

City of Valley Falls

Open Meeting

March 6, 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 Mark Jepson, Tim Durand, Angie Durand, Linda Durand, Sherry Kearney, Jim Jackson, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting were presented. Betsy moves to approve the minutes. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Comments: Angie Durand who lives at 907 Francis St. was here with questions on the City's Ordinances. She referred to codes and how they are enforced. The Council spoke of Chapter eight and the changes that were made to the Health and Welfare articles. They advised her that spring is near and weather permitting they will begin the code enforcement and have a code inspector coming to start evaluating properties again. She was directed to the City web site for a chance to read and review the Ordinances of interest.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

Water/Sewer: There is a chemical pump out at the water plant. Paul presents a quote from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$909.95. The second quote was from Hawkins in the amount of \$750. Betsy moves to approve the purchase from Hawkins. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

*Both Chads attended a water class for continuing education.

*Paul states that Viking has interest in putting a bid in for the water towers. This would be the fourth company turning in a bid and he hopes to have the bid done by next meeting.

*A pump at the lift station is tripping. Paul will evaluate further this week on the cause.

Street/Alley: Paul would like to purchase a sand blaster to refinish and repaint the street signs. The cost is \$180. There was no objection from the Council.

*Paul presented quotes for lawn mowers. The first bid was from The Hardware Store in Atchison in the amount of \$8,685.26 for a Country Clipper. The second quotes were from Heinen Repair in the amount of \$9,400 for a Ferris and \$9,040 for a Country Clipper. After discussion the Council wanted Paul to see if he could get Heinen Repair to match the Atchison price. Discussion continues.

Parks:

Fire board:

Police: Marcus has attended the Safe Pledge at the school.

*Marcus announced that Officer Tim Bacon, a JF Co Sherriff Deputy, suffered a stroke while on duty recently. He is home and recovering well.

VFEDC: The Walker/Barnes Subdivision No.3 sign has been removed. It belonged to Andy Conser who is no longer the agent for the lots that are for sale there. Emily Malsbury of Town & Country is the current broker and contact can be made once she finishes dealing with some personal family health issues.

Pool: Denise met with Joe Heinen on shade structures at the pool. He was going to get with Curt Allen at Bain Millwright to work on a quote.

*There was a discussion on the age requirement for the slide attendant at the new pool. According to Federal Child Labor laws there is a requirement for 16 years or above. The federal law supersedes all state law and this is directed by the amusement park elevated/power driven slide regulations.

Health Code:

Old Business: House Demolition: A contract from Northeast Environmental Services was presented and reviewed. Gary moves to enter into the contract. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Betsy and Lucy will find time to drive around and identify the properties of interest for inspection.

Sewer Maintenance: Discussion continues.

Enhanced CMB Ordinance: The revised Ordinance pertaining to Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverages and/or beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume was presented to the Council. After clarification of dispensing was discussed Salih moves to adopt the new Ordinance. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: Water Tower Maintenance: Jim Jackson from Suez was here to present his proposal for the water tower maintenance and painting. He recommends interior and exterior work on both towers that were very similar to McGuire Irons recommendations at last meeting. Suez also offers a maintenance program that includes a 1-2 year warranty, workman ship warranty, change orders, emergency repairs, inspections, and engineering fees. These plans also help spread the cost over the years. He states a onetime cost of \$92,628 with an annual cost spread out over the next four years of \$30,649 for the big tower. He states a onetime cost of \$77,940 with an annual cost spread out over the next four years of \$23,512 for the small tower. These are year to year contracts and can be canceled at any time. Discussion continues.

EMC Annual Insurance Renewal: Mark Jepson was here to review the City's EMC Insurance policy. Mark still has some adjustments he is working on for a couple properties including the water towers. He reminded the Council that the new pool was added after the renewal last year as well. The renewal is effective April 1, 2019. The annual cost is \$34,353. Betsy moves to approve the annual renewal with EMC Insurance and Jepson & Associates. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Trailer Park Annual License Renewal: The annual Trailer Park License renewal applications from McCarthy Trailer, Walnut Estates, and Heinen Properties were presented to the Council. All annual fees have been paid to the City. Salih moves to approve all annual licenses. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

Administrator Position: The Administrator job description and Ordinance pertaining to residency was presented for review. Denise wanted guidance on how to prepare the ad for filling the position. It was discussed that the residency requirement to be negotiated, the salary would be depending on experience, and a degree in Public Administration was preferred but not required. Denise will post on the website, the League page, KRWA news, and on KAMC bounce list for all City managers.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK