

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

July 3, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Judy Rider, Mike Glissman, Gary McKnight, Betsy Doughramaji, and Salih Doughramaji. Others present were Connie Fridley, and Edward Lund.

The minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting were presented. Gary moved to approve. Salih seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

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

Public Comments: Edward Lund was here for a follow up on Midway Auto and access to the rear of his neighboring building. Allan Siegrist has hired Heinen Custom Operations and they are to begin work by the end of the week but had no firm date of completion. Joe will keep in contact with Allan on progress.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented. Joe stated the all staff has completed the web-site training. Work will continue on setup and final details.

Water/Sewer: With a recent rain Paul and crew had to being pumping 24 hours again at the sewer ponds. The rain set progress back by about a week and a half. As of tonight Paul reports they are back to just pumping 8-9 hours per day. Paul will continue to monitor levels and report progress. Paul reports the City has spent \$13,000 in pump use and \$21,000 in fuel.

*Paul had a sump pump go out at the sewer ponds. Total cost to replace is \$900. There was no objection from the Council.

*Paul had to replace color analyzers for the water plant at a cost of \$500.

Street/Alley: Paul brings up an issue that was brought to City Hall. The V.F.W. Building/property has a tree that is rubbing on the roof of the neighbor to the south. The property owners are having issues with insurance coverage if it is not trimmed or cut down. All tree maintenance is the property owner's responsibility. The property details show that this property would be the responsibility of the V.F.W. Paul will make contact with the property owners and have them work through the details.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Marcus gave a presentation for the Drivers Education Program at the school.

*Marcus will be doing another Active Shooter presentation at the Christian Church.

*Jim has been out with a knee injury so schedules have been readjusted. He is waiting on MRI results to determine when he could return. Marcus made contact with a former deputy friend for possible part time coverage if the time line for Jim is longer than expected.

*Marcus will be setting up a table at the JF County 4-H fair this year. He will be promoting the Neighborhood Watch Program and will have handouts and items to hand out to kids.

*The Jeep is in the shop for break repairs.

Health Code:

VFEDC: The committee was wondering if the City had ever purchased the sand blaster and if work has started on the street signs yet. Paul stated that the sand blaster has been purchased and this is on a winter project list when things slow down.

Swimming Pool: Joe met with pool staff today and presented an update. They talked with him on holiday coverage and possible future incentives for the staff the works the holiday. Those days seem to be hard to staff. Discussion will continue for future seasons.

*Staff reports continued cuts to the bottoms of feet. There seems to still be rough spots around the basketball area of the pool. Continental Pool returned prior to opening this season and sanded all areas of the pool. Contact will be made to see if Continental pool can come back out or has any other suggestions.

*The shade structure should be delivered this Friday. Paul will continue to work out details on getting it set up.

Old Business: Governmental Assistance Services/CDBG/LMI Survey: Topic tabled.

Cell Phone Reimbursement Policy Revision: Research continued. Topic tabled until next meeting.

New Business: 2020 Budget Approval for Publication: Salih moves to approve the 2020 Budget for Publication. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The budget hearing will be held at the August 7, 2019 meeting.

Walker Barnes Lot Raffle results: The City Council received one entry for the Walker Barnes Lot Raffle. The lot has been awarded to Watson Real Estate.

Assigning Representative: Betsy moves to authorize Joseph Hackney as the legal representative and to give authorization for him to sign for each lot sale as they come in. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

NEKES letter drafts: After review Betsy had concerns with the letter for 207 Sycamore St. Her take was that this property was being cited for the shed and vegetation only and that the house had no justification from an external inspection to show cause for demolition. The Council would like for Joe to reach out to Logan and see what measure it would take to get right of entry for this property. They would like for letters to proceed on 281 Maple, 605 Frazier, and 1106 Walnut.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: With the most recent flooding and situation at the sewer ponds, Keith Jefferson from emergency management made contact and informed the City of a possible FEMA grant to help with damages and maintenance. The grant is a 75% federal funded and 25% local match. Paul contacted PEC for assistance on a cost assessment. Two cost options were presented. For raising the dam by 2 feet all the way around would be a cost of \$3,740,021 and the 25% local match would be \$935,000. For raising the dam by 1 foot all the way around would be a cost of \$2,236,110 and the 25% local match would be \$559,000. Currently the City is in compliance with all regulations but those regulations could change and this would need to be addressed if those requirements change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judy moves to go into executive session at 7:55pm for no more than 20minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include the Mayor, Council, and City Administrator. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Council returned to open session at 8:15pm with no action taken.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK