

**CITY OF VALLEY FALLS  
COUNCIL MEETING**

July 20, 2016

**Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Andy Dinger, Mike Hahn, Lucy Thomas, and Tony Trower. Betsy Doughramaji was absent. Other members present were Joyce Brown, Scott Heinen, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the July 6, 2016 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve and Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc:** Scott Heinen: Scott is working on some renovations at his shop. He is adding some additional garage doors and completing some concrete work on the south side of his building. He has some ideas on a way to divert the water drainage away from his building and was here to see if the City would be willing to split some of the cost towards these repairs along Mary St. He will bring some cost estimates at the next meeting.

Jetter/Sewer Machine: Paul Ebner from Key Equipment was here. He has been talking with Paul about a used trailer mounted sewer cleaning machine that has become available for purchase from the City of St. Mary's, KS. The machine has low hours of operation and includes a one year warranty that covers basic parts and normal wear and tear. This would give the City the opportunity to continue with their annual maintenance schedule for cleaning our sewer lines, and to have a machine available in case of an emergency without the wait time of calling another entity. The cost of the machine is \$22,000. Mike moves to approve the purchase from Key Equipment. Lucy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comments:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Denise has made contact with all the County Commissioners regarding the RHID incentive and has made the request to be on an upcoming agenda.

\*(CORP)-Jason Hurley is our new contact at the Perry Lake office replacing Jordan Griffin.

\*Our BCBS insurance renewal information should be coming soon.

**Water/Sewer:** Paul will be meeting with Alex Darby at PEC on July 28<sup>th</sup> to line out Phase II of our water analysis and flow study.

\*Chad will still be taking water classes in August and has plans to take the water test in September.

\*Paul continues to stay in contact with Charlie at KRWA on completing the smoke testing.

**Streets/Alleys:** Asphalt patch work will be completed tomorrow on Linn St.

**Parks:**

**Police/Court:** Several months ago the City replaced two body cameras due to battery issues. We still have the two old cameras for use of backup if needed. The City of Hoyt is looking into body cameras for their department. The Hoyt Chief of Police, Dan Wentling reached out to

our department requesting possible use of any of our surplus equipment. Bronson's recommendation is to donate one of our extra back up cameras. Lucy moves to approve the donation. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

**Old Business:** Condemnation: The process continues.

July 13th Public Pool Meeting: The second public meeting went well. There was a correction to some figures since the last meeting. With interest rates being so low our payment for the pool is looking to be approx. \$107,000. It will look like our first interest payment will be around \$45,000. Rick Enzs got himself corrected on the sales/use tax figures.

JF CO EDC Request: The City has decided to contribute the .007% of our General Fund as a donation to the JF CO EDC upon their request at last meeting. The amount is \$2,795. The question was if this would be an annual contribution each year or if they were to request donation only when needed. Andy moves to approve the donation of \$2,795 towards the 2017 JF CO EDC Budget with a request each year for additional funds. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Water/Sewer Rates: During the Budget process it is looking like there will need to be another rate increase to our Water/Sewer rates. The funds are building with the last increase but not as much as we would like to see. It is looking like a possible 50 cent raise to the minimum rate bringing our minimum rate to \$12.50. Also looks like another 50 cent raise to each additional 1,000 used there after bringing that rate to \$7.00. This will fall in early 2017.

**New Business:** 2017 Budget: A review of the proposed 2017 Budget was done. All figures were reviewed and the Budget was presented as if the pool bond passes. The Council would like to see the Budget created to the full spending authority.  
\*The amended 2016 budget was also presented due to the Mesner project and the adjustments to the Water, Sewer, and Consolidated Streets and Highway Funds. Andy Dinger moves to approve the proposed 2017 Budget and the Amended 2016 Budget for publication in the newspaper. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Budget Hearing will be held at the August 17, 2016 meeting.

City BBQ-Grasshopper Falls: There was a discussion about a City sponsored BBQ on Grasshopper Falls Day September 10th at the City Park. The idea was a pot luck style with the City providing the meat and Tony offered to smoke and prepare all the meat. The Council thought this would be nice to possibly host this as an annual celebration. Lucy moves to host the BBQ. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Denise will make contact with Ben Crawshaw so that this can be added to the schedule of events.

**VOUCHERS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tony moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

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