

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

October 7, 2020

#### PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG

Brett Waggoner from PEC was here to lead the Public Hearing for the CDBG community grant and street infrastructure projects. The estimated project cost is \$231,900 with the grant request being \$115,900. The application for the grant is due by October 30, 2020. The City will find out if they were awarded the grant by the first of the year in 2021.

The Public Hearing was closed.

#### Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Salih Doughramaji, Jennifer Ingraham, Connie Fridley, and Gary McKnight. Mike Glissman was absent. Others present were Scott Heinen, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting were presented. Connie moved to approve. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0

**Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc.:** Presentation of rebate check/Marshall's lot sale: A check in the amount of \$5,000 was presented to Orin and Lenora Marshall for buying and developing a lot in the Barnes Sub Division No 3. They met all requirements of the Restrictive Covenants filed with this subdivision.

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report was presented. Joe wants to continue to monitor the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in the county. If things continue to trend upward, he would like for the Council to consider going back to Zoom meetings.

**Water/Sewer:** Chad and crew have all the supplies for the new water line in the Barnes Addition for the when the time comes for this project.

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

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

#### **Fire board:**

**Police:** There was an adjustment to the school zone times in the morning. The times will be from 7:20am to 8:20am. The afternoon time will remain the same.

\*Marcus is working with USD#338 on a property agreement for some traffic enforcement around the school and on school property.

\*The department will be working on some additional training on drugged driving and other drug operations.

\*Discussions and details are still being put together on a vaccination and registration clinic for dogs in the City. Discussions have been started with the Jefferson County Humane Society. The discussions included arrangements for a vet to be on site and a fee of \$15 for a rabies vaccine. Chipping was also discussed at an additional cost but could possibly be coordinated at the same time. More details to come.

#### **Health Code:**

#### **VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:** The pool has been winterized and shut down. Joe presented all the financials for the season. Chad and crew have a plan for the cover over the pump area of the pool. They will get that completed as time allows.

**Old Business:** Project update: GAS: Motions and documents to complete the details of the agreement and contract for the CDBG grant and future street projects.

\*Statement of Assurances and Certifications: Gary moves to execute this statement. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

\*Resolution Certifying Legal Authority to apply for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program and for the Mayor to sign and submit such application. Jennifer moves. Connie seconds. Motion carried 3-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

\*Resolution assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to be financed with Community Development Block Grant Funds. Jennifer moves. Connie seconds. Motion carried 3-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

\*Authorization for the Mayor to execute the HUD applicant/recipient disclosure report. Gary moves. Connie seconds. Motion carried 3-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

\*Authorization for the Mayor to execute the Residential Anti-displacement and relocation assistance program. Connie moves. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

\*Authorization for the Mayor to execute the Environmental Determination of level of review. Gary moves. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

\*Authorization for the Mayor to execute the contract contingent on grant award with Western Consultants dba GAS for grant administration. Connie moves. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

**New Business:** Halloween 2020: The Centenarian Club has developed a plan. The idea this year with all the COVID-19 precautions is to have a drive through trunk-or-treat at the fairground parking lot. There will also be a haunted hayrack ride through the doodle bug trail east of town. Parking will be available at the City RV park and that will also be the location for the sale of tickets. The Valley Falls police department will be involved in the festivities and for help with traffic control. The Fire District #11 has volunteered to help too. The event will be held Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Trunk-or-treat will be at 5:30pm and the haunted hayrack ride will start at 7:00pm.

SPARK Funding: The City applied for \$142,000 in SPARK funding and was awarded \$68,561.28. The City was also awarded \$1,644.62 in reimbursement funds that has already covered some expenses used. The awarded funds have to be spent by 12/31/2020. The item that the City would like to use for this is Radio-read water meters. The awarded cost will not cover all the meters in town but will help get a jump start on a big portion of town. The rest can be phased in later as a budget item. The older meters are the main focus first. There will be an RFP that goes out for this with a bid opening date of October 30<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to water meters there is a grant program for local businesses for \$10,000 to provide assistance to businesses who participate. This program covers expenses these businesses may have had through the pandemic. The remaining money if not all used can be redirected to the water meter bids/project.

Gary moves to authorize Joe to sign the memorandum, and authorize to proceed with the listed items presented. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Petro CMB Renewal: Connie moves to approve the annual CMB license for Petro. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**VOUCHERS**

The Vouchers were presented. Gary moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Salih brought up the annual donation to the Chamber fireworks. The annual contribution was set by a previous Council and discussion was to make this an annual motion so that each Council has the opportunity to participate in the donation each year. Salih moves to donate \$750 for the year 2020 for the Chamber fireworks display. Gary seconds. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

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