

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

May 3, 2017

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Tony Trower, Betsy Doughramaji, and Andy Dinger. Mayor Charlie Stutesman and Andy Dinger were absent. Other members present were Clarke Davis and Tony's Neighbor.

The minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Alex Darby sent a follow-up email on how the street bid (16th St.) was going and as of today there are 19 plan holders. There will be no pre-bid meeting but the bids will be opened May 10th at 2:00pm at City Hall.

*The contract and a packet of documents were received from Larkin today at 4:00pm. Denise will find time to review with Paul Burghart and organize time to get with Kyle McCawley.

Water/Sewer:

Streets/Alleys: Paul has been working on the banner poles for the Chamber banner sign that is placed across Broadway St. Concrete has been poured and is waiting to dry before placing the poles.

*The forks on the tractor keep bending and need replaced. The cost will be \$330 for new forks.

*The side boards on the flat bed are broken. Paul would like to replace with steel side boards this time. The cost for steel boards is \$160.

*Paul gave his recommendation of Tiffany Strickler as our Summer Help employee. Betsy moves to approve. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. There was another applicant interviewed but had no driver's license. Council discussed placing the ad in the Vindicator again in an effort to try to fill one more position for this summer.

*A line was blown in the backhoe and the cost to replace will be \$266.00.

Parks/Pool: The girl scouts are working on re-painting a couple City signs as community service.

Fire Board:

Police/Court:

Health Code:

VFEDC: The blue ribbon sign has been ordered. They are also still working on the website details.

Swimming Pool: Jessie was here for a short report. There are 7 guards so far but may possibly have another one interested but has not confirmed yet. There are 2 WSI instructors. Lauren Harrington has interest in training but classes are limited this late in the season. They continue to work on the swimming lesson schedule and are hoping to coordinate more evening lesson times this year due to the great response from last year. Lucy suggested maybe contacting Effingham or Oskaloosa to see if any of those guards would be interested in picking up some more hours and assisting during lesson times. May 19th will be the opening meeting with the guards. May 23rd and 24th will be clean up days. Opening day will be May 29th.

Old Business: Housing Demolition: Three sealed bids for the demolition of 405 Oak St were opened. Brahma Excavating out of Holton came in at \$17,095. K&A Construction out of Oskaloosa came in at \$7,950. Williams Equipment out of Meriden came in at \$5,800. Betsy moves to accept the bid from Williams Equipment. Lucy seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-1 with Andy being the nay vote.

New Business: Annual Appointments 2017:

Administrator: Denise Streeter

City Clerk: April Herbster

Chief of Police: Bronson Campbell

City Attorney: Rick Johnson

City Judge: Dennis Reiling

City News Paper: The Vindicator

City Depository: Kendall State Bank

Lucy moves to approve all appointments. Andy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council did not address the annual committee appointments for the Council but will address those appointments at the next Council meeting.

The Council touched briefly on a discussion that was had at the Police Committee meeting regarding code enforcement. They still are exploring options of and outside enforcer to come for a set amount of hours each month to enforce through our police department and monthly court. Details and policy work continues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy moves to enter into executive session at 7:20 for no more than 30 minutes to discuss negotiations and matters of non-elected personnel to include Council, Administrator, and Police Chief. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council returned to open session at 7:40 with no action taken.

Tony moved after follow up of Jim Varner's personnel evaluation to give him a 5% salary increase effective 1/1/17. Andy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve and Andy 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: _____
DENISE M STREETER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR