

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

September 15, 2021

Open Hearing

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Jennifer Ingraham, Judy Rider, and Gary McKnight.

Staff present: Bill McCoy, Public Works Director, Chief Brandon Bines, Leonard Buddenbohm, City Attorney, Police Officer Paul Bohannon, and Chris Weishaar, City Clerk.

By Phone: Joe Hackney, City Administrator.

Others present were Alex Darby, Brett Waggoner, Connie Fridley, Scott Heinen, Jeanette Shipley, Jayson Oliver, and Dianne Heinen.

The minutes from the September 15, 2021, meetings were presented.

RNR Meeting Minutes.

Mike moved to approve the RNR meeting minutes. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

Budget Meeting Minutes

Gary moved to approve the budget meeting minutes. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Conflict of Interest Hearing Minutes

Jennifer moved to approve the minutes. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

CDBG Hearing Minutes

Mike moved to approve the CDBG meeting minutes. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

KDHE Meeting Minutes

Gary moved to approve the KDHE meeting minutes. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Regular Meeting Minutes

Gary moved to approve the regular meeting minutes. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Brett Waggoner advised the purpose of the hearing is to advise the public and council of the rate increases and project plan to install and repair the sewer lines and to take public comment or concerns reference the sewer project in Valley Falls. Brett read what the project consists of.

Without the grant phase 1 would be \$1,608,088.00 and with grant it would be around \$1,008,088.00.

Potential rate increase per sewer bill would be around \$10.40 with the grant and \$6.53 with the grant.

Alex Darby P.E. presented the PEC contract for the project. Phase 1 project contract.

Costs of project – Engineering side of project is \$145,890.00. Inspection Fees are \$101,806.00.

Leonard advised should have receive contracts two days ahead and asked about Termination clause in contract.

APPROVE AND EXECUTE CDBG APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

1) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Statement of Assurances and Certifications.

Gary made a motion to approve. Salih seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2) Entertain a motion to adopt a Resolution Certifying Legal Authority to Apply for the 2022 Kansas Small Cities CDBG Program from the KS Dept. of Commerce and authorizing the mayor to sign and submit such an application.

Gary made a motion to adopt. Jennifer seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3) Entertain a motion to adopt a resolution assuring the KS Dept. of Commerce that funds will continuously be provided for the operation and maintenance of the improvements to the sewer system to be financed with CDBG funds.

Gary made a motion to adopt. Mike seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the HUD Applicant/Recipient Disclosure Report

Gary made a motion to adopt. Jennifer seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

Gary made a motion to adopt. Jennifer seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Environmental Determination of Level of Review

Gary made a motion to adopt. Mike seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the contract (contingent on grant award) with Western Consultants dba GAS for CDBG grant administration.

Gary made a motion contingent on Leonard's approval. Judy seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the contract (contingent on grant award) with PEC for engineering design, inspection, and construction administration (if applicable)

Gary made a motion to adopt. Jennifer seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVE AND EXECUTE KDHE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

1) Entertain a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing filing of application with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for a Loan under the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Act and authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign and submit such an Application.

Gary made a motion to adopt. Jennifer seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Applicant Assurance of Public Participation

Gary made a motion to adopt. Salih seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Certification Regarding Lobbying

Gary made a motion to adopt. Salih seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Certification for Cost and Effectiveness

Gary made a motion to adopt. Salih seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5) Entertain a motion authorizing the mayor to execute the contract (contingent on grant award) and review by counsel with Western Consultants dba GAS for KDHE loan administration.

Gary made a motion to adopt. Jennifer seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Brett advised of option of using USDA loan program. Council advised will not pursue loan through USDA.

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

Public Comments:

Gary advised he was approached at the park about why the bathrooms weren't open 24/7. It was noted they never have been. Gary stated parents need speak to kids about appropriate behavior at the park and cleaning up after themselves. Jennifer stated it is not always kids that are the problem. Gary asked that everyone take pride in the city and the park and clean up after themselves.

Salih asked if the city has been sending building permits to the county? Joe advised he was told to do it yearly. Will change the process to as received.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: No Report

Sewer/Water/Streets/Alleys/ Parks/Pool: Valve replacement is in the drawing stage and they will submit to bill for approval hopefully this week.

Spoke with Alex from PEC about manhole that need to be replaced. Bill will be working on fixing manholes and risers that PEC wont.

Installed more than 10 meters.

Process got halted by a major leak at the bus barn. In the process of repairing the meter was removed.

Trees were started to be removed. If stumps would be removed a cost of \$150 each which is cheap.

City workers took out as many small trees as they can. Hopefully in next week or so can start hauling in fill dirt to level.

All improvements to the park around the tank have been done. Bill hopes to have the memorial tree planted in the next few days.

Received new pump motor. Sent it to Topeka to have it installed onto the current motor.

Will be draining pool this week. Will install antifreeze in lines.

Did receive the one application and he started Monday.

Lucy advised Tiffany Strickler has been mowing. Her husband helped two days also. Jennifer advised it needs to go through the proper procedure to have people help. Need to be transparent.

Salih asked about when pump house will be enclosed. Bill is looking into prices.

Mike asked about mowing the Barnes addition. Bill advised is on the Fall to do list.

Jennifer asked how many hours Bill works. He advised 100+

Public asked if pump at pool is indoor or out door pump. Currently is an indoor pump but it will be replaced with the outdoor pump.

Fire board: No Report

Police: Introduced Paul Bohannon as the new police. Brandon will ride with him for 2 weeks. Have had a couple other applicants and is working on background checks.

Been working varied shifts to be as visible as possible.

Made a new Facebook page. Two people flee from police. Received tips to lead to suspects.

Police department will not be detoured by rude disrespectful comments.

Jennifer advised people don't know the circumstances so don't make comments. If you don't control little things, you can't control the big things. Gary if you run from an officer, you are probably doing something wrong. City will not tolerate the crime whether big or small. Encourage people to cooperate.

Public asked about the comment about DNA testing and such. Brandon advised it is at no cost to the city we have the supplies.

Donations – Rotary Club \$4,500 to purchase Omnigo RMS software. City would have to pay yearly \$3,000 maintenance fee. Washington County Sherriff extra Tasers and body cameras. Ray County gave donations as well.

Vehicles – the Charger started smoking and citizen stopped and help get him out of the road. It was a thermostat issue. Could have been much worse.

Had to get the Explorer out on Sunday evening and Bill came and stayed Sunday night for three hours to get it running. Thank you to Bill.

The Jeep has been cleaned and will reach out to Purplewave to have it posted.

Health Code: No Report

VFEDC: No Report

Swimming Pool: No Report

No complaints have been filed.

Old Business:

Bill went to the pond and sprayed with an aquatic herbicide and it killed the Duck weed. Will need to get a boat to spray whole pond at one time. Salih suggested that the process be put on hold until Spring and then keep it from growing in the first place. Was also suggested to contact the fire department to burn around the pond this winter.

New Business:

Budget Amendment and Proposed Budget paperwork signed. Will be forwarded to County.

Petro CMB License is up for renewal.

Gary made a motion to approve license. Mike seconds motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Lucy made a Proclamation for Constitution week. September 17 - 23 is Constitution Week.
Received Thank you card from Aimee Dockweiler for making Valley Falls a great place to live.

VOUCHERS

The September 15, 2021, Vouchers were presented. Mike moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CHRISTINE WEISHAAR, CITY CLERK