

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

March 16, 2016

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Mike Hahn, Lucy Thomas, Betsy Doughramaji, Tony Trower, and Andy Dinger.

Other members present were Joyce Brown, Scott Harries, Mark Jepson, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting were presented. Tony Trower moved to approve and Lucy Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Denise spoke to Jordon Griffin at the CORP. There has been a meeting scheduled March 23rd with the CORP, KS Real Estate office, Larkin, and Carrothers Construction.

Water/Sewer: There was a big water main break repaired at K4 and Sycamore on Saturday 3/12/16.

Streets/Alleys: Paul test drove a 2010(3500) Chevy flatbed truck. It has 67,000 miles and the price is \$18,935. Tony moves to approve the purchase. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. This will be split between Street, Water, and Sewer fund.

*It is getting time to think about possible options for summer help.

Parks: Paul presented some bids for a new lawn mower. The first bid was from Tarwaters (Grasshopper) \$8,685.75. The second bid from Heinen Repair (Farris) was \$8,728. The third was from Miller Ranch Equipment (Dixie Chopper) for \$8,530. Betsy moves to approve the purchase from Heinen Repair. Andy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Police/Court: Written report presented. Mike Reynolds graduates from the Academy March 18th. *Tony asked about a raise for our part time officer Joe Ellerman. It was brought up in past discussions to bring it back to the council during his evaluation period which we are past that date now. Tony moves to approve Joe Ellerman a \$1.00 per hour raise. Lucy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Health Code:

VFEDC: Reminder of the business social at the Pharmacy March 28th from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Condemnation: Denise had a conversation with Linda Gantz. Ben and Chuck Gantz will work on getting us a bid for demolition cost hopefully by next council meeting.

New Business: Hydralynk: Scott Harries was here representing Hydralynk formally known as J&R Internet. He was here to introduce himself and to talk about updating his contract on the equipment placed on our water tower. He stated he has a liability insurance policy set up through JF Douglas Insurance Company and will leave a copy tonight. In years past J & R has paid an annual fee of \$400 for use of equipment on our water tower. Hydralynk is still in the early stages of rebuilding their business and funds are a little tough right now but Scott was very willing to work with the council the best he could. Betsy moved to

approve and renew the contract with Hydralynk at a cost of a \$200 fee for the first year and then reevaluate the annual fee next year. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

EMC Insurance Renewal: It is time for the annual renewal of our City EMC Insurance policy due by April 1st. There was an adjuster here several months ago to reevaluate all City properties covered. There looks to be about a \$7000 premium increase from last year. The biggest increase was the Water Plant that was reevaluated at 2.3million dollars. Mark still felt that some of the properties still could be adjusted some. There was also a short discussion on cyber coverage protection. Lucy moves to approve EMC with the evaluated adjustments. Andy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Tony moves to change the 2004 Crown Vic to liability coverage. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Lucy moved to approve and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Andy moved to adjourn meeting and Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK