

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2016

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lucy Thomas in the absence of Mayor Charlie Stutesman. Council members present were Betsy Doughramaji, Tony Trower, and Andy Dinger. Mike Hahn was absent. Other members present were Joyce Brown and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the June 1, 2016 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented.

Water/Sewer: A water leak was fixed at 801 Oak St.

*The public notice for foundation drains was run in the paper for two weeks.

*There are still problems with the Linn St lift station pump. It now needs to be rebuilt. Paul presented a couple bids. Independent Electric can rebuild the pump for \$3,023.77 or a brand new pump would cost \$5002.07. Smith and Loveless in Lenexa has a brand new pump for \$3,751.55. Andy moves to approve the purchase of a new pump from Smith and Loveless. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

*The water tower and maintenance work will start next week. One tower is scheduled for Monday and the other tower is scheduled for Thursday.

Streets/Alleys: Patching work on Linn St. continues so All American Asphalt can come soon.

Parks: The big metal slide repairs have been completed by Bain Millwrights.

*There was a short discussion on the gates placed by the Athletic Association on Sycamore St to close off the street during ball game events. There is concerned with how close the steel posts that hold the gates up are to the street and Paul stated he was never notified before the gates were placed. Another concern was liability/insurance coverage in case of any accidents. Research will be done on the approved documents from the CORP and conversations will start with the Athletic Association on some of these details.

Police/Court: Written report was presented.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Pool season is still going very well. They continue to fill private/group swimming lessons and have had a great response to the evening lessons. There are some minor repairs that need to be done to a bathroom door lock. Paul will look into this. The speaker system used for music and announcements no longer works and pool staff is using their own personal equipment currently. Reid researched some new speakers at best buy. Betsy moved to approve the purchase of some new speakers at a cost limit of \$500 or below. Andy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: Condemnation: Dennis Foster sent letters to 106 Sycamore and 405 Oak dated June 7th. He is still working on a few details with 501 Mulberry. The process continues.

New Business: Harold Mayes Auditor Report: Harold was here to present the Audit Report and Financial Statement for the 2015 annual City audit. The report showed a minor budget violation tied to the consolidated streets and highway fund. There was no budget authority for this fund which was missed while completing the amended budget for the Sewer and Water fund.

Fireworks Permit: Lisa Abramovitz was here to request a permit to sell fireworks in the Petro parking lot from June 27th to July 5th. Tony moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Fireworks Purchase: Annual authorization for purchase of fireworks from Paul Heinen to Aerial FX Inc. was requested. Tony moves to approve. Andy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Liquor License: Annual renewal for J & T Liquor's license was presented. Andy moved to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

Public Pool Meeting: The first public meeting for the new swimming pool project will be Tuesday June 22nd at Township Hall starting at 6:30pm.

ADDITIONS: Betsy would like the Welcome to Valley Falls sign to be added to the Chamber agenda.

*Dog Bites: There has been word that there have been several dog bite incidents in town but no formal complaint has been made to City Hall or our Police department.

*Mesner Project Funding: A short discussion on how the City is going to fund their cost of \$241,000 for the Mesner Housing Project came up. The consensus around the table was to cash in CD's and then replace the funds back using the RHID incentive. Discussion will continue so that the members not present tonight can include any other thoughts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy moves to go into executive session to discuss negotiations of non-elected personnel at 8:05pm for no more than 1 hour to include Council, Administrator, and Police Chief.

The council returned to open session at 9:55pm with no action taken.

Andy moves to accept the letter of resignation from Mike Reynolds. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK