

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

May 17, 2017

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Lucy Thomas for Mayor Charlie Stutesman who arrived late to the meeting. Council members present were Betsy Doughramaji, Mike Hahn, and Andy Dinger. Tony Trower was absent.

Other members present were Joyce Brown, Salih Doughramaji, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the May 3, 2017 meeting were presented. Betsy moved to approve. Andy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc: Brenda & Bill Klatt: Brenda and Bill Klatt live at 509 12th St here in town. They were here to address the council on a driveway access concern and have a request to the Council. For 40 years the Klatt's have used the alley as their driveway access and is the only access to the back of their house. It was verified there are no City utilities in this alley. With some personal health concerns they will occasionally park in the driveway ("alley") for easier access to the front door of the house. They are requesting to purchase the alley and have scheduled a survey of their property for this coming Saturday. After short discussion the Council would like the Klatt's to come back to the next Council meeting with the survey results. Discussion will continue.

Public Comments: Police Presentation: Plaques of appreciation were presented to officers Jim Varner, Travis Courter, and Tim Bacon (JF Co Sherriff office). These plaques represent all the hard work and effort in several theft cases recently and recovery of stolen property.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Denise has been working on setting up the budget module in the Denali Accounting program.

*Matt Williams has been in contact with his plans to demo 405 Oak St. He has been working with SM Ball for disposal and his goal is to have it done sometime this summer.

Water/Sewer:

Streets/Alleys: There was a mower accident with no injuries. The other party's insurance is covering the damages. Two tires were replaced at a cost of \$190.

*There were some damages to the 4 way blinker light on 16hwy. Paul presented a quote from Traffic Parts for \$593 plus freight. Betsy moves to approve. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

*A tire on the dump truck needs replaced. Paul presented a quote from Armstrong Tire in the amount of \$350. There was no objection from the Council.

*Curb work is complete at Midland Care.

Parks/Pool: The pool has been drained. There was a leak repaired in one of the lines and there is a light that needs replaced in the pool. Paul and his crew had to take out a diving board that was falling apart at the base.

Fire Board:

Police/Court: The financial report was presented.

*Each car has a mounted radar unit. One unit has crashed and another unit is on the outs due to aging. Bronson addressed the Council on their thoughts to replace the unit or to repair the old unit. For a brand new unit the price range is \$1,600 up to \$2,900. After discussion it was decided to replace two radar units.

Mike moves to approve the purchase of two radar units at a cost of \$1,600 per unit plus shipping. Andy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Health Code:

VFEDC: Salih Doughramaji brought in the purchased Blue Ribbon signs the Council to view. Paul will install the signs.

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Annual Committee Appointments: The Council selected the annual committees.

- Admin/Mayor: Denise and Charlie
- Water/Sewer: Charlie, Tony, Paul
- Street/Alleys: Tony, Lucy, Paul
- Parks/Pool: Lucy, Tony
- Fire Board: Mike
- Police/Court: Charlie, Tony, Mike, Bronson
- Health Code: Betsy, Charlie, Denise
- VFEDC: Betsy
- Swimming Pool: Jessie Frakes, Justine Frakes

New Business: Dean Construction: Randy Dean and Jeff Bitner from Dean Construction were here to introduce themselves to the Council. Jeff Bitner will be the project manager and will be on the site daily. Dean Construction will be working with Continental Pools to build the pool and there will be monthly progress meetings. Lucy moves to enter into a contract with Dean Construction at a project price of \$1,385,000. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Randy Dean also mentioned they have a contract with the City of Horton to rebuild their pool and offered a savings to both projects in sharing the same Project Manager. Randy Dean offered \$26,500 savings. Betsy moves to approve sharing project managers with the City of Horton and for saving towards our project. Lucy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Randy Dean will work on the change order.

Alex Darby Barnes Subdivision: Alex presented his recommendation to the Council for RD Johnson Excavating (Lawrence, KS) as the low bid of \$427,340.60 for the 16th street project. Mike moves to award the construction contract to RD Johnson. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Alex has talked with RD Johnson and there is a possibility to negotiate some dirt grading cost and this could potentially be a savings of \$31,713 on the project cost.

*Alex also presented the hourly contract documents for the full time inspection work during the project. The Council wanted to take a little time to review the contract and will approve and sign at the next meeting.

Alex Darby Water Pressure Study: Alex has completed the water pressure study and presented the Council with the documents of the water module. It was broken up into two phases. Phase I at a cost of \$1,445,500. Phase II at a cost of \$783,000. The study shows our system is in need of significant improvements. KDHE grants and LMI were discussed for funding avenues.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DENISE M STREETER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR