

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2014

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Jo Tichenor, Lucy Thomas, Shawn Jepson and Andy Dinger. Todd Harrington was not present. Others present were Clarke Davis and Joyce Brown.

The minutes from December 3, 2014 were presented. Shawn Jepson moved to approve and Jo Tichenor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Petitions, proclamations, request, complaints, visitors, etc.: NONE

Public comments: NONE

Committee reports:

Administrative: City Administrator Streeter prepared a written report and highlighted the following points;

- Contacting swimming pool design companies regarding further specific information as to s to continue the process with the Corps of Engineers.
- A request from the public Swimming Pool committee to use the 'kiddie' pool' at the swimming pool for a collection site for citizen's bagged aluminum donations was approved.

Water/Sewer: Staff worked on a sewer main problem at 809 Linn; Dennis taking CDL test; sign for Museum parking received; discussed upstairs construction.

Fire Board: The board has scheduled a meeting with the County Commissioners to keep the lines of communication open; accounting audit continues for 2009, 10, 11, 12 & 2013.

Police: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being developed by the County's attorney for a mandated Emergency Dispatch unit to be housed in the police department inter-office. When it is finalized it will be presented to the city council.

The final approval to hire Mike Reynolds as a Certified Part time officer for the Police Department was requested. Shawn Jepson voted to approve hiring at \$11.50 per hour with Andy Dinger seconding. Motion pass 4-0. It was a consensus of the board that all remaining covered Holidays that are physically worked by an employee are paid directly to that employee, without having to take an alternate day off, as per policy at this time.

VFEDC: The Mayor reported that he is serving on the county-wide Economic Development Business Incentives work group. The Neighborhood Revitalization Act has been investigated as a way to rebate a difference in a property tax increase after improvements have been made. There would be an application process to request consideration. This is in the very early stages of discussions and county, city and school districts would be contacted to agree to a taxing policy change.

OLD BUSINESS

Council continues to discuss the Water Rate Study completed by the Kansas Rural Water Association.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Lucy Thomas motioned to approve, Jo Tichenor seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Andy Dinger made a motion for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters, motion seconded by Lucy Thomas. Motion Passed 4-0. Council entered into executive session at 7:35pm and returned at 7:50pm. No decisions were made.

Andy Dinger made a motion for adjournment, motion seconded by Shawn Jepson. Motion passed 4-0.