

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS
Open Meeting
September 16, 2020

Open Meeting

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

The minutes from the September 2, 2020 meeting were presented. Salih moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0

Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc.: Lucy read the 2020 Proclamation for Constitution week.

Public Comment:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented.

*Joe states that the revenues are up 18%.

Water/Sewer: Chad and crew cleaned the water plant.

Streets/Alleys: Approved paving will be here tomorrow to start the overlay project on Walnut St.

*Chad and crew continue patch work around town.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Marcus reports the department has been busy. There was a drug arrest, DUI stop, and a domestic situation that was handled over the weekend.

Public Relations:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: PEC project update: Michael from PEC was here for an update on our progressing projects. He has spent time with City staff driving around town and highlighting areas of need. Michael has put together some detailed project cost and a map of the highlighted area for the Council to review. GAS will be assisting the City with the grant writing. The City is looking at a total project cost not to exceed \$300,000. Joe is recommending a \$125,000 match. Salih moves to proceed moving forward with the CDBG Grant with a 50% match not to exceed \$125,000. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 14-101 (UTV Operation): The amended Ordinance to allow for UTV use in City limits was presented. These vehicles will still need to follow all standard traffic laws and will need to be equipped with proper lighting, turn signals, seat belts, and mirrors. The Council decided not to include a permitting process. Gary moves to approve Ordinance 14-101. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

An Ordinance for a speed limit change on 15th street was presented. The only access these vehicles will have to Petro is the sidewalk that connects 15th to Petro. These vehicles are not legal to travel on state highways. Currently the speed limit is 30mph. There was some concern with an individual that lives on 15th street about noise of these types of vehicles. It was discussed to reduce the speed to 20mph. Mike moves to approve Ordinance 14-208. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business: JF County Health Department street closure request: The Jefferson County Health Department made contact with City Hall regarding a drive through flu shot clinic. They were requesting permission to close Sycamore Street between the ball fields. The idea was to use the existing barricades there and have the flow of traffic exit on Francis St. by the swimming pool. The clinic will be held on October 28th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Gary moves to approve. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Spark Funding: Joe received notification that the City would be awarded \$1,644.62 in reimbursements. In addition the Direct Aid portion has been approved for \$68,561.28. The parameters for the use of the Direct Aid has not been shared yet. Hopefully more info will come before the next Council meeting.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK