

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

January 17, 2018

Public Hearing: Zoning variance 1612 Willow St. The front set back variance has been approved and published in The Vindicator. The Public Hearing was opened and closed with no Public Comment.

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucille Thomas. Council members present were Tony Trower, Mike Hahn, Betsy Doughramaji, Salih Doughramaji, and Mike Glissman. Others present were Joyce Brown, Connie Fridley, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike H. moved to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Hydralynk: Denise reports that a certified letter and email was sent to Scott Harries regarding the updated contract, yearly fees, and equipment on our water towers.
***Recycle discussion:** The recycle bin has hit a spot where it's over filling again before being emptied and residents are leaving the over flow outside of the container. Denise has had to go down and clean it up. She has reached out to our Waste Management contact, Ammon Taylor, on suggestions for extra containers or dumping cycles. Currently it is being serviced bi-weekly. The cheapest option would be to add an additional pick-up. It cost the City about \$400 for every time the container is emptied. Currently residents are paying 88cents per month on their utility bill and an additional dumping would cost an extra 44cents to each resident. After discussion the Council felt like maybe the holidays were a big factor with extra materials. There was a short discussion on placing cones or a chain across the entrance to close off the site once the container is full. Monitoring will continue and no action was taken at this time.

Water/Sewer: The refrigerator that stores supplies and samples at the water plant is going out. Paul presented quotes for replacement. First quote was from Home Depot for \$199. The second quote was from Lowes for \$299. The third quote was from Menards for \$164(smaller size). Betsy moved to approve the purchase from Home Depot. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

*There were two frozen meters that broke and have been replaced.

*There was a water main break at 19th and Fisher that was repaired.

Street/Alley: Paul stated there is an injector going out in the City dump truck. One injector was replaced last year. There are six total injectors so Paul asked if he could just replace all of them while it is in the shop. There was no objection and Paul will get a price to present.

*Chad Spencer is on light duty currently.

*The Chevy 1500 needs two new tires. Paul presented quotes for replacement. The first quote is from Armstrong for \$390. The second quoted is from Town & Country for \$408. The last quote was from Valley Ag for \$412. Betsy moves to approve the purchase from Valley Ag. Mike H. seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Bronson's car is in need of new tires soon. He will present quotes at a later meeting.

*The floor was turned over to Tony as a member of the police committee. He read a report written by Officer Jim Varner concerning a discussion/complaint that Council man Mike Glissman was involved in at Petro. The topic of the reported conversation involved a traffic stop that Officer Travis Courter previously made. Tony requests an executive session after the meeting to discuss matters of non-elected personnel.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Code Enforcement: The Council decided to hold a Special Meeting January 31st at 6:00pm to review the Code Enforcement Manuel and discuss details and a plan of action.

Real Estate Broker-RFP: Barnes Addition No3: Andy Conser was here and presented a detailed packet on marketing of the buildable lots in the Barnes addition. There is a lot of detail and information to cover. Andy suggested a Special Meeting to include the Zoning Board as well. The cost would be a \$1,500 commission per lot and approx. half of the closing cost. Salih moves to hire United Country Heart of America. Mike G. seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday January 31st at 6:00pm. Council felt this topic takes priority before the Code Enforcement discussion. The Special Meeting for the Code Enforcement will be rescheduled for another date.

New Business: Annual Appointments: The full slate of appointed employees was presented by the Mayor to the Council. When the entire slate of appointed positions was presented for a vote it was requested by Council woman Betsy Doughramaji to proceed individually.

Administrator: Denise Streeter-Mike H moves to approve. Tony seconds the motion. Carried 5-0.

City Clerk: April Herbster-Betsy moves to approve. Mike H. seconds the motion. Carried 5-0.

Chief of Police: Bronson Campbell-Tony moves to approve. Mike H. seconds the motion.

Motion carried 2-3.(Salih, Mike G., and Betsy nay votes)

City Attorney: Rick Johnson-Betsy moves to approve. Salih seconds the motion. Carried 5-0.

City Judge: Dennis Reiling-Betsy moves to approve. Tony seconds the motion. Carried 5-0.

City News Paper: Vindicator-Betsy moves to approve. Mike G. seconds. Carried 5-0.

City Depository: Kendall State Bank-Betsy moves to approve. Tony seconds. Carried 5-0.

Committee Assignments: Lucy presented a list of Committee Assignments that she recommends for the Council to review and discuss. A couple changes were made and the committees were assigned.

Water/Sewer: Paul, Salih, and Mike G.

Streets/Alleys: Paul, Mike H., and Tony

Parks/Pool: Lucy, Tony, and Mike G.

Fireboard: Mike G.

Police/Court: Bronson, Lucy, Tony, and Mike H.

Health Code: Betsy, Denise and Lucy

VFEDC: Salih

There was no objection to the above Committee Assignments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Betsy moves to enter into executive session at 7:35pm for approx. one hour to discuss matters of non-elected personnel and to include Mayor, City Council, Administrator, Officer Travis Courter, and Officer Jim Varner. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 7:55pm with no action taken.

Betsy moves to enter into executive session at 8:00pm for approx. one hour to discuss matters of non-elected personnel and to include Mayor, City Council, and Administrator. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session with no action taken. Until a successor is appointed Bronson Campbell continues to hold his appointed position.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Betsy moved to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moves to adjourn the meeting. Mike H. seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK