

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

October 4, 2017

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Connie Fridley, Tony Trower, Betsy Doughramaji, and Lucy Thomas. Mike Hahn was absent. Others present was Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the September 20, 2017 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The minutes from the September 27, 2017 Special Meeting was presented. Connie moves to approve. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

##### **Public Comments:**

##### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written Report presented.

\*Denise and Charlie met with Alex Darby from PEC for a follow up on the new pool and 16<sup>th</sup> St projects. Per Alex, the type of soil was documented on the Geo Tech report for the new pool. Alex also reported that the substantial completion date is November 9<sup>th</sup> for the 16<sup>th</sup> St. project.

\*After a short discussion on relocating the recycle bin, Lucy moved to relocate the recycle bin to the parking lot of the old pool. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Denise will contact Waste Management.

**Water/Sewer:** Work continues on the water lines for 16<sup>th</sup> St. and will need to pass a compaction test.

**Streets/Alleys:** The sub-grade for 16<sup>th</sup> St. did not pass the compaction test the first time so work continues to complete that step.

\*To follow up on the school signs and the stadium sign, Paul presented the quotes to replace all the school signs along 16 Hwy. The cost to replace all 4 signs was \$669.95. Betsy stated she could take this quote to the next school board meeting to see if the school would be willing to split cost.

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

**Fire Board:** There was a short discussion on fire hydrants and ideas of how to relieve some pressure on our system when the department gets called out. The mayor had ideas to pull it from cell #4 in our sewer ponds. Paul had some concerns with how they would get their trucks in and out of the location and he was certain there would need to be approval from KDHE.

**Police/Court:** No report.

\*The mayor touched briefly on the pit bull ordinance in place currently with the City and a personal situation that came up. Ideas of identifying the breed and enforcing the ordinance were discussed. This discussion will continue for a later time.

##### **Health Code:**

**VFEDC:** The committee discussed with the Meadowlark extension on a program through K-State called First Impressions. The idea is to pair with another town and students will travel to the town and give their impression followed by a formal presentation. Betsy explained it as an off shoot of the Pride Program. The only expense to the City would be an ad in the paper and mileage and meals for the members who will be traveling to the other town. Lucy moves to allow the EDC a budget up to \$500 to proceed with the First Impressions program. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Swimming Pool:** There was some health code discussion on the plumbing for the new pool bathhouse. There was talk about a drain for the three base sink, hand washing sink in the concession

stand, wall toilets vs floor mounted toilets, and removal of primers in the floor drains. To upgrade to wall toilets the cost is \$3,500. After discussion it was decided to stay with floor mounted toilets. The change order will wash out cost wise and should not take away from the contingency money. Currently there is \$6,700 in our contingency.(not including the approx. \$6,000 that will be saved in painting)

\*The first pool bond payment was made 9/28/17 in the amount of \$40,458.23.

**Old Business:** Water Rate Schedule: Charlie has worked on a spreadsheet and worked with some figures in an effort to apply a gradual increase and to stay competitive to the increase of expenses every year. The idea is to increase the base rate by \$1.50 and leave the additional usage rate the same for year 2018. Then each year after that for the next five years his idea is to increase the base rate and the additional usage rate by 25cents each year until year 2023. There was no objection to this idea and Denise will compose an ordinance for approval at the next meeting.

Power to Buildable lots Barnes Addition: Paul has been researching electric and gas power to the buildable lots that will be for sale for future. Discussion for thought:

\*Westar will not put poles in the ground until basements/foundations are started. The cost to bury the line from Linn St to Frazier St is \$2,000 not including the transformer. There is a 20ft easement requirement for poles.

\*Kansas Gas Service will place 100ft of main for free and anything over that is \$4.50 per foot.

**New Business:** Municipal Clerks Institute: The Municipal Clerks Institute is set for November 15-17. April is ready to attend year 4. Early registration is \$355 for the conference plus \$108 per night for the hotel stay. Betsy moves to approve April to attend the conference. Lucy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Annual CMB renewal Petro: The annual CMB license renewal for Petro was presented. Lucy moves to approve. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Grasshopper Falls City Dinner: Tony is wrapping up all the final supplies for the dinner and has plans to pick up the potatoes and the paper goods Friday. Paul and his crew will move the tables from the 4H grounds and get those set up. Lucy moves to approve the beer garden and to extend the park hours to midnight. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

#### VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moved to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DENISE M STREETER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR