

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

September 2, 2020

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Connie Fridley, and Gary McKnight. Jennifer Ingraham was absent. Others present were Cindy Dixon and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting were presented. Connie moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0

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

Public Comment:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented.

*Joe stated that an update for the SPARK funding will be presented on 9/15/2020. Hopefully that will be the time they announce the decision on awarded projects.

Water/Sewer: Chad reports that the Delaware River had a Blue Green Algae scare near the intakes. Test were run through KDHE and all results were fine. This happens when there isn't a lot of rain and water gets stagnate. The recent rain helped move things down river. Chad stated that during this process of treatment there is the possibility of a muddy odor or taste to the water. It is not harmful to use or drink.

Streets/Alleys:

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Marcus reports that the school zone coverage is going well. There have been a few stops there so far this school year.

*Marcus completed putting the graphics on the Ford Explorer and has plans to update the Charger next.

*The department is participating in the Special Traffic Enforcement Program.

Public Relations:

VFEDC: The committee met tonight for the first time in several months. The committee is getting some plans in order soon.

Swimming Pool: A tentative committee meeting was scheduled for September 21st at 5:00pm at City Hall.

Old Business: Ordinance 14-110 Amendment (UTV): Marcus and Joe presented a draft amended ordinance pertaining to UTV use in City limits. The idea is to add a section to the already existing ordinance allowing ATV's and golf carts. A highlighted section was reviewed and there was a short discussion on the permitting of these types of vehicles. After discussion the Council did not feel like permitting should be required since this entire ordinance is covered under the Standard Traffic Ordinance adopted each year. All UTV's will need proper lighting, safety belts, and all drivers will have to abide by the Standard Traffic Laws and this includes having insurance coverage. Final approval of this Ordinance will be at the next meeting.

New Business: Auto Bill Pay for Water Utility: After several attempts and a few months of working with Kendall State Bank and Jayhawk Utility we have passed the test for auto bill pay. This is set up to take customers water bills and automatically deduct from their account on the 15th of every month. Applications for interested parties can be found on our City website or citizens can stop by City Hall and fill the application out. Gary moves to approve the auto bill pay contract with Kendall State Bank

and to authorize Joe as the City Administrator to sign all the official paperwork required. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CDBG Community Facility Grant Discussion: GAS will be at the next meeting to go over the LMI survey and be available for discussion. It was suggested to start working on a list of past accomplishments the City has made. This includes water main repairs, water tower painting, street overlays and patching, etc.

Additional Discussion

Community Clean up dumpster: There was a question as to how long the Council wanted to continue the 40yd clean up dumpster. We have reached the dollar amount that we spent in 2019. After discussion it was decided to proceed through the month of September. The idea is to have access to the cleanup dumpster from April through September. Discussion will continue next spring on this service. This also led to a discussion of reminding citizens of our bulk item program. There seems to be a lot of big items like couches setting at curbs.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST: _____
April Herbster, City Clerk

APPROVED:-----

Lucille Thomas, Mayor