

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

June 21, 2017

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Betsy Doughramaji, Tony Trower, and Andy Dinger. Mayor Charlie Stutesman and Mike Hahn were absent. Other members present were Joyce Brown, Connie Fridley, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the June 7, 2017 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**Public Comments:** Joyce Brown had some questions regarding the height of the dirt for the Delaware Place Senior Housing in the Barnes Addition. Alex Darby was here from PEC and could help answer. He stated one of the main reasons for the height is the housing has to be ADA compliant and explained the coordination of the elevation and grading for the road. He advised they are just getting started and things will look a lot different by end of the project.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report presented.

\*Denise is still working out solutions for our recycle bin. It was decided to have a 40YD container brought out and to have it serviced two times per month. This will cause a rate increase of 44cents per month per household for the extra dumping service. The Council had no objection to the rate increase. Denise will monitor the new changes and see how things go from here.

**Water/Sewer:** There was a water leak repaired at 409 Maple St.

**Streets/Alleys:** An application for summer help was turned into City Hall.

\*The swale at Midland Care is done.

\*The AC in the dump truck went out. Cost of repair was \$1,500.

\*The Blue Ribbon signs have been hung on 16 Hwy.

**Parks/Pool:** Paul and crew started hauling extra dirt from the new pool sight to the Barnes Addition.

\*There was a discussion on the parking lot for the new pool. Two entrances were discussed with the possibility of making Francis a one way street heading west to eliminate congestion of traffic. The Street/Alley committee will get together and make some decisions.

#### **Fire Board:**

**Police/Court:** 14 pounds of roofing nails were dumped and scattered in the back parking lot of City Hall. This prompted a discussion on security cameras. Bronson presented two quotes. The first was from Flint Hills Security for \$1,944. The second quote from D&D Security was for \$7,865. This would include two cameras in front of the building facing each direction on Broadway St, one inside City Hall, and one in back covering the parking lot. Tony moves to accept the bid from Flint Hills Security. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. It was decided to split half the cost between the general fund and the police fund.

#### **Health Code:**

**VFEDC:** Continue to work on the web page.

**Swimming Pool:** The first summer community pool party will be Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Housing Demolition: Betsy wanted to get an idea where all the other Council members were on the next steps for housing demolition. The discussion around the table was some of the other Council

members would like to see the first one go down and see how the process goes. There is also some concern on cost if we proceed with more houses in that our Pool Project is over budget and the 16<sup>th</sup> St. project coming in over budget. This will be brought back to the table at a later date.

RHID: The RHID is done. It was suggested by Lucy to start thinking about discussions with a reality company on accessing the value of the lots that can be sold. There was an idea to maybe schedule a work session sometime soon to discuss ideas around the table.

Barnes Subdivision—Alex Darby: Alex presented a revised/modified contract for the inspection work on the Barnes Subdivision. After a discussion with Council member Betsy Doughramaji Alex had updated and changed some wording to finalize the contract. Betsy moves to approve the amended Construction Services Contract with PEC. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. There will be a pre-construction meeting held a City Hall next week.

Code Enforcement update: The Health Code committee met and discussed procedure and ideas for Code Enforcement. The idea is to leave our Ordinances as is and to possibly hire an unbiased party for an initial visit. This could be placed on a trial period of one year to work 4-5 hours per month at a rate of \$25 per hour. This will be a case by case basis. Denise will create a document template (inspection report) to follow and will present this at a later meeting.

Water Rate Schedule: In an effort to keep up with increased cost, Denise presented a letter from KRWA that representative Greg Duryea composed after a water rate review in December of 2014. His recommendation at that time was a gradual increase over several years. The Council raised the rates in the summer of 2015 but has not taken any action since. The Council will take some time to review and discussions will continue.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Andy moved to go into executive session at 8:20 for approx. 20min to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include Council, Administrator, and Paul Burghart Superintendent. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:35 with no action taken.

Betsy moved to hire William McCoy for full time temporary summer help at a rate of \$7.25 per hour effective immediately. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **VOUCHERS**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DENISE M STREETER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR