

**CITY OF VALLEY FALLS  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 20, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council Members present were Lucy Thomas, Todd Harrington, Shawn Jepson, and Andy Dinger entered. Others present were: Daryl Courter, Josh Pence, and Doug Wildeman.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2013, were presented, Lucy Thomas moved and Todd Harrington seconded the motion to approve said minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No Public Comments

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** - Chris updated the council on the Freeborn Property. There is a mortgage holder on the property and an IRS Tax Lien. The new mortgage company is out of India. Chris contacted MO-KAN regarding possible grant funding in the downtown district.

**WATER / SEWER** – There was a sewer blockage in the 700 block of Walnut that required an emergency call out of Kansas City to clear the blockage.

**STREETS / ALLEYS** – Daryl reported that the brake pods on the dump truck were broken and had to be replaced. Salt was ordered to replace the amount used during the recent snowstorms; it is to be delivered soon.

**PARKS/POOL** – An old water well was discovered out on Rush Field out in right field. The well was filled in using specifications provided by the US Corps of Engineers. A representative from the US Corps of Engineers will be at the April 3, 2013 meeting to respond to questions regarding Corps of Engineer ground surrounding Valley Falls. Work is to begin soon on the pool skimmers and chair lift.

**FIRE BOARD:** – The fire board meeting was cut short due to a medical call. The fire board is in the process of redoing their forms for billing and accounts and will include a new debit card system for purchasing.

**POLICE/COURT:** – Chief Pence reported that the new IDs are in and have been issued. There has been a noted increase in the number of calls mainly due to the nicer weather.

**HEALTH CODE:** – Nothing

**EDC** – Nothing for EDC

**CITY BUILDING:-** There was a brief discussion about the nearing completion of the City Office Building. It was mentioned that we will need to get two filing cabinets that are 24” tall that can be used as part of the desk in the administrator’s office. There was also more discussion regarding an under-counter refrigerator unit.

There was also a discussion about what table will be used for the Council meetings. Lucy Thomas volunteered to recover the council chairs if the Council will reimburse her the cost of the fabric. Todd Harrington said that he could paint the chairs too.

**COMPLAINTS:-** None

### OLD BUSINESS

**Atrazine settlement:** City Administrator Chris Channell presented the options for paying off the KDHE loan early. Chris presented a report on the water fund from last year and stated that the budget should be able to handle the increased expense for paying the loan off earlier. Todd Harrington made a motion to proceed with paying off the KDHE loan with a 6yr loan from Kendall State Bank. The motion was seconded by Shawn Jepson. The motion passed 4-0.

**Tree Removal Bids:** A bid to remove the trees on Broadway and grind the stumps was discussed. There was some concern as to the total number of trees that needed to be included, as well as the number of stumps from previous trees that were already taken down. The bid was going to be revisited at the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Reserve Officer Program:-** Todd Harrington and Doug Wildeman addressed the council about an idea that they came up with to get the kids back into town and on Broadway during the weekend evenings. They are proposing to create a reserve officer program that will primarily be responsible for monitoring Broadway on a Friday or Saturday evening allowing the Police Department to not have to worry about covering that part of the town or possibly even give them a weekend night off. Chief Pence pointed out that there may be an issue with certification requirements depending on the amount of authority they would be given. City Administrator Chris Channell was concerned about the potential for liability issues. The proposal will be discussed at the next meeting when there is a better idea what the expectations and limitations will be for the reserve officer program.

### VOUCHERS

Shawn Jepson moved and Lucy Thomas seconded to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

### ADJOURNMENT

Todd Harrington moved to adjourn and Shawn Jepson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MILLIE C. BICKFORD, CITY CLERK