

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

May 15, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Judy Rider, Mike Glissman, Gary McKnight, Betsy Doughramaji, and Salih Doughramaji. Others present were Connie Fridley.

The minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting were presented. Judy moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0. Betsy abstained from the vote.

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

Public Comments

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

*Curtis Wheeler met with Denise Tuesday May 14th and evaluated/discussed nine properties. Curtis recommends two properties (1106 Walnut, 281 Maple) for inspection by NEKHE. This prompted conversations from the Council on a couple commercial properties (419 Broadway, 426 Broadway).

*The Council would like for Denise to make contact and arrange for a representative to come and attend a Special Meeting with the Council on an open Monday evening.

Water/Sewer:

Street/Alley: Paul presents Millard Winter and Skye Paige as the two summer help candidates. Betsy moves to hire both candidates at \$10 per hour. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

*Betsy brought up the gravel drive that runs through Willow and Fisher St. by the south water tower. She read in the school board minutes that there was some gravel maintenance needed there due to the school buses using it as access to pick up and drop off kids for school. There are two property owners (1919 Fisher, 2001 Fisher) that would have a utility easement there. Discussion was to talk with the school and see if they would be willing to spilt cost. Denise will make contact with the property owners to make sure there would be no issue to proceed with the maintenance.

*Paul stated that the old lawn mower sold on Purple Wave for \$1,050.

Parks/Pool: Shade structure work continues.

Fire board: The Fireboard is still looking to purchase a grass truck.

Police: Marcus was absent. He is presenting an active shooter presentation at the Methodist Church this evening.

Health Code:

VFEDC: Salih discussed briefly of a CDBG preliminary census. The Valley Falls percentages came in at 49.28% which is still just above LMI. He suggested we talk with Governmental Assistance Services for assistance in a possible LMI survey again. Discussion will continue.

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Street Overlay Bid Opening: There were two bids presented for the Linn St. overlay project from the intersection of 16th through 19th St. Bettis Asphalt came in at \$28,230.24. Hamm's came in at \$27,599.40. Mike moves to accept the bid from Hamm's. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

New Business: Judge Reiling Monthly Compensation: The City received an email from Judge Reiling regarding an increase to his monthly compensation. He currently is set a \$250 per month and has not had an increase since 2001. He is requesting an increase to \$360.00 per month. Gary moves to increase Judge Reiling to \$360 per month. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Barnes Lots: Lucy stated a Real Estate Company contacted her with interest in the lots for sale. He has applied for the lot raffle and has possible interest in purchasing more lots. There was discussion to meet with the broker and the buyer in a Special Meeting sometime soon. Discussion continues.

Additons: Betsy and Salih stated they would not be at the July 17th meeting and the August 7th meeting.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Gary moved to approve. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.