

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

September 18, 2019

Special Meeting: A special meeting was held at 6:00pm to tour the Vindicator building. All Council members were present. The meeting was closed at 6:30pm.

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Gary McKnight, Judy Rider, Salih Doughramaji, and Betsy Doughramaji. Others present were Matt Strickler, Joyce Brown, Renee Kearney, Lori Glissman, Connie Fridley, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the September 4, 2019 meeting were presented. Betsy moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc.: Lucy presented a proclamation to represent Constitution week. Constitution Day was September 17, 2019.

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Joe states that FEMA is still at a standstill. There were 530 applicants in 70 different counties. Joe has been working with Paul and the VFAA on figures and disaster cost for a second disaster application for incidents that occurred on 7/13/19 or after.

Water/Sewer: Paul spoke to Rick Penner at Viking and they have plans to start painting the water tower the first or second week of October all weather permitting.

*The blue green algae toxin in the river is gone.

*Paul and crew have stopped pumping at the sewer ponds.

Streets/Alleys: Paul and crew are wrapping up asphalt patching.

Parks/Pool: The last part of the big oak tree in the park should be completed by the next council meeting.

Fire board:

Police: Marcus presented his monthly report.

*Jim's Charger is in need of multiple repairs. The quote presented from Mark's Auto was in the amount of \$3,500. His car also needs tires at an additional cost of \$600. After discussion the Council does not want to spend any more money towards repairs for this car. This car will be replaced in budget year 2020 so the Council would like to see if we can get by with just Marcus's car and the Jeep until the beginning of the year.

*There was a discussion on replacement of Jim's car. The City participates in the KHP program and is on a list for a vehicle when that time comes. Marcus would like to replace this vehicle with a Ford Explorer. In the KHP program you can get a 2014-2018 model in a price range of \$20,000-\$27,000. The City has budgeted \$20,000 for the 2020 budget for replacement. Marcus will reach out and see where we are on the list. Discussion continues.

*Marcus continues to attend school community meetings and attended a safe school meeting yesterday.

*Marcus continues to work out details for a meet the police table at the school.

*The department continues to update the police tab on the City website.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: The swimming pool has been drained but not winterized yet.

Old Business: Governmental Assistance Services/CDBG/LMI Survey: Topic moved to pending items on the agenda.

New Business: Community Foundation Request: Lori Glissman and Renee Kearney were here to discuss an upcoming fundraiser that the Community Trust would like to have. The event will be a porch crawl on Saturday October 12th from 4:00-7:00 that will include 9 residents and 2 businesses. Each porch will have a different theme and will be serving their choice of snack and drink. This is an adult event due to some porches having alcohol. The ending location will be the City Park and will include some live music. This brought up the discussion of consumption/sales of alcohol on public City property. Staff advised that as currently written City Ordinances are in place and do not allow for alcohol to be consumed in public places. Staff advised that the existing Ordinance will need to be changed to allow for the proposed event to take place. There was a discussion of having The Elevator sell but this would require a temporary permit from the state for that specific address. Their current license only allows for sales at the bar location. The Foundation would have to apply for a temporary state license for a beer garden but not sure if time will allow for this before the event. The question was asked if the participants bring their own alcohol and not have a beer garden. There still are Ordinances that don't allow and Joe would like to check with the insurance agent on insurance coverage and the impact it could have on liability and premium cost.

City Facebook: A City Facebook page was discussed. The idea is to have it for information purposes only and not allow for public comments. Salih moves to approve the Facebook page and for April and Joe to be the administrators of the page. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Abatement of Nuisances CODE: There has not been a fee schedule set for abatement of nuisances when we get to this step in the CODE process. For the most part this will be for when we need to mow a property that is out of compliance. Curtis Wheeler the hearing officer can provide a notice of abatement. After discussion, Gary moves to place an administrative fee of \$150 and to include fuel cost and the hourly rate of the employee completing the work. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VF Community Survey: A draft of a community survey was presented to the Council for review. This will be a tool used that will go along with some of the upcoming strategic planning. Joe would like to open this up not only within city limits but to the entire school district. The idea is one survey per person. Joe also would like the Council to think of incentive ideas so that we can promote participation for the survey.

Photography Services: A draft of the scope of services for a City photography contract was presented. The idea would be to obtain professional head shots of staff and Council members and any other City property wanting to be displayed on the City website. After discussion the RFP will be opened up to the entire county.

Addition: City Attorney: Lucy had a discussion with Rick Johnson. He has no interest in attending monthly meetings and just would like to continue to represent the City for monthly municipal court. Lucy states that you can separate duties out to different representatives and that you are not held to one specific individual. Lucy would like the Council to start thinking about what they would prefer for upcoming City appointments. There is an election this November and the annual appointments will be in January 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Betsy moved to go into executive session at 8:05pm for 15min to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include Mayor, Council, and City Administrator. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:20pm with no action taken.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK