

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

July 19, 2017

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

Other members present were Jerry Tullis, Connie Fridley, Joyce Brown, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the July 5, 2017 meeting were presented. Andy moved to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

V.F.W. Graham-Herbers Post #3084 Memorial: Jerry Tullis was here to present to the Council a Memorial fundraiser that the V.F.W. has put together. They are working on a brick memorial at the Valley Falls Cemetery for past and present veterans. The goal is to display 700 memorial bricks surrounding the current flag pole. The V.F.W. hopes to have the Memorial completed by Memorial Day 2018.

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Denise continues to monitor the recycle bin. Currently the bin is being emptied two times per month. If we would need to empty the bin a third time, the admin fee of .50 would generate enough to cover the additional charge if needed. There was no objection after discussion and we will continue to monitor the activity at the recycle bin.

*Lawn Cleanup was done at 207 Sycamore and G & M Lawns assisted in the clean up after several attempts and letters were sent to the property owner. There was a signed payment agreement for the clean up by the property owner.

Water/Sewer: Paul presented prices for renting a compactor for the back-hoe when it's time to do the water line work on 16th St. The cost would be \$1,240 per month.

*Ace Plumbing will be here tomorrow to TV the sewer lines from Walnut St. through the baseball fields.

Street/Alley: The CORP did an inspection. Since the City shop is on CORP ground they inspected the shop. The electrical is not up to code and will need fixed. Paul will focus on this project sometime this winter.

*Matt Williams has plans to tear down the 405 Oak house this weekend.

Parks/Pool: The soil samples are back from Teracon. In an effort to remove the shell rock they will dig another 2.5 to 3 feet deeper and mix more fill material in. Randy Dean is to give the City some numbers on the work. The pool project continues.

Fireboard: The board had a special budget meeting. They decided to add one mil to help cover the replacement ambulance.

*They have talked about eliminating monthly meetings since things are good and maybe changing them to every 60-90 days instead.

Police: Written report presented.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Written report in the admin report:

*Jessie is still working on a closing date for the pool and staff coverage. She has staff coverage through August 9th but the Council really would like to see the pool open until August 13th. A short

discussion on a dog day swim was brought up. The Council was indifferent if we have it or not. If they decide to proceed, the dog swim will need to be done after the pool closes. Vaccine/rabies verification was brought up as a part of the conversation and the City could assist in that process and coordinate city dog tags if needed.

Old Business: Water Rate Schedule: Discussion continues on the water rate increase. Charlie had a timeline written on paper showing a \$1.50 increase to the base rate bringing the base from \$12.00 to \$13.50. It also showed a \$1.50 increase to the additional use rate bringing the additional use rate from \$6.50 to \$8.00 for each additional 1,000 gal used. He also recommended a .25 cent increase for the next 5 years or more. This would help keep things increased gradually and would help us keep up with increased cost each year.

New Business: 2018 Annual Budget: The 2018 Annual Budget was presented to the Council. The budget shows no mil levy increase again this year. Andy moves to approve the presented 2018 budget for publication in the Vindicator. Lucy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0. The public budget hearing will be held at the Wednesday August 16, 2017 meeting.

Kansas Broadband Tower Mount Request: Kansas Broadband sent in a request to place a magnetic tower mount on the south tower. This would be in addition to their current equipment on the Hurst Tower. Currently they pay a monthly franchise fee of \$100 for their equipment. The Council would like time to review the current lease agreement and look into raising the monthly franchise fee for the use of both towers. Paul did contact KRWA regarding the magnetic mount and there was no issue.

Valley Falls Housing Authority Appointments: Jim Clulo is up for reappointment for the Housing Board at Sunset Haven and will be appointed to the board for 3 years. John Sherretts is a replacement appointment and will serve on the board until May 2018. Lucy moves to approve both appointments. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

Grasshopper Falls Day: Grasshopper Falls Day will be on October 7, 2017. There was a short discussion on doing the City dinner at the park that evening again. The Council would like to talk with The Elevator on a beer garden and would like to check on looking into the live music again. More details to come.

Council Resignation: Andy Dinger announced his resignation and this meeting will be his last meeting. The seat will be open to anyone interested in filling the vacancy for the rest of the year(11 total meetings). The names of all interested parties will be presented to the Council at the August 2, 2017 meeting. A secret ballot election between the current Council members will be held until one candidate receives a majority vote. At this time the Mayor will appoint that person to fill the vacancy.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved: _____
Charles L. Stutesman, Mayor

Attest: _____
April Herbster, City Clerk