

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

April 15, 2020

### Open Meeting

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

The minutes from the April 1, 2020 meeting were presented. Gary moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

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

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report was presented.

**Water/Sewer:** The computer has been fixed at the water plant.

\*HACH will be here at the end of the month to inspect and make updates to equipment if needed.

**Streets/Alleys:** The City crew has been edging the roads for storm water drainage.

**Parks/Pool:**

**Fire board:**

**Police:** The department is available for calls and emergencies but has placed a hold on non-essential things like VIN inspections, finger printing, etc.

\*The department has been assisting the grocery store in home deliveries when needed.

\*The dog car is fully functional and the some final touches including graphics are being completed.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:** There is no new information on the swimming pool.

**Old Business:** KGS discussion continued: There has been a change in plans and a mis-calculation on the Kansas Gas side of things for the Barnes Addition. The representative misunderstood the previous conversations and had included the already built duplexes into the original bid. Now the price has gone up to \$17,000 and KGS needs that paid up front before any work can be done. This also effects future development of Mulberry St. when that time comes. All internal lots will not be able to have gas service. Only the lots along Linn St and Frazier St. will have access. It was decided to not proceed with this utility and the Council wanted Joe to check with our real estate agent on whether this would affect future marketing.

**New Business:** PEC-Alex Darby-discussion: Alex Darby was here to talk with the Council on conversations he has started with Joe on improvements needed to the water and sewer infrastructure, sources of grants to help with the project, and the preliminary steps it will take to get things started. Once the preliminary work is done there are a number of potential funding sources through KDHE, CDBG, USDA, or loan funding. For the water side most of the background work has already been done in recent history so the cost of this would be \$9,500 and to get it shovel ready would be approx. 6months. The sewer is a bit bigger since most field work has not been started yet. PEC would have to collect CCT data, do manhole inspections, and field investigations with reports. The cost of the sanitary sewer side would be around \$130,000 and to get shovel ready would be close to 10 months. There are two \$30,000 search grants available for both the water and sewer side. Contracts can be

contingent upon search grants and this work can be done in phases/tiers based on severity. Discussion continues.

Street Bid Review—2020 projects: Bettis Asphalt bid on the Walnut St. overlay only. The bid was \$37,935 not including patch work which is \$35 per square foot of patching.

Approved Paving LLC bid on both the intersection project and the overlay project. The overlay bid was \$39,110 including patch work. The Walnut St./Mary St. intersection project bid was \$33,000. The City Council budgeted \$75,000 in the 2020 budget for street projects. Gary moves to accept Approved Paving LLC bid for both projects pending reference check. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Authorization-KDOT application-cost share grant: Joe has looked into a cost sharing program through KDOT. There is roughly 50 million dollars available this fiscal year. There is a recommended 15% non-state cash match required but those that put in a higher match get a stronger consideration. Joe feels the Walnut St. project could be submitted. If we qualify the City would cover \$13,688.50 and KDOT would refund \$25,421.50. Connie moves for Joe to proceed and fill out the grant application with a cash match of 35%. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Real Estate Contract Barnes Addition: Amber Darveaux (real estate agent working with the City) reached out regarding the real estate contract extension for the Barnes Addition. There is no cost to the City to extend. Gary moves to extend the real estate contract for another year. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Additions: After some of the grant and funding discussions the Council brought up previous conversations they had regarding working with Governmental Assistance and completing a LMI survey. Salih moved for Joe to make contact with Governmental Assistance and start conversations on a contract for assisting the City in completing the LMI survey at a cost of \$8,000. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Mike moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Each Council Member gave their official verbal approval.

### ADJOURNMENT

Connie moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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