

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

March 7, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucille Thomas. Council members present were Tony Trower, Mike Hahn(arrived late), Betsy Doughramaji(left early), Salih Doughramaji(arrived late from EDC), and Mike Glissman.

Others present were Mark Jepson, Charles Stutesman, Ammon Taylor, Sallie Meyer, Jan McKnight, Sharon Sweeney, Sherry Kearney, Linda Stansell, Connie Fridley, Joyce Brown, Clarissa Conser, Cortlyn Conser, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the February 21, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike G. moves to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

The minutes from the February 28, 2018 special meeting were presented. Tony moves to approve. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc.: New Pool ideas Jan McKnight: Jan has been brain storming with details and ideas for the new swimming pool. She had brought a few pictures to share. Her first idea was a name she had thought of that would coincide with the Delaware theme here in Valley Falls (Delaware Township, Delaware Place, etc). Her idea was “Delaware Point”. She showed the Council other nautical themed pictures with mermaid and pirate restroom signs and some rope and buoy ideas. She also wanted to touch on some lounge chairs. There is an individual that would like to make a donation for these chairs and there was no objection from the Council. Jan will get with the Council pool committee and get that order started.

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

Water/Sewer: There was a sewer backup unplugged at 901 Linn St.

*Paul and his crew have been working on jetting sewer lines around town for annual maintenance.

*There have been six sewer cap repairs since the letters were sent out.

*Paul is still waiting to hear from ACE on when the City can get on the schedule to TV the lines out to the sewer ponds.

Street/Alley: Paul would like to find time to get with the committee and discuss signage for the new pool. He also wants to discuss the corner of Francis and Sycamore and get a game plan for the drop off there at that corner.

Parks/Pool: Demo at the old pool has started.

Fire board: Mike G. attended the Fireboard meeting 2/26/18. The board assigned new officers. Mike G. is the new treasurer. Blake Shipley is the new president on the board.

Police:

Health Code:

VFEDC: Salih reports that work on the membership list continues.

*He reported two street lights. He reported problems with the light at Sycamore and Mary St.

*The second was a request for a street light to be placed on the new 16th St. where the Mulberry stub is located. Paul stated that Westar just needs contacted for these things.

*EDC is getting all the details arranged for the First Impressions with Nancy Daniels at K-State

and Dave Key with the Meadowlark extension. The sister City will be Blue Rapids. The EDC continues to gather volunteers and get this all set up.

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Waste Management: Ammon Taylor from Waste Management was here for the discussion and for questions on the recent amendment to the City's trash contract. The amendment was in regards to our Commercial accounts and overage charges. If the trash exceeds the volume of the container (including lid not being properly closed) or if there are items outside the container there will be an additional \$90 charge assessed. Ammon explains this as a conversation starter and the idea behind this amendment was for the business to evaluate their trash volume and upsize to the proper container size. If an existing commercial account does add an additional 96gal container or upsizes to the next size of dumpster then all of the additional fees will be waved. There has been a bit of a push back since this amendment came about and some accounts felt that if the education would have come sooner, then they would have been more aware of the volume they were setting out each week. Ammon stated he had intentions of waving all overage fees up to this most recent invoice for February's trash haul and with the education letters not getting out until February. Going forward in March these fees will be assessed with any trash volume over the container size.

New Business: EMC Insurance Renewal: Mark Jepson was here to present an account summary to the Council in preparation for the annual renewal. There are still adjustments being made to our water tower properties. The summary shows the old bath house still on the policy in case the City has use for storage there. The new pool will be added once it is completed. It currently is covered with the builders risk insurance. Mark will have all the final figures and will have those available for approval at the next Council meeting. The policy will be effective April 1, 2018.

Police Chief Appointment: The Mayor read State Statue 12-16.128 out loud to the Council. With there not being a resolution presented for termination and with it being past the 45 days to complete that process, then Bronson Campbell's appointment stands as Police Chief.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Tony moves to adjourn the meeting. Mike G. seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK