

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2016

#### Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Mike Hahn, Lucy Thomas, Betsy Doughramaji, and Tony Trower. Andy Dinger was absent. Other members present were Joyce Brown, Rick Ensz and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the April 6, 2016 meeting were presented. Tony Trower moved to approve and Lucy Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report presented.

**Water/Sewer:** There was a sewer backup at Lace Brown's shop at 901 Linn St. Roto Rooter was contacted and came out and cleared the line.

**Streets/Alleys:**

**Parks:**

**Fireboard:** Financials were presented.

\*The department will be doing some minor maintenance changes. They will be raising the ambulance runs to cover the cost of what Medicare allows, and raising mileage runs to \$13.50 per mile compared to \$11.50.

**Police/Court:**

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

**Old Business:** Condemnation: An update was received from Ben and Chuck Gantz. (Refer to Admin report) The estimate was based on a 1,500 square foot house, 20 hours of work at \$75 per hour, and cost of equipment. If the house has a basement then more time will need to be taken to break out concrete and haul that off. Other factors that apply could be mature tree locations, street access, and other surrounding structures. Land fill cost will also need to be included. The cost to the City is looking to be about \$3,000 give or take.

**New Business:** Rick Ensz: Rick was here and presented a draft Sales Tax Ordinance and Ballot Question for Council to review. He stated some things to consider before the approval of the Ordinance and before the public votes would be exact location, design layout, and total cost. This then leads to a conversation of some other concerns Rick has. Rick has concerns with the language of our lease with the CORP and the way it states that the land could be inundated if necessary and stated this would not work in selling bonds with this language. More than one location can be included in the Ballot Question but this would require a cost estimate be done for each property included. This would be just another step in the approval process. There have been conversations with Jordan Griffin at the CORP in inserting the Base Flood Elevation Level (927.4) during their approval and evaluation process, but he would have to ask. This then leads to the second item to think about and that is the CORP time line for approval. The minimum time frame

would be 90days for approval. The County Clerk would need all the information within 60-90days of the election and this would be close to the time line we need to get all the info to her. She had stated in an email to Denise that she would need all the information by June 1, 2016. Denise will touch base with her to verify that June cutoff date. The Council would like to keep the conversation going and Lucy spoke of a conversation she had with Bill Schoonover and his property next to the proposed location as another back up plan.

Sampler Festival: The Sampler Festival is quickly approaching and will be held in Winfield Kansas May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Rooms have been reserved for stay and booth space has all been set up. The Vindicator is working on updating the Valley Falls brochure. They will be printed on legal sized paper and folded twice with print being black and white. The price to print 2,500 brochures is \$250 and the price to print 5,000 brochures is \$371. There will be no charge for the design. Lucy moves to approve the purchase of 5,000 brochures. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Meeting electronic communication: There was just a refresher discussion on Open Meetings and using forms of electronic communication. Topics discussed were text messaging and email communication. These forms are ok to use to communicate but cannot be used in a group format. Once three or more members are involved in conversation, this would then violate the Open Meeting Act. The same concept applies for email. If an email goes out to the group, then Council Members just need to be cautious when they reply and try to avoid using the reply all button with any responses.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Lucy moves to go into executive session at 8:15pm for approx 15 minutes to discuss negotiations of Bill Schoonover's property next to the proposed Pool site and price of the property to include Mayor, Council, Administrator, and City Clerk. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The council returned to open session at 8:30pm with no action taken.

#### **VOUCHERS**

The vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve and Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

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