

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

May 20, 2020

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Gary McKnight, Salih Doughramaji, Jennifer Ingraham, and Connie Fridley. Others present were Leonard Buddenbohm, Harold Mayes, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the May 6, 2020 meeting were presented. Gary moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

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

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report was presented.

\*There was a snag in the ACH auto-utility bill pay when doing our first test run with Kendall State Bank. Staff will continue to work on getting this set up.

**Water/Sewer:** All the parts have been replaced at the water plant.

\*The sewer pump is being sent for repairs. It was determined that it could be fixed instead of replaced.

**Streets/Alleys:** The arm of the dump truck broke and was replaced at \$280.

\*The 5<sup>th</sup> and Walnut project continues. There have been problems with it being wetter than expected. Chad and crew brought in 30 tons of 3 inch rock for a base.

\*Chad continues to work on crack seal bids.

\*There was a short discussion on raising the rock prices that we provide to customers upon request. Salih moves to increase the prices to \$25 per ton for the bigger sized rock and \$30 per ton for the smaller size. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Parks/Pool:**

**Fire board:**

**Police:**

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:** The pool committee will meet on Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special meeting with the full Council on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall to make the final determination of the 2020 pool season.

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** 2019 Annual Audit Report: The 2019 annual audit report was reviewed by the Council and Harold Mayes was here for the report and to answer any questions the Council may have.

Valley Falls Housing Authority/Sunset Haven: Leslee Bowers was here to let the Council know she will no longer be the executive director on the Housing Authority for Sunset Haven. Topeka Housing Authority has discussed interest in this position. Leslee is basically looking for indorsement from the City Council to complete this change. The question was asked if there was any local interest and would this now allow for Section 8 housing there. There was no local interest for the executive director position and Leslee stated she would discuss a revision in the contract to exclude Section 8 housing. She will get back to the Council on that. Salih moves to approve Topeka Housing Authority as executive director of Sunset Haven pending the contract revision on the Section 8 housing. Gary

seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 002-Littering at Clean-up dumpster: An Ordinance was presented to the Council pertaining to littering of items outside the container and to limit use to the utility paying customers for the City. Connie moves to approve. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. This will be monitored with cameras at the dumpster.

Watson Development Contract: A contract was presented to the Council from Watson Development Group. The contract includes purchase of the remaining lots at the Barnes Subdivision No 3. These lots will fall under the same restrictive covenants filed and gives Watson Development the option to lease any home built on the property one time following a home's completion. Such authorization shall include any extensions or renewals of such lease, provided it is to the same occupant. Gary moves to approve and give Joe authorization to finalize and sign all documents needed for the contract. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Additions: Dead trees from 2019 flood: Once things settle down Chad and crew will start addressing the dead trees along Maple and in the tree park.

Brian Tillery-Farming Barnes Addition: There was a short discussion on the agreement between Brian Tillery and the small piece of land that he plants on at the Barnes Addition. There was a previous contract that turned to a verbal agreement between the City and Brian to help hold the soil and so that the City crew didn't need to bother mowing it.

#### **VOUCHERS**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK