

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

July 5, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Judy Rider. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Betsy Doughramaji, and Gary McKnight. Mayor Lucy Thomas was absent.

Others present were Sherry Kearney, Connie Fridley, Donna McEachern, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting were presented. Betsy moves to approve the minutes as amended. Mike G. seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

Upon a question asked by Betsy on Gary McKnight's Oath of Office, it was reported that this was administered prior to his participating in a committee meeting.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. There will be a meeting with Ammon Taylor at Waste Management on Monday July 16th in the afternoon here at City Hall. He would like to discuss some updates pertaining to some changes with the recycling program.

Water/Sewer:

Street/Alley:

Parks/Pool:

Fire board: The department is doing annual budget work. They are looking into the purchase of 800 megahertz radios to be on the same system as the County.

Police:

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Reid stated he still gets complaints about shade.

*There have been a couple people that have cut their foot on the bottom of the pool around the basketball area. The exact location has not been found but Reid wonders if there is a rough concrete spot somewhere.

*There have been a few complaints on the rough bottom of the zero entry area. Denise states that Kyle from Larkin Aquatics is still our contact. She will reach out on these few complaints and see what suggestions he may have.

*Reid reports the average number of swimmers after 6:00pm is no more than 8 people.

*Reid touched on parking again. Individuals are still using the pool parking on ball game nights and he has noticed it's over filling on water aerobics nights. After discussion it was decided to tough it out with ball season coming to an end in the next few weeks.

*There have been 111 kids sign up for public swimming lessons.

*Reid touched on music for the pool. He has been talking with Audra Moore. Danny Moore will be installing some lights for the deep end of the pool and has ideas to donate some time to install a centralized stereo system with speakers while he is there. The City would be responsible for the purchase of the speakers and wiring. He presented a quote from Walmart for 4 speakers and 50ft of wire for \$148.49. Gary McKnight stated he could help check into some

speakers with some of his contacts also. Betsy moves approve the stereo system with a budget amount of \$750 or less. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business: Code Enforcement: Discussions continue. The idea is still to get an outside unbiased opinion and to try to find individuals to fill the administrative code enforcer position and the administrative hearing officer position. Denise has reached out to Jimmy from Effingham who has been a part of the conversation in the past but is not getting return calls back. She will continue to reach out. The Council reviewed the documents and Salih found a couple little corrections he had noted. Denise will work on getting those corrections made. There was also talk about another work session to narrow down final details, but no date was scheduled yet.

New Business: Full Time Police Position: The police committee met and would like to place an ad for a full time police position. In the meantime Lucy also wanted Bronson to reach out with the County Sherriff's office and see if there was anyone interested in assisting Valley Falls while we are down a full time officer. At this time Bronson reports no interest. The question was asked from Salih on whether a 3rd officer is necessary. Betsy questioned the crime rate here and whether it was enough to warrant a 3rd officer. This brought a concerned citizen to the table who shared a story of needing assistance on July 4th evening and couldn't get anyone to assist her. There are 21 shifts a week to cover and with two officers they can cover 10 shifts. Bronson handed out a blank diagram schedule and asked the Council for guidance on what shifts they would like to see covered. All members participated except Salih and Betsy. Judy suggests a decision be made as soon as possible due to the County fair coming up and with school starting soon. She suggest to the Council to think about what physical responsibility we have as a City to protect our citizens. Discussion will continue at the next Council meeting.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Betsy moved to approve. Mike G. seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary moves to adjourn the meeting. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK