

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

June 17, 2020

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Gary McKnight, Salih Doughramaji, and Connie Fridley. Jennifer Ingraham was absent. Others present were Leonard Buddenbohm, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the May 20, 2020 meeting were presented. Connie moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0

The minutes from the June 10, 2020 Special Meeting were presented. Mike moves to approve. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report was presented.

*Joe spoke to Rick Penner at Viking. He can have a crew here within a couple of weeks to repaint the water tower.

*Doodlebug Trail: Jeri Clark reached out and request some help from the City. The current mowing arrangement made for the Doodlebug trail is temporarily out of service. She request the City help mow the portion from the City shop to the river. After discussion the Council had no objection to help with the mowing at least two times. If it goes beyond a couple times then the City would request reimbursement for staff time.

*Joe continues to work through the 2021 budget.

Water/Sewer: Chad presented a figure of \$7,556.00 to repair the sewer pump. He also presented the cost to replace the pump at \$20,000. Chad will proceed with getting it repaired.

Streets/Alleys: Crack Seal: Gary moves to approve the bid from Complete Pavement in the amount of \$14,000.

*The 5th and Walnut intersection is going well.

Parks/Pool: Chad asked the Council if they felt comfortable with him opening the rest of the City parks. There was no objection. This lead to a discussion on the public bathrooms at the City park. In previous summers we have had a lot of trouble with vandalism and individuals making messes in the bathroom and not cleaning them up. It was discussed to make a key and have this key be signed out for events. This would include a \$25 refundable deposit. Gary moves to lock the public bathrooms at the park, impose a \$25 refundable deposit, and a key to check out for events. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire board:

Police: Marcus states that the annual fire arm training has been completed.

*Marcus has some upcoming training on racial and other bias based policing, mental illness training, and marijuana training.

*Marcus will continue to stay in touch with the school for their driver's education classes. He like to incorporated a program to present to the new drivers.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Lori was here to present an update. Currently there are 21 staff members including two lead guards. Training continues to go well. Lori continues to monitor the JF County Health Department recommendations and guidelines. She has presented a swim schedule

starting with adult swim starting at noon and then open to the public at 1:00pm with safety breaks every hour. Lori has paid the fee for Red Cross so that the option for swim lessons is still there. She has purchased some guard gear in the amount of \$500. She bought fanny packs, masks, etc. and used the pool fund money to cover those expenses.

Old Business:

New Business: J & T Liquor: The annual liquor license renewal was presented to the Council. All annual fees have been paid. Gary moves to approve the 2020 liquor license. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

A-Z Fireworks: An application from Lisa Abramovitz (A-Z Fireworks) was presented to sell fireworks in the Petro parking lot from June 27th to July 5th. Mike moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Additions: Pond treatment on Oak—Joe and Chad have been working on solution.
Richie Ferrell code: Currently in process still. This individual has made progress but time to follow-up.
Dead Trees: Chad has identified and has a plan for the dead trees around the ball fields.
Mosquitos: Chad is working on getting supplies. Weather permitting he has plans to spray before the 4th of July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gary moves to go into executive session at 7:35pm for 30 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel and evaluation of police staff to include Mayor, Council, Administrator, and Police Chief. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:05pm with no action taken.

Gary moves to increase Travis Courter’s hours from 30 hours to full time (40hrs). Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Gary moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK