

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

September 19, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Betsy Doughramaji, Gary McKnight, and Judy Rider. There were 30-35 other citizens present and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the September 5, 2018 meeting were presented. Betsy moves to approve the minutes. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

Public Comments: CODE ENFORCEMENT: There were 30-35 members of the community at tonight's meeting to address the City Council of their feelings on the new code enforcement procedure. The Mayor started out by giving individuals 3-5min to speak but the crowd request that Julie Needham be their spokesperson and allowed her all their times to speak. Julie was given 30min to speak on each topic. There were questions answered on the amount of letters that went out, the legal wording, and order of procedure. There was a short discussion of the 4th Amendment right and for the most part there were individuals that just want to be left alone. There was a question about no trespassing signs and access to property, so a call to LKM and Rick Johnson could help answer this. Although most were upset with the process there were a couple individuals that thanked the council for what they were doing and appreciated the efforts. It was reminded that this was not an effort to pick on people or segregate the community but truly was an effort to take pride in our community. After long discussion most questions were answered and Julie would like to develop a community outreach committee. This group would help assist those in need with clean-up(elderly, people with young families, military, etc) and could be a proactive group also.

*Pool: There were several questions answered on pool cost, bonds, payments, lease, and hours of operation.

*Infrastructure: Paul stood and helped answer questions on water plant, water towers, water pressure, and storm sewer.

*Trash Contract: Questions were answered on trash and bulk pickups.

*Police: It was asked what our plan is for our police department. The Council plans to fill one full time position and the Chief position soon. Interviews for the Chief are scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

Water/Sewer: Martin's Construction will be hauling rock in for the WEIR repairs some time very soon.

Street/Alley: Complete Pavement is almost done with the crack seal work on our streets.

*Paul continues to work with Westar on a street light for the new 16th St. Westar has to engineer the work being done there so conversations continue on this.

*Paul has noticed Sycamore St. between the ball fields is starting to erode by the big drainage tube. He has plans to place some rip raff rock along there at a cost of approx. \$500. He also has plans to work with the Athletic Assoc. on placing the extra dirt left over from the new concession

stand there. Betsy moves to approve the drainage tube work. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Dave Mitchell reports that all 800GHz radios equipment has been purchased. The Council had talked about purchasing mobile radios, a bi-directional amplifier, and use our current equipment that would be programed with a spending amount of \$12,000. Dave was able to find a good deal on portable radios instead of using our current equipment at a very reasonable cost but would put the spending amount over by approx. \$1,000. Betsy moves to approve up to an additional \$1,000 to purchase the equipment needed. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool:

Old Business:

New Business: Lucy would like to go to the City Official-League of Kansas Municipalities-Conference scheduled for October 6-8. Denise plans to attend with Lucy too. The cost per person is \$235. There was no objection from the Council.

Herring RV request: Tim and Becky Herring have sold their home and need a temporary living arrangement until they can get utility access on their new property outside of town. Bob and Carla Heinen have offered their lot on Linn St., with sewer and water hook ups, if Council has no objection. They are asking to stay starting in October and up to approx. 3 months. Betsy moves to approve the temporary living arrangement until 12/31/18. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Brian Lane RV request: Brian Lane is requesting a temporary living arrangement for his RV at our City RV Park. The plan is to stay 2-3 nights per week from October to February. This will require an upgrade to the electricity access. Paul has plans to place a 50amp access on the first pole. Brian has no problem covering the difference of the cost if needed on his nightly rent fee. Betsy moves to upgrade and allow the stay at the city RV Park. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

*Gary moves for the City to purchase dinner for Denise and April to use when time allows. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK