

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

February 19, 2020

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Jennifer Ingraham, Connie Fridley, and Gary McKnight. Others present were Scott Heinen, Diane Heinen, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting were presented. Gary moved to approve. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

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

Public Comments: Salih spoke to Clarke Davis about the City article in the Vindicator on February 13, 2020. He wanted it corrected to say that he would like a list of previous improvement projects, including houses already demolished by the City, so they could be included on grant applications. Any improvements made around the City help on grant applications for grant sources.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented.

*Joe presented a report from the community survey and will have a copy on the website. He organized items from most satisfied to least satisfied. He recommends doing a community survey every 2 years.

*Joe touched on the flood as a financial standpoint and funds are building back up. There is expectation for another flood year in 2020 so pre conversations have already started between Joe and Chad.

*RFP's for trash service and street projects continue.

Water/Sewer: There was a power outage at the water plant that affected the mother board of the computer. While troubleshooting the problem it was discovered the computer software is out of date. Chad has made contact with the software company and an upgrade can be done in the amount of \$3,000. Gary moves to approve the upgrade. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

*Chad is also looking into setting up the annual contract with HACH Company again. This would include a maintenance package and would also include all upgrades at a cheaper cost. A quote will be presented at a later meeting.

Streets/Alleys:

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: The 2014 Dodge Charger has been repaired and is back in service from when Marcus hit the deer coming back from training. The insurance company has reimbursed minus the deductible.

*Jim's animal control training has been rescheduled for February 20th due to Jim being ill.

*Marcus shared a nice thank you letter from a staff member at Stormont Vail in regards to a call Jim had handled.

*The department will be participating in the SAFE program February 24th through March 6th.

*The school will be hosting regional basketball. Parking will be monitored during this.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Applications continue to come in.

Old Business: Security Cameras City Hall: Marcus and Joe are still working on quotes for an upgrade to our security cameras at City Hall. The department has made contact with Flint Hills Security since they are the company that originally installed our current camera system. A second quote is to come from a company in Tonganoxie. Discussion continues on this.

Meeting Structure Discussion: The meeting structure discussion continues on whether the Council wants to continue with two meetings per month or change to one meeting per month. We are the only City in Jefferson County that has two meetings a month. The idea would be to increase the frequency of committee meetings in between the regular meeting. This would also result in amending an Ordinance if the Council decided to change. Connie moves to have Joe prepare a draft of the idea and the structure/language for a monthly meeting. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: Three Year Infrastructure Projects 2020: Joe presented a color chart/map of the future plans for the City infrastructure projects from year 2020 to 2023. This would include water, sewer, and streets. The City is currently accepting bids for the intersection of Mary St. and Walnut St and for an overlay of Walnut St. from 16Hwy to 12th St. Other areas of focus are the approaches in the intersections where brick meets asphalt. The City crews should be able to address those areas. Joe will be recommending a \$75,000 to \$100,000 line item in the 2021 annual budget in the Consolidated Streets and Hwy Fund. In year 2022 the plan highlighted some brick repairs/relaying. More serious conversations need to happen closer to the brick project. There are 25 blocks of brick streets and the estimate to repair one block is \$44,000. Joe will continue to research funding programs through USDA, KDHE, and CDBG.

2010 Dodge Charger discussion: The 2010 Charger has been removed from the fleet but an idea came that would go along with Jim's animal control training. The idea would be to use this vehicle and turn it into an animal control car. Marcus would like to get the vehicle looked over before making the transition. Scott Heinen was here tonight so he will get with Marcus soon to evaluate the car. Discussion will continue after the evaluation of the condition of the vehicle, but there was no objection from the Council to use it for animal control purposes if everything checks out ok.

Governing Body Institute: The Governing Body Institute is April 24th through the 25th. Lucy, Jennifer, and Connie would like to attend. There was no objection from the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike moves to go into executive session at 7:50pm for 15minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel for the Public Works Department to include Mayor, Council, Administrator, and Public Works Director. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:05pm with no action taken.

Salih moved to hire Bill McCoy for the full time Maintenance position at a starting salary of \$14.50.

Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (Connie abstained)

Mike moves to go into executive session at 8:06pm for 10minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for consultation with the City Attorney to include Mayor, Council, Administrator, and City Attorney. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:15pm with no action taken.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK