

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 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, Gerianne Harrington, Jeri Clark, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the March 16, 2016 meeting were presented. Andy Dinger moved to approve and Lucy Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Comments: Jeri Clark was here to talk with the council on a Service Learning Day that she is helping sponsor with the school. It is scheduled for April 27th. They have plans to work on improvements at the park like painting picnic tables, playground equipment, and planting flowers in all the barrels in front of the businesses down town. She was instructed to communicate with Paul for project ideas and supplies to complete the project.

Mollie Kearney was here for a special request. They have sold their house a little quicker than expected and are looking for a place to stay temporarily. She has made a few calls on rentals in town but states there just isn't anything available. Her idea was to stay in the City RV Park until they find a new place. She was wondering if the Council would consider waving the 14 day maximum stay until they can secure another place to live and would have no problem keeping in touch with City Hall during their stay. Tony moves to approve their stay at the City RV Park. Andy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Denise wanted to verify a couple dates for upcoming memorials. Gordon Bledsoe is set for April 28st during the Arbor Day Celebration. Paul Burns is set up for April 21th at the ball fields and in coordination with home town balls games.

*The Insurance renewals came back showing some square footage updates, decreasing the admin car to liability, and adding Paul's new truck bringing the annual premium to \$25,487.00.

Water/Sewer: The rip raff work at the sed pond is almost complete.

Streets/Alleys: Paul would like to get a tool box for his new truck. He presented a few price options. Lowes is priced at \$366.73, Tractor Supply is priced at \$379.99, and Menards is priced at \$307. Betsy moves to approve the tool box from Menards. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

*Paul would like to fill two spots this summer for summer help. The ad will go into next weeks paper.

*The curb work is complete at 500 Broadway St.

Parks: All the City Parks are open.

Police/Court: Officer Reynolds has not been provided his bullet proof vest and the one he is currently wearing is pretty used and not in good shape. The cost of a new vest from Gall's is \$843.79. Andy moves to approve the new vest. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Bronson will apply for grant funding for a 50% reimbursement back to the City for the vest.

*Two of our body cameras have dying batteries. They function well but are not lasting as long as they should. The replacement cost for two new cameras form Taser is \$1214.77. The better option is to replace the entire

camera because the cost to replace parts usually cost just as much as a new unit. Tony moves to approve the purchase of two new body cameras. Andy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

*Police committee meeting scheduled for April 12th at 6:30pm.

Health Code:

VFEDC: The committee just reviewed the business social that was held at the Pharmacy.

*They made contact to KDOT regarding the Blue Ribbon sign but was not given permission to place on K-4.

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Condemnation: There is still no word back from Ben and Chuck Gantz. Denise will touch base on demolition cost.

New Business: Overlay Bid Openings: Two sealed bids were received from All American Asphalt and Bettis Asphalt for the overlay project on Linn St. Bettis Asphalt came in at \$44,950. All American Asphalt came in at \$42,002.10. Lucy moves to approve the bid from All American Asphalt. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2-2016: Lucy moves to adopt the 2016 GAPE Accounting Resolution 2-2016. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Trailer Court Licenses 2016: The renewals for four trailer court licenses are in. All paper work and annual fees have been collected. The renewals are McCarthy Trailer Court(10 spaces), Walnut Estates(6 spaces), Nate Heinen Trailer Court(5 spaces), and Grant Lassiter Trailer Court(2 spaces). Andy moves to approve. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Work Sessions: Work sessions to address the personnel policy are scheduled for Tuesday April 19th at 6:30pm and for Tuesday April 26th at 6:30pm.

Pool Public meetings: Public meetings have been set for discussion on the Pool Project. Meetings are set for Wednesday June 22nd and for Wednesday July 13th. Denise will contact the Township Hall board on availability for the meeting place. We also have the option of the school and the Kendall State Bank building for other locations if needed.

Possible City Lawsuit: Andy removed himself from this discussion. Concerns were brought forward from a letter that was sent to the City via email and a threat of a possible law suit regarding a social media attack associated with Twitter and our City Mayor. The City Administrator and all Council member names were mentioned in this letter. There was discussion on a possible City Policy for Social media. The Council would like discussion to continue at the next meeting.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Tony moved to adjourn meeting and Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK