

**CITY OF VALLEY FALLS**  
**Open Meeting**  
February 17, 2021

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Jennifer Ingraham, Connie Fridley, and Gary McKnight. Others present were Clarke Davis, Sandra Mumaw, Hilary Mumaw, Eddie and Mickey Seichepine, and Leonard Buddenbohm.

The minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting were presented. Gary moved to approve. Salih seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

**Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc.:**  
**Public Comments:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report presented.

\*Mark Jepson will be available for the annual City insurance renewal discussion next meeting.

**Water/Sewer:** The river pump will be pulled to evaluate why it is not pumping.

**Streets/Alleys:** The dump truck keeps jelling up due to the cold temps. Heaters were set up in the shop to help warm it up.

**Parks/Pool:**

**Fire board:**

**Police:** The Jeep was taken in to get new tires at Armstrong Tire.

\*The Jeep now has a crack in the windshield so it will be going in on Friday for repairs.

\*The department is working on a new flier that includes a bar code scanning tool for reporting. There are still some minor details to be put together.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

**Old Business:** Update CDBG Community Facilities Funding: The City was awarded the CDBG grant that was applied for. The amount to be deposited is \$115,950. The City will be matching the equal amount. The project includes a mill and overlay including subsurface patching. Salih moves to proceed with the contract. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Update on Sewer PER: This project continues to move forward. Chad and Joe have a meeting with Alex Darby this Friday to discuss the next steps. There will be coordination with a company by the name of HydroClean to get the first step done. They will be cleaning and TV'ing all of our sewer lines in town to collect the data needed for the sewer analysis.

**New Business:** Barnes Subdivision/Restrictive Covenants: Sandra and Hilary Mumaw are realtors working with Eddie and Mickey Seichepine on a house purchase and possibly another lot purchase in the Barnes Addition. They currently have a contract pending on the house along Linn St. Their request is to purchase the lot to the north and build an outer metal building with water and sewer connections and use for storage. The Council informed them of the filed Restrictive Covenants with the property. They did not want to allow for a variance there and wanted to continue to develop that subdivision as originally filed.

Clean-up dumpster: The City has spent \$13,481.19 in the last couple of years for this service. The proposal is to fence it off and have a set time frame for citizens. This will help with the overflow and extra trash coming from out of town. The second option would be to only allow a specific dollar amount and then be done with the service once we met that amount.

This leads to conversations about the City salt, sand, and rock piles. There were quotes presented on this and it was broken out into Phases until the project is complete. The Phases include tree removal, fencing with and without a contractor, ground preparation, concrete work, bunker blocks, and a cover. There would be plenty of room for everything to fit on the lot. Salih moves to move forward with Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III, to have a contractor hired for the work, and look at Phase 4-6 at a later date, with the total cost at \$15,184.00. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Salih moves to place a \$5,000 cost limit to the City clean up dumpster. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Council discussed having Joe put a poll on the City Facebook page on curbside recycle vs community recycle.

City Vehicle Update: Quotes were presented for a snow plow and kit adaptor. This conversation started due to all the trouble with the dump truck this winter season. Chad presented a quote from Tarwaters in Topeka. The first quote was \$11,796 uninstalled and the seconds quote was \$12,396.00 to have it installed. Mike moves to approve the quote including installation. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Hall: City Hall has been closed to the public during the county mask mandate period and during this period of up tick in cases. Joe and April are scheduled to get the COVID vaccine on February 18<sup>th</sup>. City Council meetings have also been closed to the public during this period as well. After discussion the Council decided to continue with the plan of keeping City Hall and Council meetings closed to the public for now. Once staff has completed the vaccination process and once the mask mandate is lifted in the County, the Council discussed opening things back up then.

### **VOUCHERS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Salih moved to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK