

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

April 19, 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 Clarke Davis and Connie Fridley.

The minutes from the April 5, 2017 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Minutes from a Special Meeting concerning the new swimming pool held on April 13, 2017 were presented, moved to approve and seconded by Lucy and Tony. Motion passed 4-0.

**Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc: The 2017 City of Valley Falls Arbor Day celebration is set for April 28, 2017 at the City Park. The Proclamation was presented and signed.**

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Code enforcement letters written and new policy is continuing to be developed with the Police Chief's input from his department. Continue work with the budget function of the accounting software. Citywide Cleanup day to again be coordinated with the Knights of Columbus metal drive for 2017.

**Water/Sewer:** 502 18<sup>th</sup> St. had a sewer backup and city crew could not find the manhole. Roto Rooter tv'd to find 'Y' and still could not locate. But the resident backup was taken care of. There has been a couple of summer employment applications received. Denise and Paul will evaluate and set time for interviews and will report results at next meeting.

**Streets/Alleys:** The blinker light on Hwy 16 and Frazier got hit; repair options being investigated.

**Parks/Pool:** Concrete patching & general annual maintenance have been completed for May opening.

#### **Fire Board:**

**Police/Court:** A complete breakdown of the expenses to setup the new JEEP totaled \$3,998.00 which was \$386.00 under budget. The Crown Vics (2004 & 2011) were auctioned thru Purple Wave and sold at \$1,500.00 & \$5,400.00 respectively. Mayor congratulated the Chief for being a good caretaker of the public's funds. Tony commented that he was on Hwy 4 and coming up on the JEEP from behind when Officer Courter had someone on a traffic stop. He felt that the back warning lights were not as visible and also since this is an 'untraditional' police car, more lighting might be necessary. Strobe lights in the back lights were discussed as a consideration.

**Health Code:** County has torn down the vacant house that went through the back tax sale at 206 Sycamore

**VFEDC:** Approval has been received by KDOT for the school Blue Ribbon award signage on K-16.

**Old Business: Trash Bid Award:** The contract signed stated the two options below that were approved plus collection of bulk items. The procedure for have bulk items picked up are that the residents must contact City Hall prior to Wednesday, which will be the designated day for collecting those items. The charge for collection of **more than two (2) Bulk Items** per week, or for **any item greater than 70 lbs.**, will be \$20.

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.

New trash services will begin on Tuesday May 2, 2017. Betsy moved and Tony seconded to sign contract as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

The **Promissory Note and Kansas Real Estate Mortgage** documents needed by Delaware Place, LLC pertaining to Lots 1-7 all in Block 1, Barnes Subdivision No. 3, located in S24, T08, R017, Valley Falls, Jefferson Co Kansas and commits to the one-time funding of \$150,000 secured through the City from Kansas Moderate Income Housing Grant Program which will be used along with the tax credits that are for longer term financing for acquisition, construction of rental housing on the above premises.

Also the **Kansas Warranty Deed** which conveys and warrants (transfers) to Delaware Place, LLC the above stated property. Betsy moved to approve the above documents with Mike seconding; motion carried 4-0.

Midland Care Easement: Final details on curb work, landscaping, and grading have been satisfied and final signatures from Midland Care were received on Drainage Easement east and west. After reviewing the final documents, Lucy moved to accept and file with the JF Co Register of Deeds. Betsy seconded the motion and it passed 4-0

**VOUCHERS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

\*\*Mayor requested a Police Committee meeting be convened to address a Police telephone issue and also to discuss the rear warning lights on the JEEP.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DENISE M STREETER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR