

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS
Open Meeting
November 6, 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, Salih Doughramaji and Gary McKnight.

Others present were Rich Ferrell, Cindy Dixon, Connie Fridley, Dale Freeland, Wilbur Boyce, Mary Boyce, Audra Moore, Danny Moore, Sallie Meyer, Craig Meyer, Renee Kearney, Tina Bruebaker, Tammy Ferrell, Frank Shrimplin, Donna McEachern, Mike Jones, Camille Jones, Joyce Brown, Scott Heinen, Harve Thomas, Tom Allen, Rick Johnson, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the October 16, 2019 meeting were presented. Judy moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

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

Public Comments: **Craig Meyer:** Craig Meyer was here to address concerns in his neighborhood and the new development of the Barnes Subdivision No 3. He has concerns with the properties all becoming rentals and does not care for the developer's product of homes that he will be putting up. He had to follow all restrictive covenants when he built his home and request for the Council to deed the lot to the north of his house to him. This lot is not currently developed and so the Council would like to look into what it would take to engineer and plot the lot of choice. The Council informed him that the City is currently working through litigation with the builder and hopes to come to an agreement on future development in that area.

Richard Ferrell: Richard Ferrell was here to address the Council on his Code Enforcement case. Prior to addressing the Council Richard was served his 10 day notice of violation by the City Administrator. He wanted to address the original arrangement and was reminded that the previous arrangement was for one shipping container and nothing was to be visible outside of the said container. The Council was willing to work with the Ferrell's but the area has since grown outside of the original agreement and the use of the land now needs to go through a conditional use permit process in order to proceed with the use for his business. He also had questions on fencing and stated he put up a privacy fence to avoid view from the street. After re-inspection of the fence it was determined by the Code Prosecutor Leonard Buddenbohm to be inadequate and did not eliminate the violation. The Council advised to continue through the process and let the judge decide in court.

Frank Shrimplin: Frank Shrimplin was here to defend his grandson and to inform the Council that he is in support of Richard's sand blasting business and have allowed for the use of his business materials on his property. He feels the Codes are all outdated and he just wants for everyone to get along. Frank touched on his history here in the City and all the years he has put into the history of this town. The Council was in support of Frank and his legacy here as our pharmacist for 40 plus years. They advised him that he is not the issue that his grandson put him in this situation and the expectation is to clean it all up and remove all materials from the property.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. The community survey continues and the deadline to compete and return the surveys is January 31, 2020.

*There is conflict with staff and the December 3rd regular scheduled meeting. Joe will be in Garden City for a Conference. April had scheduled a family trip not knowing it would cross over with the Conference. The Council had no issue and Betsy or Gary offered to take notes for minutes at this meeting.

*Joe is wrapping up candidates for City Attorney interviews. He will send the information out to the Council electronically for Council review.

Water/Sewer: There was a water leak fixed on Blue Mound Rd.

*Paul and crew continue annual maintenance and sewer jetting. Things have been going good.

Streets/Alleys: Paul is still working on skid steer bids.

Parks/Pool: B & B tress service has completed taking the big oak tree down in the park.

Fire board:

Police: Marcus has been staying in contact with Joe Watt Police Cars in Oklahoma.

*Marcus attended a conference in Wichita October 21st and 22nd.

*Marcus will be attending the 2019 Opioid Conference November 14th in Topeka.

*Marcus participated in the Health Fair at the school and put on a bicycle rodeo. There were 15-20 participants. There were bicycle inspections done, minor repairs if needed, helmets were given out, and the kids were able to complete an obstacle course.

*The Substance Abuse Council donated watch guard cameras for the police cars. They donated two cameras at a cost of \$11,000 per camera. The department was very appreciative.

Health Code:

VFEDC: The committee met with Melissa Mumford a real estate agent for PIA Friend.

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: **NEKES Resolution Approval:** Topic tabled.

New Business: **Water Tower Painting Dicussion:** The Hurst Tower has been painted. There were some concerns with the quality of the work. There seems to be some darker/splotchy areas. Paul contacted Rick Penner from Viking and he stated that most of the darker spots are over spray and with a couple rains it will wash off and work itself out. The Council just wanted to keep an eye on it because for the price the City is paying for the service the Council just wanted to be sure it is done correctly.

CMB Permit Dollar General: A new application for Cereal Malt Beverage sales from Dollar General was presented. All permit fees have been paid and all background checks have been passed. Betsy moves to approve the CMB Permit. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judy moves to go into executive session at 7:45pm for 30min to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include the Mayor and City Council. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:15pm with no action taken.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK