

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

May 2, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucille Thomas. Council members present were Mike Hahn, Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, and Betsy Doughramaji. Tony Trower was absent. Others present were Sherry Kearney, Joyce Brown, and Clarke Davis.

The corrected minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike G. moves to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.(Mike H. arrived after the vote)

The corrected minutes from the April 23, 2018 special meeting were presented. Mike G. moves to approve. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.(Mike H. arrived after the vote)

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

Public Comments: Bronson was following up on a KORA request from 4/4/18 in regards to emails sent to City Hall by Council member Betsy Doughramaji relating to the police department. Records show there were several emails sent but did not find any relating to the police department. Bronson feels that he has been deceived. Betsy states there was no intent to deceive due to her using the same method of communication from the beginning of her term.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

*Denise reports that there were four visitors from Blue Rapids here at City Hall Friday April 27th. They were here completing their tour of Valley Falls for the First Impressions.

Water/Sewer: Paul reports more rags were pulled from the sewer pumps. The pump that Ace had to assist in unplugging at the sewer ponds is now making some noise so he sent the pump on for repairs.

*Paul is still waiting on some responses of the letters sent out for sewer cap repairs from the results of the smoke test. Citizens had 60days to make the proper repairs but there are still some that have not responded. The Council decided to extend the time line for another 30 days and to send out a second notice letter.

Street/Alley: There has been one application received for summer help. Paul requests a brief executive session at the end of the meeting.

*Paul and the crew have patched most of the pot holes in town.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Written report presented.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: New Pool: Things are still running on schedule. The monthly meeting will be tomorrow May 3rd. Paul reports the tubes have been installed at the entrances. Heinen PHE has installed the sewer line. They are still waiting on the mushroom and duck slide to start testing the water/pumps, but have also discussed ways of starting this process prior to those items getting here.

*Lighting: Paul contacted Westar Energy on some area lights. He presented the monthly quotes for two different sized lights. The smaller lights are \$19.46 per month and Paul thinks we would need at least four or five total. The bigger lights are \$45.98 per month. Paul thinks we would need at least three or four total. There was also talk about looking into placing some lighting on the building. Paul will touch base with Westar again to get some guidance/recommendation.

*PBC Account: The PBC account currently has \$125,185.34. With our May payment of \$128,356.20 there will need to be a transfer to cover. Denise has talked with the auditor and there can be money

transferred to the PBC account and he has instructed us to continue to use this account to finish building the pool. After the May payment the total amount left to finish the pool is \$182,574.00. There was a short discussion on how and where the City will cover the remainder. There was talk of using the MMK account that money has been held, there are some extra funds close to \$70,000 that can be used due to an entry error dating way back to 2013 to the solid waste fund, and there is still money to come from the Trust.

Old Business: Code Enforcement: For the Council to proceed with the Administration Hearing Officer that would work with the designated Code Enforcer the Council will need to re write the existing Ordinances. With other projects nearing completion and with no official direction on the Councils preference, this topic has been tabled for several weeks. After short discussion around the table, Denise will draft an Ordinance for review and to include this Administration Hearing Officer position. She also was asked to contact Effingham's Admin Hearing Officer to see if he would have any interest in the position.

New Business: Valley Falls Housing Board: Two Housing Board appointments were presented. Delbert New is the resident member starting a three year term and John Sherretts for his renewal of a three year term. Betsy moves to approve. Mike G. seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Barnes Addition—Consider name change: There was an article in the Vindicator highlighting Roger Barnes and the background history of the Barnes Addition. In the article he states he has plans to meet with the Mayor and suggest the consideration to change the name to Walker-Barnes Subdivision. Andy Conser has placed a hold on ordering the large sign to be placed on the property until a final decision is made. Lucy states there has been no contact from Roger Barnes yet so this topic was tabled.

Animal Permit: A permit to raise three to four chickens for a 4H project at 502 Walnut was presented. All surrounding neighbors have been notified and have signed off. Betsy moves to approve the animal permit. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Betsy moves to go into executive session at 7:12pm for no more than ten minutes to include Mayor, Council, Administrator, and Superintendent. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council returned to open session at 7:22pm with no action taken.

Betsy moves to repost the position and to increase the hourly summer help rate to \$9.00 per hour and for Paul to continue to recruit. Mike Glissman seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK