

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

June 5, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Gary McKnight, Betsy Doughramaji, and Salih Doughramaji. Judy Rider was absent. Others present were Connie Fridley, J.D. Edmonds, Scott Heinen, Amber Darveaux, Emily Malsbury, Lori Glissman, Lisa Abramovitz, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the May 15, 2019 meeting were presented. Mike moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

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

Public Comments: Scott Heinen was here to address the council on his Code letter. He identified his business as a car repair shop and said he is working with Mark Jepson on a dealers tag to sell cars. The Council discussed his letter and touched on the storage of the cars and the lack of space he has to store them. After discussion the Council's advice was to continue through the process and set up a hearing with Curtis Wheeler.

J.D. Edmonds was here to talk with the Council on his code letter. He just wanted to hear the Council's expectations. There was a short discussion and J.D. is going to set up a hearing with Curtis Wheeler and will proceed with the process.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

Water/Sewer: Lucy extended a big thank you to our City crew for all the hours they have been putting in for pumping at the sewer ponds. The sewer pond levels went up and there were three spots where the water was coming over the banks. Paul and crew obtained a permit from KDHE to pump and have been working with our County Emergency Management team. As of tonight's meeting the levels have gone down and the crew plans to continue to pump until the 4 sed ponds are back to normal level and the segregation of the four ponds is visible. They are spending \$800-\$900 per day on diesel and about \$950 per week for the pumps. Paul feels that by the end of this week they may be able to start pumping during the day and stop pumping through the evening hours. Paul stated we may need to look into raising the dikes at some point and may need to consult with our engineer for future discussions.

Street/Alley: Paul's truck is in need of two new tires and he presented bids. The first was from Valley Ag in the amount of \$333.00, the second was from Armstrong Tire in the amount of \$364.00, and the third was from Scott Heinen in the amount of \$307.94. There was no objection from the Council to purchase from Scott Heinen.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Marcus discussed the dam in Sabetha and informed the Council there was no threat of additional flooding to the City of Valley Falls.

*Marcus attended graduation on May 12th.

*There was a good turnout for the Active Shooter presentation held at the Methodist Church. Marcus reports approx. 20 citizens attended.

*The department's annual fire arms training have been completed.

*Jim Varner will be attending A-Ride training.

*The new radar units have been installed.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Lori stated attendance at the pool has been really good. There

were 194 people there today and almost reached capacity. The total attendance for the summer is 922.

*So far 41 family passes have been sold, 11 single passes, and 9 10-day passes.

*There are 5 guards taking WSI training. The instructor will be here June 10th-14th.

*The managers are working through some chemical imbalance and have been in touch with Paul.

*The pool fund paid the life guard instructor. (Rod Strole)

*Lori states that she was disappointed in the training videos from the pool company.

*They continue to look for guards and the managers will post something on Facebook for those interested.

Shade Structures: Bain Millwrights has overbooked themselves and has contracted out to Belson Outdoor Company to complete the shade structure. The invoice from Belson was \$4,249.14. The Council previously accepted a bid from Bain for \$3200. Bain Millwright stated they would cover the difference in cost and shipping.

Old Business: **Walker-Barnes Addition/Lot Sales:** Emily Malsbury presented the counter offer from David Watson. The offer from the Council was to allow him to reserve two lots at a time but his counter offer was to reserve eight lots with construction to begin every three months. If building does not commence every three months then those lots go back on the market or can be renegotiated. Gary moves to accept the counter offer of eight lots with the stipulation that construction begin every three months. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Emily also reports that there has been a down payment put on lot #8 and the couple is working through building plans.

House Demolition: Logan from NEKES will be here Tuesday June 11th to review and inspect potential abatement properties.

New Business: **Fireworks Permit/Lisa Abramovitz:** An application from Lisa Abramovitz (A-Z Fireworks) was presented to sell fireworks in the Petro parking lot from June 27th to July 5th. Betsy moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment New Administrator: Lucy appointed the new administrator Joseph Hackney with consent of the Council. Joseph took his Oath of Office.

Moving Expenses: There was a discussion on the moving expenses and the request was to help cover \$500 of the \$800 moving expense. Gary moves to approve covering \$500. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Salih moves to approve Joseph Hackney for all banking functions, accounts, and to be added to the City credit card at the same allowance of \$2,500 that was set up with the previous administrator. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Council discussed leaving Denise on the card through the month of June 2019.

Budget Concerns: As work begins for the budget, Lucy wanted to touch base with the Council on items they would like to address. Items brought to the table were funds for demolition of houses (\$25,000), new signage, a police car, and a skid loader. They touched on the mil levy briefly too.

Liquor License: Annual renewal for J & T Liquor's license was presented. Gary moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

Addition: Paul and his crew have been alternating and working 24 hour shifts since May 29th pumping at the sewer ponds. Betsy moves to give Paul, Chad J., and Chad S. two additional vacation days on top of annual allocation for all their hard work. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK