

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

July 18, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Betsy Doughramaji, Judy Rider, and Gary McKnight. Others present were Sherry Kearney, Jo Tichenor, Joyce Brown, Sallie Meyer, Ardith Spencer, Eileen Bledsoe, Susan Kotsch, Camille Jones, Brandi Varner, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the July 5, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike moves to approve the minutes. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

Public Comments: There were a handful of citizens that stood and spoke of their support of a police department with at least three full time officers. They shared personal situations that had occurred and the need for protection and service for this town.

Judy Rider touched on a conversation she had with the City of Baldwin police department and their coverage of 12 full time officers for a town of 6,000 people.

Brandi Varner spoke of some concerns as a spouse and the covered shifts.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Denise also touch briefly on a meeting held with Ammon Taylor at Waste Management in regards to some changes to the recycle program. This topic will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

Water/Sewer: Chad J. and Chad S. are both taking classes in Lawrence to work towards their certification to operate the water plant.

*A storm blew through last Friday and lighting hit the water plant and has caused some issues with the computer system. The company is working to reprogram the computers but operation still continues through this process.

*Paul has been monitoring the water levels at the intakes and the level is still ok at this point.

*The pump that was sent in for repairs from the sewer ponds is back in operation. The company had taken the pump apart and cleaned it out. The pump seems to be working fine now.

Street/Alley: The newer flatbed Chevy is broke down currently and will be going into the shop for repairs.

*Paul and his crew will be repairing a curb overlay on Willow St. from a previous water leak that was repaired there.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police:

Health Code:

VFEDC: Salih reports there was a decent turn out for the ribbon cutting at Delaware Place Friday July 13th.

*The committee has scheduled a meeting August 6th at 6:30pm in the K.S.B. Community Hall to review and discuss the results of the First Impressions. There will be a notice placed in the Vindicator and placed on our City website.

*The committee had a visit from the new Superintendent Dr. Volora Hanzlicek.

Swimming Pool: Reid reports they continue to get complaints on shade.

After discussion it was decided to tough it out for the rest of the season and we will readdress the topic for next pool season.

*Speakers and wire have been purchased from Walmart for the stereo system at the pool.

*They will be wrapping up public lessons tomorrow.

*Kids are still getting cuts on their feet around the basketball area of the pool.

Anchors for future floatables were located but Reid is not sure that's where the problem is. He has decided to shut down the basketball area in the meantime.

*Paul reports the footings for the two light poles are scheduled to be poured this Friday.

Old Business: Code Enforcement: A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday July 26th at 6:30pm in City Hall. The Council is getting closer to finalizing the details and getting a procedure in place. There have been continued efforts to reach out to Jimmy in Effingham since he was a part of the early conversations and had shared some interest in being our Code Administrator. There have been no returned calls back.

*Ardith Spencer stood and spoke of a written complaint she had turned into City Hall in regards to her neighbor's property and the mowing maintenance that is not done each summer.

Full Time Police Position: Judy moves to hire a 3rd full time officer. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-2 with Betsy and Mike being the nay votes.

Courter Contract: Mike moves to go into executive session at 8:25pm for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include Council, Mayor, and Administrator. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

New Business: 2017 Audit-Harold Mayes: The 2017 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.

Resolution 3-2018-GAAP Accounting: Salih moves to approve Resolution 3-2018 GAAP accounting wavier. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Zoning Recommendation-Craig and Chelsea Meyer: Craig and Chelsea Meyer met with the zoning board and reviewed house plans for their newly purchased lot. The request presented to the Zoning Board was a 2ft variance on the front yard setback. This would make the front set back 28ft instead of the required 30ft front set back. The Zoning Board approved the set back and puts forward their recommendation to the City Council. Betsy moves to approve. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2019 Annual Budget: The 2018 budget packet was presented to the Council for their review and approval. After discussion the Council wanted a bit more time to look the budget over. This topic will be discussed and approved on Thursday July 26th Special meeting. This will still give time for review and approval within the date parameters for publication and being sent over to the County Clerk's office by August 25th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION#2

Betsy moves to go into executive session at 8:50pm for 20 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel with the Police department and to include Council, Mayor, and Administrator.

Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 9:10pm with no action taken.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mike moves to adjourn the meeting. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPROVED: _____

LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK