliant there was discussion of turning the water off until problem is fixed. It was also brought up to consult with Rick Johnson on this and discuss fines and penalties.

**Streets/Alleys:** Bids have been sent to All American Asphalt and Bettis for our next overlay on Linn St. The cut off will be 4/6/16 council meeting.

\*Paul would like to present prices on a new lawn mower at the next council meeting.

**Parks:**

**Police/Court:**

**Fireboard:** Bi-laws are being reviewed for the Fireboard. Research is being done on meetings etc.

\*A special meeting will be held next Wednesday 3/8/16 with an attorney.

\*Regular meetings will be held on every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. The board has gone back to monthly meetings and will be held at Heinen Custom Operations until the EMS schooling/training is done.

\*The board will be keeping a file of financials for view.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:** Donny Smith has started working on the EDC web-site. Denise will communicate with him on log-in and password. A tab has been created on the City Website for him to build on.

\*After hours will be held on 3/28/16 from 5:30-7:00 at the Pharmacy. There will be refreshments served.

**Swimming Pool:** Jessie Frakes and Reid Bunde had interviews for lifeguards on Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>. They interviewed six people and are looking to fill 4-5 positions. We will have 5 guards returning for sure and one guard unsure due to a possible summer internship opportunity. Denise will touch base with Jessie and Reid on the outcome of the interviews.

**Old Business:** Condemnation: Denise has made contact with Dennis Foster with the North East Kanas Environmental Services. He stated his organization can facilitate building code enforcement and can be hired for approx. \$300. The total amount may differ depending on additional trips that might occur as the process progresses. Denise will continue her research and make contact with Ben Gantz about the excavation process.

**New Business:**

**VOUCHERS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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