

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

May 16, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucille Thomas. Council members present were Mike Hahn(arrived at 6:45pm), Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, and Betsy Doughramaji. Tony Trower called in at 7:00pm by phone.

Others present were Sherry Kearney, Joyce Brown, Nancy Gatzemeyer, Connie Fridley, Roger Barnes, Scott Heinen, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike G. moves to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.(Mike H. arrived after the vote)

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

Water/Sewer: Paul has not heard back yet on the status of the sewer pump that was sent in from the sewer ponds.

Street/Alley: Paul had two more applicants for summer help. Denise and Paul have completed the interviews. He presented the names of Tiffany Strickler(returning from last year) and Jason Clark. Betsy moves to hire Tiffany Strickler at \$9.00 per hour and Jason Clark at \$8.50 per hour as summer help. Mike G. seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

*Paul's truck needs new tires. He presented quotes from Valley Ag and Armstrong Tire. Before any decisions were made the Council would like him to get a bid from Scott Heinen.

*Asphalt patchwork has been done in front of the school on Oak St.

*Paul has plans to spray for mosquitos sometime next week.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Bronson presented a report of Civil Forfeiture to the Council. The Civil Forfeiture is for a 2013 Cadillac Escalade seized during a narcotic investigation and bust in October 2017. Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office is assisting in the forfeiture after Jefferson County decided not to assist. Bronson had a list of three options for the Council to review. The topic was tabled until next meeting so that the Council could have more time to read through the documents presented and read through state statutes pertaining to this topic.

Health Code:

VFEDC: Four volunteers from VFEDC have gone to Blue Rapids to complete their tour for The First Impressions. Two more volunteers will be traveling to Blue Rapids tomorrow.

Swimming Pool: New Pool: The Grand Opening of the Valley Falls Pool at Delaware Pointe will be Sunday May 27th. There will be hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided. From 12:00-1:00 there will be tours, introduction of the staff, and an opening ceremony. From 1:00-5:00 the pool will be open for free swim.

*Reid Bunde was here to update the Council. He reports a staff of 12 concession/slide attendants and 12 guards. There will be a staff of 25 including Reid. He continues to coordinate training and certifications.

Each guard is provided one swimming suit for working a pool party. They have the option to purchase others if wanted. There was talk about uniforms for the concession/slide workers. The idea was to provide a t-shirt or tank with the Delaware Pointe logo and to wear it with a neutral colored pair of shorts. Betsy moves to purchase two t-shirts per concession/slide employee. Salih seconds the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

*Paul talked lighting for the pool parking lot with the Council. There is a \$6,000 grant from Free State Electric Company allocated through the Trust that was designated for lighting. The Council had no objection for Paul to get ahold of Jerry Heinen to start discussions.

*Paul met with Westar on other pool lighting. Westar's recommendation was four smaller sized area lights. The monthly cost is \$19.46 per light. There was no objection to proceed with Westar.

*Paul also presented prices for trail cameras to be placed at the pool. He thought setting up two would be sufficient enough. The cost is \$120 per camera plus \$40 for a memory card. Betsy moves to approve the purchase of two trail cameras plus memory cards. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

*The cost to add the new pool on the City insurance is \$3,700. The City did receive the 2017 annual dividend reimbursement in the amount of \$4,100.

*The final walk through for the pool is scheduled for Friday May 18th. Then after that they plan to start filling the pool.

*Paul will start the work on the parking lot early next week. Once the layout is done, then the decision on the number of parking blocks can be made.

Old Business: Code Enforcement: Topic tabled.

New Business: Raffle-Free lot-Barnes Addition: The deadline for the free lot in the Barnes Addition ended at 5:00pm today. There were no participants for the drawing. The Council decided to wait about a month or so and then they can decide if they want to try for a second raffle at a later date.

Barnes Addition-Consider for name change: Roger Barnes was here and had met previously with Mayor Lucy Thomas on the consideration of a name change to the Barnes Addition. He gave a little more background and history of his grandfather Walker and stated that if it wasn't for him the Barnes family would have never had the land. After talking with the Jefferson County Register of Deeds and Jefferson County Planning and Zoning there would be some cost to the City to make this change. It would require public meetings, re-surveying for the re-plat, and cost to change the name on the existing documents. After discussion the idea presented to Roger Barnes was that when the time came to re-plat Phase II(east side), the City would consider calling that the Walker Addition. That way the Barnes and Walker name would be placed side by side on the plat maps. The Council had no problem referring to this property as the Walker-Barnes Addition from here forward. Roger Barnes was very pleased with this idea and was very happy with the progress the Council has made to that addition.

Resignation: Mike Hahn made his official resignation at tonight's meeting so this creates a vacancy. Lucy appointed Connie Fridley to fill the vacancy and called for a vote. Tony voted yay. Betsy, Salih, and Mike G. voted nay. The vote failed 1-3.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moves to adjourn the meeting. Mike G. seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK