

**CITY OF VALLEY FALLS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

July 6, 2016

**Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Andy Dinger, Mike Hahn, and Lucy Thomas. Betsy Doughramaji and Tony Trower were absent. Other members present were Joyce Brown, Wayne Ledbetter, Becky Wise, Brittany Chaplin, Jo Tichenor, Jerry Heinen, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the June 15, 2016 meeting were presented. Andy moved to approve and Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** The 2017 Budget work has been started. The budget will be presented as if the pool bond has passed. If it does not pass the budget will be changed and the expenditures will be brought down. This can be done without an amendment due to expenses decreasing and not increasing. On the day of the budget hearing for the 2017 budget there will also be a second budget hearing for the amended 2016 budget that is tied to the consolidated streets and highway fund. This second hearing is due to the Mesner Project passing in 2016 and the unexpected expenses that were not included in the original 2016 budget.

**Water/Sewer:** Maintenance and cleaning of both water towers have been completed.

\*Water leaks have been repaired at 801 Oak, 919 Walnut, 600 Ratz, and 18<sup>th</sup> and Oak.

\*Chad Jepson will be attending school in August to continue working towards taking his water test at a fee of \$165.

\*A photo eye was replaced at the water plant at a cost of \$2,500.

\*The pump at the sewer ponds was pulled. It had rags and some other debris in it.

\*Paul will be scheduling cleaning and maintenance work with Ace Pipe Cleaning.

**Streets/Alleys:** With weather and patch work taking longer than expected, All American has not been able to complete the overlay on Linn St. Due to the delay there will be a slight increase to the total cost of the project.

\*The gates have been installed and set up on Sycamore St by the Athletic Assoc. Chevrons and road closed signs have been ordered and will be placed on the gates as another safety measure.

**Parks:** The big metal slide has been repaired and is placed back at the park.

**Police/Court:**

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

**Old Business:** Condemnation: Dennis Foster continues to work through his process.

Public Pool Meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup> follow-up: The first meeting was a positive meeting. Since that meeting, there has been a little change to the Sales Tax Projections. Rick Enzs had a little confusion and was adding the compensating use tax in addition to the sales tax when Denise's spreadsheet already had the appropriate

totals added together. The bond payment will still be around \$115,000 with interest rates being where they are but there will not be as big of a cushion to cover.

**New Business:** JF CO EDC: Brittany Chaplin was here with a few other members from the Jefferson County EDC. Becky Wise, Jerry Heinen and Wayne Ledbetter joined her. They are reaching out to the surrounding communities and talking with all the Council members on a way to build back some funds for the County EDC. Funds have decreased due to dormancy of the organization for a couple of years before Brittany was hired in. They are requesting .007% of each community's general fund. For Valley Falls that figure would be around \$2,795. The County puts in the same percentage of .007% for a total of \$37,000. Wayne Ledbetter stated he is going to send in a request to increase that amount to \$50,000 but not sure how successful that request will be.

PEC: David Lee and Alex Darby were here to present a preliminary map and a project agreement (PEC Project No. 160000). David has done some modification of the south lots. While looking at the lots running along Linn St the sewer line only services lots #1 and #2. We would have to extend the sewer lines to service lots #3-6. The additional cost to do this is around \$22,000. The Council would also like to add one more lot #7 to the map as well. With these changes it does change the scope of services a bit and would increase the project agreement price from \$31,500 to \$33,500. Andy moves to accept the PEC Project No160000 agreement. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The next step would be to get the zoning board together so that they can get the property zoned as R-2.

RHID: It is time to approve Resolution No1 for the RHID. The resolution covers City staff and Council support, a designated potential district (Phase1), and a housing needs analysis which has been done. This then gets sent on to the Secretary of Commerce for approval. Andy moves to approve Resolution No1. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Water/Sewer Rates: The Council will be looking into and will be discussing another rate increase to land sometime early 2017.

Animal Permit: An application was turned into City Hall from Anita Stutesman to house 1 goat. She has contacted all surrounding neighbors and there was no objection from her neighbors. Andy moves to approve the animal permit. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Andy moved to approve and Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK