

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

March 4, 2020

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

The minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting were presented. Mike moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0

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

Public Comments: Diane Heinen asked about the school zone coverage in the mornings. Marcus explained there had been a change/shift in the scheduling recently. The coverage will be more consistent in the near future. He thanked her for her concern.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented.

*The 2019 financial audit has been completed and the annual report will follow soon.

*Chad and Joe have a meeting scheduled with Alex Darby, our engineer from PEC, to discuss plans for USDA and CDBG funds.

*Joe presented a draft for a micro grant to the VFEDC committee. This grant could help existing businesses and potentially the possibility to help new businesses coming to Valley Falls.

*Joe would like to develop the Council tab on the web site to include a profile of each Council member. He would like for each member to come up with a brief statement about themselves for in to upload to the profile.

Water/Sewer: There was a water main repair completed at the intersection of Frazier St. and Ratz St. This occurred while Viking was here cleaning the inside of the water tower. This is common with the change of pressure.

*The computer update continues.

Streets/Alleys: The overhead door at the shop had some repairs done.

*Chad had to order a new tarp for the dump truck.

*Chad reports per the State of Kansas that an inspection is required for 281 Maple St. prior to demolition. Chad is working with Patriot Abatement and has the inspection scheduled for this Friday.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Jim has completed training with Shawnee Animal Control.

*The Jeep is back in the shop for repairs. It was having heating control issues.

Health Code: Josh Ney made contact with Joe and stated 501 Mulberry house will be torn down by April 30, 2020.

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Connie and Jennifer have been selected for the pool committee. They met with Lori Glissman and started discussion on the upcoming season. There were 34 total applicants this season so Lori was very pleased with those numbers and options. They discussed changing the hours of operation back to 1:00pm-7:00pm daily. The pool will open May 25th and will close in mid-August. It was not feasible to stay open until Labor Day. Lori recommends a slight increase to the daily pass prices and the season pass prices. After review Gary moves to approve the new pricing list. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Lori would also like to look into a Daycare pass for surrounding daycares to bring their kids.

Old Business: 2010 Dodge Charger Discussion: Marcus has been working with Scott Heinen on the 2010 Charger and has gathered a priority list of repairs needed. The one for sure item that needs addressed is the radiator. Scott felt very confident that this car could be placed back in service for under \$1,000 safely. After review of the list, Gary moves to make the minor repairs needed for no more than \$1,000 and to get this car back in service safely. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business: Schedule City Council tours: As a part of the budget cycle Joe thought it would be a good idea for the Council to take tours of the City owned facilities. The thoughts were that these buildings are in need of maintenance and this would give the Council a firsthand look at the condition of these facilities. It was decided to schedule a special Council meeting outside of our regular scheduled meeting. The date set is March 25, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Dumpster for Community Clean-up: There was a brief discussion on whether the Council would be interested in providing a 40YD clean up dumpster again through the spring and summer. In 2019 the total cost for this service was \$4,750. There have been several requests from citizens. Mike moves to provide this service again and to order a 40YD clean up dumpster to be delivered and placed by our City shop again. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

2020 Council Committee Assignments:

Police-Connie and Mike

Streets-Gary and Mike

Water/Sewer-Gary and Salih

Fireboard-Mike

EDC-Joe Hackney

Public Relations-Jennifer and Salih (to replace Health Code)

Parks/Pool-Connie and Jennifer

Kansas Gas Services-Barnes Addition: When developing the Barnes Addition No 3 there were no gas utilities set up due to the duplexes that currently exist being all electric. Chad made contact with KGS and they stated if we placed a main gas line there at a cost of \$10,500 then the first 200ft is free of charge with a cost of \$4.54per foot after for connection. If all connections are not made within 7 years the City would have to cover \$1,500 per lot not developed. The Council would like for Joe to check with David Watson on his future plans for utilities. Discussion will continue.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Gary moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK