

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

April 5, 2017

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

Other members present were Gary McKnight, Alex Darby, Ammon Taylor, Tim Twitchell, Randy Schmelzle, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the March 15, 2017 meeting were presented. Lucy moved to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc:** Gary McKnight was here to address the Council on cleaning up the town. He addressed several concerns with trash, tires, old junk vehicles, and dilapidated homes. He wanted to encourage the Council to proceed with code enforcement and to stick with a plan. There have been conversations with the City Attorney and our Police department on ways to enforce and prosecute through our City Court. Denise and April have had conversations with other neighboring towns and will work on a more organized plan/process.

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** The annual EMC Insurance policy has been renewed.

\*A request came into City Hall from one of the individuals that will be participating in the archeology dig this summer. The request was to see if they could camp (pop up camper) in the City Park during that time. After discussion it was decided not to open the park up for this event and to stay within the designated areas organized for this.

**Water/Sewer:** Paul learned some new things on lead and copper at the KRWA Conference in Wichita.

\*The rain delayed the TV work set up with Ace Plumbing on our sewer lines and will be completed when it dries out more.

#### **Streets/Alleys:**

**Parks:** All parks have been opened.

\*Paul presented a bid from B&B Tree Service to remove the big Walnut tree at the new pool location. The bid was for \$150 and there was no objection to proceeding.

**Fire Board:** The fire truck the board was looking at in Texas has sold so the department continues to look for options of a new truck.

**Police/Court:** Financial report was presented.

\*Bronson introduced David Weinmann a part time applicant to the Council. There is some pre testing to be done before we complete the hiring process. Tony moves to approve the pre testing. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

\*Jim's Dodge Charger is in need of new tires. Bronson presented two bids from Valley Ag. First bid was for Optimo tires at \$710 and the second was for Good Year Eagle Sports for \$793. Betsy moves to approve the Good Year Eagle Sport tires. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Health Code:**

#### **VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:** There has been a change in co-managers for this upcoming pool season. Reid Bunde will not be returning this season. Jessie Frakes and Justine Frakes will be the co-managers and are working on finalizing staff and preparing for the new season.

**Old Business:** Trash Bid Opening: Waste Management was the only bid turned in to the City. The bid was reflected on the needs placed in the City's RFP. Waste Management gave two Options for trash and recycle pick up.

Option #1-Trash curbside with personal customer containers came in at a rate of \$20.75 per month.

Option #1-Recycle curbside uniform containers including cardboard and no sort came in at a rate of \$6.00 per month.

Option #2-Trash curbside with uniform containers (96gal) provided to customers came in at a rate of \$11.55 per month.

Option #2-Recycle at a central location to include cardboard and no sorting came in at a rate of \$0.44 cents per month.

\*All commercial pricing was decreased by 12%. All residential pricing was decreased by 25%.

Lucy moved to approve the Option #2 trash and recycle service contract with Waste Management for 3 years at a rate of \$11.99 per month. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion on large pick up items continued. Large pick up items will be allowed but may have to be on a separate day. Ammon Taylor, Tim Twitchell, and the City staff will work through the final details of the contract and services will begin on Tuesday May 2, 2017.

**New Business:** Alex Darby PEC: Midland Care Easement: Final details on curb work, landscaping, and grading have been satisfied and we are still waiting on final signatures from Midland Care hopefully by the end of this week.

Proposal 16<sup>th</sup> St. bid process: Alex has all the documents ready for the bidding process to begin with 16<sup>th</sup> St. City staff is helping place the water lines but bids will need to go out for the street, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, and grading work. This will need to be published in the local newspaper so Alex will get all the proper documents to The Vindicator so that it will hit the April 13<sup>th</sup> paper. The bids will be opened on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at City Hall.

Alex is proposing a standard hourly contract to oversee the work being done. This portion was projected in the Preliminary Design estimate that was given in the development plan and there was 20% estimated into the project cost for inspection. The Council will need to decide if they want a full time inspector (price \$81,000) or a part time inspector (price \$50,000). Alex stated with the hourly contract the City will be billed only for what is used. The Council is leaning towards the full time contract with PEC for the inspector to oversee the project.

2017 Trailer Court Licenses: Annual renewals for Heinen Trailer Park, Grant Lassiter, Walnut Estates, and McCarthy Trailer Court were presented. Lucy moves to approve all renewals. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

\*\*A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm regarding the new swimming pool.\*\*

#### VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Tony moved to adjourn the meeting and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK