

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

August 16, 2017

2018 Budget Hearing: The Budget Hearing was opened for discussion at 6:30pm. Mike Glissman had questions answered on annual salaries. The 2018 Budget Hearing was closed at 6:35pm.

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Lucy Thomas, Tony Trower, and Betsy Doughramaji. Mike Hahn was absent.

Others present were Dick Walker, Mike Glissman, Connie Fridley, Austin Martin, Randy Dean, Kyle McCawley, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the July 19, 2017 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

City Dinner: Discussion on the City dinner the evening of Grasshopper Falls day on October 7th continued. The City plans to host a dinner again this year to start at 6:00pm at the City Park. Tony volunteered to prepare the food again this year to include pulled pork, potatoes, and baked beans. Live music is to start around 7:00pm. The Elevator will be contacted to see if there is interest in a beer garden again this year.

Water/Sewer: Paul replaced a transducer at the water plant.

*Paul has been researching bucket compactors for the backhoe to be used when installing the 16th St. water line. To rent a compactor the cost is \$2,500 for two months. Paul also presented bids for purchasing. The first was NPK for \$6,995, the second was Kenco for \$7,249, and the third bid was Gentec for \$4,700 including shipping. Betsy moves to approve the purchase from Gentec and to include the purchase of the hoses. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. This purchase from Gentec also will include a one year warranty.

*The smoke test has been completed and Charlie from KRWA will be sending a final report over to the City. The initial test showed some old service lines near the ball fields and a break on one main near the water plant. Otherwise the test ran pretty well throughout the town.

*Paul presented the cost for Ace Pipeline to come jet vac and TV the sewer lines from Walnut through the baseball fields. The cost will be \$515 per hour and could take at least four days to complete. Betsy moved to approve to proceed with Ace Pipeline. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

*RD Johnson subcontracted the excavating work for 16th St. to Farmers Excavating and this project continues.

Street/Alley: Paul continues to work on a sign to be placed at the Recycle bin and will email a final draft to be sent out to the Council before ordering.

*Tiffany Strickler (summer help) has stated her last day will be Friday August 18th. Paul would like to keep Bill McCoy on staff a little longer and possibly through the month of September. Chad Spencer will be taking a few weeks off for maternity leave and this would help keep an extra hand until Chad returns. The Council had no objection to this plan.

*Blinker light has been repaired and is a little bigger than the original one so Paul is working with Westar Energy to raise the lines higher so this doesn't get hit again. This would be at no cost to the City.

*KDOL was here for an inspection. There are a few repairs to be done to the City shop and the water plant. One item that Paul will need to place at the water plant is an eye wash station. He presented

bids for purchase. The first was USA Bluebook for \$615.95, the second was Grainger for \$634.92, and the third was Uline for \$675.00. Lucy moved to approve the bid from USA Bluebook plus shipping cost. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Parks/Pool:

Fireboard:

Police: Charlie announced that Bronson is off work currently for medical leave and will return once he receives doctor clearance.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Paul will work to drain Kendall Memorial Pool since everything is closed down now. Council discussed not to winterize this year as for this pool will not be reopened next season.

Old Business: Marketing of Barnes buildable lots: Lucy will get in touch with Andy Conser now that we are past fair week and see if he has time to set up a Special Meeting with the Council on discussions of marketing and the process for the available lots in the Barnes addition.

New Business: New Swimming Pool change order: A change order request in the amount of \$31,145.00 was presented to the Council. Randy Dean, Kyle McCawley, and Austin Martin were all here to explain and answer questions on this order. The issue is moist wet soil under where all the compaction needs to be done. Randy Dean explained that the sand and clay is an even mixture and the clay is absorbing water and holding it. It has nothing to do with the deepest diving end of the pool but mostly the middle level. This raises concern for compaction. The change order shows digging deeper down to the shale, back filling with several feet of rock, and compacting over filter fabric to stabilize for support. Charlie questioned how this could have been over looked during the GeoTech test. Kyle explained that the test was performed as ordered and it did show moist conditions and rock shale. Betsy moved to approve the change order for \$31,145.00. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. This change order did not include dirt hauling but Austin Martin has an interested party wanting some of the dirt (no objection from the Council) and Paul and his crew will continue to work on hauling as time allows.

Dick Walker had a short discussion with the Council on the new pool location, traffic, and safety.

Vacant Council seat and interested parties: Council woman Betsy Doughramaji needed to leave the meeting early. In an effort to keep a quorum the Council moved to agenda item #6 under New Business and voted on a member to fulfill the empty seat for the rest of 2017. Charlie presented three names to the body. Dick Walker (who left the meeting prior to the vote), Connie Fridley, and Mike Glissman. Each Council member wrote their recommendation on a piece of paper and presented it to the Mayor. The vote came back 3 for Connie Fridley and 1 for Mike Glissman (this vote included the Mayor's recommendation). Connie took her oath and was seated at the Council table.

CMB License: The annual renewal for a CMB License at The Elevator was presented. Lucy moves to approve. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. They also have a license to operate 3 coin operated machines. Lucy moves to approve. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Standard Traffic Ordinance & Uniform Public Offense: The new 2017 Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Ordinance books have been published. The City will need to pass and publish the new Ordinances. Lucy moves to approve the new STO Ordinance-14-113. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Lucy moves to approve UPO Ordinance-11-111. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2018 Budget: Tony moved to approve the 2018 Budget as published. Connie Fridley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Tony moved to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved: _____
Charles L. Stutesman, Mayor

Attest: _____
April Herbster, City Clerk