

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 2016

Open Meeting

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

Other members present were Joyce Brown, Randy Schmelzle, Jerry Heinen, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the May 4, 2016 meeting were presented. Andy moved to approve and Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc: Randy Schmelzle: Randy was here for an update from the Council and is still waiting on contact from the insurance company. Paul let him know that Roto-Rooter was here and jetted the line leading out to the sewer ponds. There were tree roots cleared. Paul also informed him that Kansas Rural Water was here to assist in starting the smoke test process with weather permitting. The City has spent over \$13,000 in maintenance in the last three years and is now researching options of purchasing our own jetter truck/equipment. Jerry Heinen was here to show a visual of what a check valve looks like and gave a short demonstration. When Jerry was asked by Betsy if there was any other recommendations he could think of he agreed that clearing those tree roots from the line will be huge and help a lot with the flow of things. Randy seemed pretty satisfied with the update and will continue to stay in contact.

Bill Schoonover: Bill was here for a short discussion on his trailer court property next to where the new pool will be located. There was discussion of use of his land for a backup plan just in case we run into any future problems with CORP approval or with our bond council. Bill stated he and his sister share the property and she is out of town for a graduation and was not available for discussion tonight. Rick Johnson is working on the estate. There are 4 lots there of interest on contingency of the bond passing. Bill would like time to talk a little more with his sister but was not opposed to donating his portion of the land. No final decisions have been made.

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. The City wide clean up date was brought up. The Knights of Columbus is still open to coordinating their medal drive the same day. June 25th was the date decided.

Water/Sewer: Paul presented bids for the water tower maintenance. KDHE recommends cleaning and inspecting every 2 years. The last time we did was 2009. Hogans Painting and Sandblasting will cost \$3,500 for both towers. Utility Service Company will cost \$2,450 for both towers. Lucy moves to approve the bid from Utility Service Company. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Streets/Alleys: One of the cameras at the City Brush Pile was vandalized and broken. The individuals have been identified and will be prosecuted through district court. Paul has already purchased a new camera and installed the new camera.

Parks: Paul planted the tree at Sunset Haven for Paul Heinen's Memorial.

Police/Court:

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Jessie was here and presented a written report. The pool will open May 30th and closing date will be August 12th this year. There are three pool parties set for this year. The first one is June 18th Superhero and Princess theme, the second is July 23rd Christmas in July, and the third one is August 6th Back to School Party. Ozawkie is hosting a summer camp and sent a request to use our pool for part of the camp. They have interest in a swim from 11:30am-1:00pm and Jessie feels she would have good guard coverage so thinks this would work out just fine if there was no objection. The rec commission has sent a request to do water aerobics again this year. There was a short review of all the guards pay rates for this year. Jessie and Reid are looking forward to a great 2016 season.

*John Shipley stopped in to City Hall. He would like to organize at time to get together with EMS, Fire District 11, Paul Burghart, and pool staff for a short safety training on the chemicals used at the pool.

Old Business: Condemnation: Dennis Foster is coming to Valley Falls tomorrow (May 19th) at 1:00pm to start the inspection process for dilapidated homes. Denise still has not heard back from Terry Taylor yet on the title searches.

Sampler Festival: Betsy stated that her family had a good time at the festival. The first day over 6,500 people came through. The second day was bad weather so the turnout was not so good. The big draw to the City booth was the Barn. There was also a big interest in wineries in our surrounding areas. The Sampler Festival will be held in Winfield again next year. Betsy recommends not going due to being so far and not very many local contacts were there. After next year there was discussion on doing regional festivals for future festivals.

Sewer Insurance Update: An adjuster contacted Paul at 3:00 today so there wasn't much to update for tonight's meeting. All questions were answered and the adjuster will continue to work through the process.

Swimming Pool Election: A special meeting was scheduled at City Hall for Tuesday May 24th at 6:30. That would give Bill Schoonover time to talk with his sister Sara on negotiations for their property. The ballot question and ordinance will be approved and signed then.

Personnel Policy Revision: A work session was scheduled June 7th at 6:30pm to continue review and updates.

New Business: Mesner Senior Housing Project: Cliff Mesner called City Hall and gave a verbal notification that the City was awarded the project. There will be an official letter to come soon.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK