

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

October 17, 2018

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

Others present were Tom Ryan, Connie Fridley, Sherry Kearney, Scott Heinen, Joyce Brown, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike moves to approve the minutes. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report presented.

\*There was a question that came up during the code enforcement process on whether the trees in the alleys need to be sighted for the property owner. After discussion it was determined that since there is no issue with Paul getting through the utility easements that they wanted to hold off for now.

**Water/Sewer:** Paul has been in contact with KDHE on connection to Rural Water Atchison #5. All pipes are placed and set so the next step is to get a contract placed with Atchison #5. There was no cost discussed at this point.

\*Paul and crew continue to clean sewer mains around town with the jetter.

**Street/Alley:** \*Paul presented the quote from Westar for the new street light and overhead access. The light will be placed on the south side of the road and the cost is \$1,646.00. The difference in the previous quote from last meeting was the boring vs overhead wires. Betsy moves to approve. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Parks/Pool:**

#### **Fire board:**

**Police:** Marcus Koch stood and introduced himself along with his wife Denise. Some things he has been working on are getting set up in his office, meeting with local business members, introducing himself with school staff, attended a school committee meeting, ordering dragon pins for the police uniforms, and evaluating the car for some front end repairs. He has noticed the police department computer is not working properly. This prompted him to contact Tom Ryan who works the IT department for Jefferson County Police Department. A quote was presented for a new computer assembly in the amount of \$898.10 with NG firewall software/appliance for security in the amount of \$399. Betsy moves to hire Tom Ryan as our IT specialist at \$30 per hour on an as needed basis. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Betsy moves to approve the new computer (\$898.10) and firewall software/appliance (\$399). Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. This would eliminate the current three hot spots we use at \$45 a piece so Marcus will work on getting those canceled and sent back. Marcus is working on getting a secure fax line set up in the police department office so contact has been made with Giant Communications.

\*We continue to wait on KDOT approval for the new 800 radios. This should be coming soon.

\*Marcus is looking into some PVT (Preliminary Breath Test) devices for each of the police cars.

He would like to explore grant source first.

\*A cell phone has been purchased for Marcus with a direct chief line. A chief email has been set up as well.

\*Marcus is working on new business cards and will update any and all county ID cards for those interested. The ID cards would be used in case of an emergency or natural disaster in an effort to identify city personnel during one of those events.

\*Alert radar training is scheduled for tomorrow and all radar units will be re-calibrated.

\*Marcus has a part time applicant interested in working. His name is Paul Juedes and he has worked with Marcus in McLouth.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:** Salih presented two names of individuals that are interested in join the VFEDC. Beth Brown and Dayna Lloyd are new members to the committee. Betsy moves to approve both new members. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

\*Salih also presented a report from Donnie Smith on a Strategic Plan for the council to look over and review for a later discussion.

**Swimming Pool:** The pool has been winterized. Continental Pools was here and was able to find the rough spots on the bottom of the pool that were causing cuts to the feet. They used a putty knife to remove and think that they came from sand blowing while they were painting the pool.

\*Paul presented quotes for the driveway entrance at the pool. The quote from Butch Burdick for concrete overlay was \$6,000. The quote from Bettis Asphalt for asphalt overlay was \$5,500. Gary moves to approve the quote from Butch Burdick. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

\*The lighting was discussed. The Council would like to turn some of the lights off for the off season and wanted Paul to use his judgement on which ones he feels necessary.

**Old Business:** Code Enforcement: The procedure continues.

**New Business:** Marcus Koch took his Oath of Office and began working as our new Police Chief 10/8/2018.

**VOUCHERS**

The vouchers were presented. Gary moved to approve. Mike 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