

City of Valley Falls

Open Meeting

February 6, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Judy Rider, Gary McKnight, Salih Doughramaji, Mike Glissman, and Betsy Doughramaji.

Others present were Kathy Young, Lori Glissman, Tim Herring, Becky Herring, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting were presented. Salih moves to approve the minutes. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Comments: Becky & Tim Herring were here to update the council on their living arrangements at 508 Linn Street (Bob and Carla Heinen property). The weather has played a big factor and has delayed them in getting utilities set up on their own property outside of town. As soon as the water and sewer lines are placed they will be moving their camper out to their property hopefully by May. Betsy moves to extend their living arrangements until June 1, 2019. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: It was discussed to get an Oak tree for the annual Arbor Day tree planting this year.

Water/Sewer: Paul thinks he has identified the big water leak on Oak St. between 11th and 12th street. It is running into the sewer. KRWA will be here to assist in identifying the exact location to dig up and repair if needed.

*Paul would like to attend the annual KRWA Conference in Wichita March 26th-28th. The total cost is \$333.00 including a hotel room.

*Paul continues to work on LT2 sewer sampling. He has to resample due to the first sample having a low sample volume and the second not getting there in time due to mail delays.

*Paul got a call from Suez and they will be hand delivering a bid tomorrow for the water tower painting. Hogan's is still working on getting a bid over. Maguire Iron stated they could attend an upcoming meeting to explain financing for the project.

Street/Alley: Salt has been ordered for street treatments.

*The temporary fix to the hopper is still holding and hasn't effected any snow removal or treatments.

Park/Pool: Paul has been monitoring the driveway entrance to the pool. He suggests we delay the concrete overlay due to the ground still settling and to re-evaluate in one to two years. Betsy moves to cancel the contract with Butch Burdick. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

*The grass planted at the pool is growing in as crab grass. Paul wanted to get the Council's thoughts on whether to reseed or not. He presented two quotes for grass seed. The first quote was from Valley Ag at \$870 for a 250lb bag and the second quote was from Tarwater for \$370. After discussion it was decided to just leave it as is for now since it is serving its purpose in holding the dirt.

Fire board: The committee designated new officers. Justin Sales is the new president. Lee Welborn is the vice president. Mike Glissman is the treasurer.

Police: The first neighborhood watch meeting went well and conversations have started. With all the other scheduling conflicts and weather, Marcus would like to hold another meeting Wednesday February 13th at 6:30 in City Hall.

*Marcus would like to attend a program given by the attorney general on human trafficking that is being held on Wednesday March 20th.

*All of our officers attended suicidal prevention training at the County.

*Marcus attended a school committee meeting and will continue to work with the school. He has some ideas for DARE, seat belt awareness, car seat checks, bicycle safety, and where ever else he can plug in. It was suggested from the mayor to maybe talk with the school and start a lunch with the Chief program. Marcus will contact the

school and start conversations on this.

*The monthly activity report was presented.

VFEDC: Dr. Volora Hanzlicek was the guest at the last VFEDC meeting. Discussions were about daycare and the need in our area for child care.

Health Code:

Old Business: House Demolition: Betsy feels that it would be a good idea to make contact with Dennis Foster from Northeast Kansas Environmental Services. There are still a handful of houses in town that she feels need to be addressed and has done some previous research on. Betsy moves to make contact with Dennis Foster and start conversations. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Sewer Maintenance discussion continued: Paul reminded the council the cost to TV the sewer lines is \$1.45 per foot. To clean and TV 10,000ft will cost approx. \$14,000. The question is how far the council wants to proceed with this maintenance. Insituform was discussed briefly and Paul states that in order to determine where to start with it depends on the results of the TV and videos done at that time. His suggestion is to start the TVing just in our problem areas already identified. There will be a new census in 2022 so we could hold off until the results from that to see if we fall within the LMI requirements for grants. It was suggested that he meet with the street/sewer committee, gather some thoughts, and come back to the Council. This discussion continues.

New Business: Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage: As of April 1st the state statute regarding Cereal Malt beverages is changing which will lead to an Ordinance update/change. The percentages are changing from 3.2% to 6%. The existing Ordinance and the revised Ordinance (provided by LKM) were laid side by side to review the changes and new language. Denise presented a draft Ordinance for the council to take time to review. Denise pointed out a couple sections to focus on regarding dispensing and a change in the age from 21 to 18, and minor on premise.

Pool Manager: The committee met and has finished the interview process for our pool managers. There were four total applicants. Judy moves to hire Kathy Young and Lori Glissman as our two co-managers. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Mike Glissman abstained. They will start getting details together as far as training, scheduling, hours, etc. Betsy moves to remove Reid Bunde from the City Visa credit card and to add Lori Glissman and Kathy Young. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Leadership Conference: Lucy would like to attend the Mayor Leadership Conference April 12th and 13th. The cost is \$160 plus hotel. Betsy moves to approve. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Mike moves to approve the vouchers. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moves to adjourn. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK