

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

January 3, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Tony Trower, Mike Hahn, Betsy Doughramaji, and Connie Fridley. Lucy Thomas was absent. Others present were Brent Lloyd, Dayna Lloyd, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.(Betsy Doughramaji arrived after the vote)

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Denise presents a quote of \$725.72 pertaining to the Property Tax tied to the Schoonover property (lots 9-12) west of the new pool location. This property is in the process of being donated to the local trust fund and is being used for staging material during construction of the new swimming pool. The discussion was whether or not the City would want to cover this Property Tax payment. After discussion it was decided that for the use of the property the City would cover the 2017 Property Tax. Connie moved to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Water/Sewer: Paul and his crew have been working hard to thaw things out and repair leaks. There was a meter at 402 Frazier that froze and broke. This meter was replaced. There were water main breaks on Linn St. by Midland Care, South of town on Frazier St, and North Sycamore St. at Deb Barrow and Lace Brown's old trailer park. Paul stated that he has thawed out well over a dozen meters at residents around town.

**Hydralynk was discussed again. There still has been no contact from Scott Harries after the invoice was sent. Paul has access to shut power off at the Hurst Tower but it would take a bit of research to narrow down connection at the South Tower. He could shut power down once identified. There still is not a returned signed contract with Hydalykn, no \$200 payment for 2016, and no \$400 payment for 2017. After discussion it was decided that if there is no contact and payment by January 30th that they would like power to be disconnected. Tony moves to approve the disconnection by January 30th. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

**The parts to repair the brains of the control panels at the Sewer ponds are coming. There still was no quote presented.

Street/Alley:

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Written report presented. See attached a financial report and comparison of expenses each year going back to 2014.

Health Code: Denise presented a draft Code Procedure Book to the Council. This topic will be tabled until the new Council members get seated. This will give them time to review and give their input on the topic. Denise did touch base with Jimmy from Effingham and he is on board with future discussions if the Council would like.

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Two applications have been received from Aislinn Miller and Reid Bunde for the new swimming pool manager. Denise will coordinate time with the Pool Committee once Lucy returns and can be involved in the conversations with both applicants.

*A big thank you to Kathy Young for her background and behind the scenes work with some of the set up.

Old Business: Code Enforcement: Tabled for future discussion.

Real Estate Broker RFP: Barnes Addition No3: Emails were sent to Pia Friend and United Country Heart of America with an extension date of January 3, 2018. There was still no response. It was decided to table the conversation until the January 17, 2018 meeting.

New Business: 1612 Willow-Front Porch Variance: Brent and Dayna Lloyd were present tonight to answer any questions the Council may have on the recent variance request made to the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board met Thursday December 28th and reviewed plans presented by the Lloyd's requesting an extension to an existing variance approved for the prior property owners. Currently the house has a 5ft set back variance due to the original structure being built encroaching the current setbacks. Now an extension of an additional 8 feet is being requested for a front porch addition. This will put the front set back at 18ft from the property line and 31ft from the edge of the road. The Zoning Board made the recommendation for approval. Mike moves to approve the recommendation. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Additions: A question was asked about a management change at Sunset Haven. Denise reports as a Valley Falls Housing Authority board member, that Paul Heinen has made the announcement to his board that he will be retiring his position. The board continues to work on a job description and will be seeking a replacement. Conversations have started but no final dates have been given. The Valley Falls Housing Board is the body that will conduct interviews and hire the replacement. No final dates have been announced.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK