

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

June 16, 2021

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, and Gary McKnight.

Staff present: Joe Hackney, City Administrator, Bill McCoy, Public Works Director, Lori Glissman, Pool Manager, and Leonard Buddenbohm, City Attorney.

Others present were Lori Williams, Connie Fridley, Scott Heinen, Jeanette Shipley, and Dianne Heinen.

The minutes from the June 2nd, 2021 meeting were presented.

Correction to minutes: Requested time for Gary and Jennifer arrival be changed to 6:38 and 6:40.

Mike moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0

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

Public Comments:

Jeanette Shipley asked about police coverage and if the Chief position was filled. Joe advised interviews would start the following week.

Lori Williams spoke on the drug and gun activity at the old swimming pool around the recycle dumpster also a problem with dumpster divers. Lori confronted a male earlier in the morning who had a hand gun and Gary McKnight ran him off. Lori asked if the dumpster could be moved. After a discussion Gary moved to have the dumpster moved to the city shop and to draft an ordinance to make dumpster diving a ticket able offense. Salih 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Joe spoke to possibility of selling the old swimming pool property with the requirement that they improve and use the old building or tear it down. Joe will look into it.

Dianne Heinen questioned what can be done with 5th and Maple it is hard to see with the saplings growing on the corner. Brown Brothers own the lot and will be contacted to clean up the problem.

Salih mentioned the same problem with 19th and Fisher. The county will be contacted.

Jennifer Ingraham arrived at 6:59pm.

Scott Heinen advised the council that they would be holding the fireworks display again this year on July 4th.

Committee Reports:

Administrative:

FEMA progressing should know next Wednesday. The auditor will be in June 24-25th.

Water/Sewer: The new meters have been wired at the water plant. Bill and Chad cleaned the water plant. It is required at least every 6 months.

Streets/Alleys: A new supplier was found to purchase man hole cover risers. They are a fiberglass composite. Will be installed to make sure they are sturdy.

Parks/Pool: The Autumn Blaze Maple is on hold at Jackson's Greenhouse. Bill will pick it up when he takes the pool pump.

Tucking is cleaning up property on Walnut.

Need to get a bid from tree removal services

Circuit failed at the RV Park. Bill replaced.

Bill mentioned that he received complaints about the road being damaged from the large trucks pumping water from the water hauler. Will talk with the county.

Fire board: No Report

Police: Marcus provided a report. Marcus will attend meeting when requested.

Health Code: No Report

VFEDC: No Report.

Swimming Pool: Lori advised the part to fix the life guard chair would be \$487.00. Bill can make the part.

All the lifeguards but 1 finished training and 5 life guards went through WSI course.

Swim lesson count is 45 kids in 1st session, 30 in the 2nd session, and 45 in private lessons.

Lori asked about a Verbal Abuse policy at the pool. The council advised zero tolerance.

Snow Cone machine died. She is stating a fact not asking for it to be fixed.

Bill is getting a fire extinguisher for the pool.

Water Aerobics has started.

Cameras were installed and they do not have microphones. Microphones will be priced.

Ice Cream is big seller this year.

Lori asked that her limit be raised on her credit card. Joe will look into.

Old Business: Joe has not received a bid from Heinen PHE for installing water meters.

New Business:

A letter was received from Connie Fridley's in reference to her resignation from the City Council.

Gary made a motion to accept. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Due to the resignation of Connie, it is the mayor's job to appoint a new City Council Member. Lucy nominated Judy Rider.

Salih moved to approve. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Jeanette Shipley wanted it on record that she asked to be appointed to the vacant position and Lucy Thomas advised she would not do that because Jeanette is running for Mayor in the current election.

It was discussed appointing Bill McCoy to the Public Works Director position.
Gary made a motion to approve hiring. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Topic of the rebate to Doyle Caldwell after the completion of his new house on Oak Street.
The agreement was a rebate of half of the lot price which comes to \$5,000.00. A check will be issued.
A letter was submitted by Tom & Christy Allen for a conditional use permit in order to place a travel trailer on the back of their property and hook into the sewer while their new house is being built.
One stipulation if the project is not done in 6 months return for an extension.
Mike made a motion to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

On Tuesday, July 13th there will be a Zoom meeting. Salih and Jennifer will attend.

PER will be done by June 18th. Council asked if he could come to July 7th meeting. Joe advised yes.

Joe discussed house abatements. NEK needs to evaluate. Jimmy will evaluate for nuisance violations.
It was suggested to demo 1 property in 2021 and 1 in 2022.
Gary made a motion to have NEK evaluate properties. Jennifer 2nd motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Salih suggested to the mayor and council that everyone come up with 2-3 pet projects they would like to see completed around the city. Salih gave an example of the brick road fixed by the Lutheran Church.

Leonard asked if the council was ok with him attending the 1st meeting in July instead of the 3rd as he will be unavailable.

VOUCHERS

The June 16, 2021, Vouchers were presented. Salih moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session:

1. Matters relating to non-elected personnel – Performance.

At 8:03 pm, Mike makes a motion to enter into executive session under the authority of K.S.A. 75-4319, under the matters relating to non-elected personnel exception, with the jurisdiction of protecting the privacy of the individuals involved, to include the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and City Administrator.

Gary seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Return at 8:20 pm. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Salih moved to adjourn the meeting. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
JOSEPH HACKNEY, CITY ADMINISTRATOR