

City of Valley Falls
Open Meeting
April 3, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Judy Rider, Gary McKnight, Mike Glissman, and Betsy Doughramaji (arrived late). Salih Doughramaji was absent. Others present were Harold Mayes, Scott Heinen, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting were presented. Judy moves to approve the minutes. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

Water/Sewer: KDHE requires testing for blue green algae. Each test cost \$100 and would need to be tested weekly in the months of May through October. KDHE would lower the testing cost to \$25 per sample if we join the sampling program. Gary moves to join the KDHE program. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

*Paul and crew started sewer maintenance with the jetter.

Street/Alley: Paul and crew have been working on grading the alleys and have plans to do some curb cleaning next.

*Paul started discussions on street overlays. He would like to finish Linn St. past 16th street to 19th street. He also stated he needs to do a lot of asphalt patching as well.

Parks: All parks have been opened.

Fire board:

Police: Marcus attended a Human Trafficking program at the school March 20th.

*The department will be starting door to door visits for the Neighborhood Watch Program.

*The department will be attending some training on ignition interlock devices, DUI, commercial vehicles, and licensing.

*Marcus also will be participating in the STEP program for seatbelt safety.

*There is a storm spotters training 4/9/19.

*Marcus will be working with Judy Rider and the local churches on an active shooter presentation on May 15th.

*Marcus is getting closer to securing a vehicle for a safety driving training. Contact will be made with the school and our local fire and EMS department.

VFEDC:

Pool:

Health Code:

Old Business: Housing Demolition: It was reported that 1106 Walnut St. is in the process of being sold. The new owner has intentions of upgrading and fixing the house up.

*Address 207 Sycamore called to request an extension. He had some water damage and would like more time.

*Address 605 Frazier is in the Code Enforcement process and working on repairs from an inspection received from Jimmy Ellis. He has intentions to request a hearing with Curtis Wheeler and continue to work through his process.

*Denise talked with Allan Siegrist at Midway Auto. She offered to set up a meeting with the small business development group if he has interest and also reminded him that the City could call in a structural engineer if he had any interest. He has plans to bring in some equipment to start cleaning up debris.

*Discussion continues.

Barnes lots for sale/raffle: Discussion to continue.

New Business: 2018 Annual Budget Report: The 2018 annual audit report was reviewed by the Council and Harold Mayes was here for the report and to answer any questions the Council may have. He made a recommendation to set up budget appropriations as a separate line item for each fund.

Housing Authority Appointment: A new Housing Authority appointment was presented to the Council. Pat Sieve is a new term appointment and will be replacing Denise Streeter's position on the board. Gary moves to approve. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

Administrators position: Lucy and Denise met with two candidates for the administrator position and have a third initial interview this Friday. Lucy has been pleased with the candidates so far and would like to set up time for the Council to interview. April 10th and April 15th are open dates so Denise will reach out and set up time slots for interviews.

Additions: An ad will be placed in the Vindicator for summer help. It was discussed to raise the hourly wage to \$10.00 per hour.

*The next Council meeting on 4/17/19 will begin at 6:00pm. The idea is to give the Council some work session time to review and discuss the water tower maintenance plans.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Gary moves to approve the vouchers. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moves to adjourn. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK