

# City of Valley Falls

## Open Meeting

March 20, 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 Rick Penner, and John Cavanaugh.

The minutes from the March 6, 2019 meeting were presented. Mike moves to approve the minutes. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Public Comments:** John Cavanaugh was here to speak to the Council about his alley/driveway. He lives at 709 Willow St. and has concerns of getting in and out of his property and the condition of the alley he uses. City policy is all property owners are responsible for maintaining their driveways and alleys. The City provides the rock and charges per ton for citizens that are interested. John has talked with Paul and it was determined that he would need approx. 30 ton of rock at a cost of \$600. After discussion the Council stated they could not help cover the cost due to policy but would be willing to work on a monthly payment plan of \$50 per month until he can get the invoice paid off.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report presented.

\*The Council discussed Midway Auto briefly. They wanted to give Allan Siegrist some time to process the damage to his building. He has had conversations with Paul and has plans to work on replacing the roof and closing up the opening in the back corner of his building. PEC, our engineering company, has structural engineers that would be willing to come evaluate if needed. Conversations will continue.

\*The 40YD dumpster has been ordered and will be delivered April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Code procedure will begin again at this time and follow-up letters have been sent for citizens that were given extensions or were still in the middle of the process from last fall.

**Water/Sewer:** The river pump had to be raised to clear of mud. Paul presented a quote from Johnson Service Co. in the amount of \$250 per hour to suck out the mud pit. There was no objection from the Council to proceed.

**Street/Alley:** Paul spoke with Nick at Heinen Repair. There was a correction made to the previous quote presented on the country clipper mower. Paul presents a new quote of \$8,435. Betsy moves to approve the purchase from Heinen Repair. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Paul has plans to place the old country clipper on Purple Wave and there was no objection from the Council.

**Parks:** A chokecherry tree was planted at the park Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>. The City partnered with The Kansas Forest Service and the sixth grade class. Lucy presented the Arbor Day Proclamation before planting the tree.

### **Fire board:**

**Police:** Marcus was absent from the Council meeting so he could attend a presentation at the school on Human Trafficking.

### **VFEDC:**

**Pool:** Discussion continues on shade structures at the pool. Paul presented a quote from Bain Millwrights in the amount of \$3,200 for the frame work of one structure not including the installation or cover piece. After discussion Betsy moves to approve the purchase of one structure. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Health Code:**

**Old Business:** House Demolition: Lucy, Betsy, and Salih drove around town one afternoon to identify properties of interest for demolition. They presented six addresses (281 Maple, 806 Walnut, 805 Oak, 1106 Walnut, 207 Sycamore, and 605 Frazier). The top three addresses are 1106 Walnut, 207 Sycamore St., and 605 Frazier St.

\*Lucy touched base on the Freeborn property at 501 Mulberry. Josh Ney has been busy with a murder trial but hopes to have a date for the tax sale in a week or so.

**New Business:** Water Tower Maintenance: Rick Penner from Viking was here to present a proposal for the water tower painting/maintenance. This company is based out of Omaha Nebraska and does offer maintenance programs as well. He recommends interior and exterior work on both towers that were very similar to the other proposals at previous meetings. These contracts are year to year and can be canceled at any time. The proposal came in higher than the other companies so the Council wanted to be sure they were comparing apples to apples and the spread of the maintenance program. Paul will stay in contact with Rick Penner and may find time to set down with him at the KRWA annual water conference to discuss the proposal. Denise and Paul will work on a spreadsheet to place the proposals side by side so Council can review and make a decision. The Council discussed an early evening special meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup> in an effort to focus on this one agenda item.

Walker-Barnes Lots: There was a short discussion on the lots for sale in the Walker-Barnes subdivision. A raffle was discussed again with a summer date and the thought this time is to let the citizen choose the lot of choice. Restrictions/covenants will remain the same. The discussion will continue.

#### **VOUCHERS**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK