

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

October 16, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Judy Rider, Betsy Doughramaji, and Salih Doughramaji. Gary McKnight was absent.

Others present were Mark Boyce, Leslee Bowers, Connie Fridley, Dale Freeland, Bob Heinen, Lorraine Gentry, Sallie Meyer, Kipp Elliott, Matt Strickler, Stacy Cervantez, Jeanette Shipley, Blake Shipley, Brittany Boyce, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting were presented. Betsy moved to approve. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0

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

Public Comments: The Halloween discussion continues and Bob Heinen was here to address the council with a final request to block the street from Oak St. to the alley that runs east of Stewart's Smokehouse. After brief discussion the Council did not make any changes to their original motion at the last meeting. Stewart's business was taken into consideration during the discussion, but for safety purposes it was decided to proceed as originally planned.

Mark Boyce: Mark was here addressing a letter he has received from the Code Attorney Leonard Buddenbohm. Mark wasn't happy with the way he was treated when he called the attorney to ask questions. Mark touched on all the problems he has had with abandoned cars and even termites in the neighboring Historical Society building. He announced he will be closing his business at the first of the year. Dale Freeland spoke after Mark and shared concerns of losing other local businesses when Mark goes. He has concerns for the City's revenue if this happens.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Joe presented a total expenditure of \$64,000 in sewer pumping and fuel during the flood event this summer. This does not include volunteer hours and rock cost. Joe will continue to stay in touch with Keith Jeffers at JF CO Emergency Management on the FEMA funding.

Water/Sewer: The KDHE inspection that was recently done was good.

Streets/Alleys: Paul has been working on options for a skid steer and has found one he has interest in. The quote is \$42,000. The Council budgeted \$40,000 in the 2020 annual budget. The Council had no issue with the presented quote and told Paul to proceed and get things set up for purchase for the next calendar year.

*The 40yd clean-up dumpster is full. Paul just wanted to touch base with the Council on if they would like to continue this service that we have provided for almost a year now. After discussion the Council decided to get one more replacement but this would be the last one.

Parks/Pool: The pool is all closed and everything is winterized.

Fire board:

Police: Marcus gave an update on the purchase of a police vehicle in Oklahoma. The one of interest is no longer available. Joe Watt Police Cars has made a new offer for a 2018 black Ford Explorer at the same price (\$21,000) as the 2017 model the department was first looking at. Marcus and Joe will stay in contact with Joe Watt Police Cars.

*All radars have been recertified.

*Marcus will be attending the 14th annual impaired driving conference in Wichita on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Health Code:

**VFEDC:
Swimming Pool:**

Old Business:

New Business: Sunset Haven-Valley Falls Housing Authority: Leslee Bowers was here to present the annual reports for the Valley Falls Housing Authority. She presents a check in the amount of \$5,000.22 for payment in lieu of taxes.

Temporary CMB Permit: Kipp Elliott was here from the Humane Society. He was here to request a temporary CMB permit for an upcoming fund raiser on October 26th. The idea is to have a beer garden with some kraft beer. They pland to cook brats and they have plans to play “The Night of the Living Dead”. This event will start after the trunk-or-treaters clear out of the City Park at 6:30pm. After discussion Salih moves to approve the temporary permit. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-1. Judy was a nay vote.

NEKES Resolutions: NEKES has put together some resolutions for the house demolition process. There are resolutions for 281 Maple, 605 Frazier, and 1106 Walnut. There is a title search that goes along with the resolution so Joe will continue with that process. There is some discrepancies that the attorney found with the numbering and the cross reference with the state statues. He would like to button some of those details up before approval of the resolutions and moving forward. This topic will be tabled until next meeting.
**This also brought up a request from address 1106 Walnut St. They are currently in the process of taking the house down themselves but wanted to request an extension. They want an extra 30days to complete this process. Betsy moves to approve a one-time only 30day extension. Salih seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Council will follow-up on progress at the second meeting in November.

Real Estate Discussion: There was a brief follow-up discussion on the real estate contract with Watson Development Company. The contract is being reviewed and litigated by Attorney White in Holton, KS. There was a brief review of a letter composed by Mr. White. The Council had no objection and gave direction to proceed. Discussion continues.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK