

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2016

#### Open Meeting

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

The minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting were presented. Andy Dinger moved to approve. Tony Trower seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. A separate motion to approve as presented the minutes from a special meeting regarding the new swimming pool that was held on November 7, 2016 was also made by Andy and seconded Tony; motion passed 4-0.

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

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

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

**Administrative:** Written report presented. The documentation covering the letting of bids on the other properties is still being researched by staff to make certain all parties are aware of the various liabilities involved. Paul Burghart was taking vacation time and needs to be involved with that process.

**Water/Sewer:** The jetter trailer is back from being overhauled from a mechanical problem that was uncovered as it was being used; staff will finish completing the remaining sewer mains. Bids have not been requested for the big oak tree in the park.

##### **Streets/Alleys:**

##### **Parks:**

##### **Fire Board:**

**Police/Court:** Chief Campbell presented a financial report and recommendations that were discussed at the police committee meeting that was held just prior to the council meeting. The report showed that the 2016 YTD expenses are approximately \$15,000 below last year. Several expense categories make up this savings (e.g. gas/oil, auto repair, salaries, etc.). The Chief is requesting to address several department concerns with the funds. The Tasers and current battery supply, which is low, are not rechargeable and are aging. The Chief along with the committee are recommending entering into a 5 year agreement plan with Taser @ \$636 for the first year then \$936 per for the next four years which would include three (3) Taser guns. An additional order of four (4) spare cartridges was also requested and included in the motion. Andy so moved; Tony seconded; motion carried 4-0. The next item was a set of spike strips @ \$450 for the third patrol car. Betsy moved to make this purchase with Andy seconding; motion passed 4-0. A motion to approve Wifi hotspot @ \$30.00 per month through our AT&T wireless plan for mobile internet access was so moved by Tony with Betsy seconding; motion carried 4-0. Lastly, the final request was for \$820 to cover an Optic site for the department to use on a rifle which is under contract through federal surplus. Two sites were purchased previously, with the Chief making available one of his personal for department use. Chief Campbell explained this is important equipment in the event of an active shooter call, especially during the daytime when accuracy is very important but more difficult. It would be the Chief that would be called to the school for such an incident during their regular hours. Andy moved to approve this purchase with Tony seconding. The vote was 3-1 with Betsy dissenting. Chief Campbell requested the minutes reflect his concern for student safety.

Part Time Officer Jordan Best left a signed resignation request along with all of his equipment during his November 6 shift. There was no other explanation given as to a reason. It was the Council's unanimous intention to re-fill the PT position ASAP.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

**Old Business:** The new swimming pool and the its budget concerns were discussed in general. Andy discussed the design of the bath house with Dan Heinen soon after the Nov.7 special meeting. Betsy related that the feedback she was receiving was negative in general towards Carrothers dealing of the matter.

**New Business:**

**VOUCHERS**

The vouchers were presented. Betsy moved to approve the payment and Tony seconded the motion along with the approval to sign the actual checks (they had not been cut) on the following Friday. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK