

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

July 30, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Betsy Doughramaji, Judy Rider, and Gary McKnight. Others present were Joyce Brown, Jimmy Ellis, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the July 18, 2018 meeting were presented. Betsy moves to approve the minutes. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

The minutes from the July 26, 2018 Special meeting were presented. Betsy moves to approve the minutes. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Administrative:**

**Water/Sewer:** The water plant computer has been fixed.

**Street/Alley:** The flat-bed Chevy has been fixed.

\*Paul presented two bids for a crack and seal project to be completed. This would be for work on Fisher/Willow, Linn St. from 16<sup>th</sup> St to 16Hwy, and Sycamore St from the pool to Broadway. Both bids came in at \$6,000 from Complete Pavement and Maryco. Paul has worked with Complete Pavement on other projects before. Betsy moves to approve Complete Pavement. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Betsy would like Paul to obtain bids for all the rest of the streets in town.

\*Paul and his crew have plans to do some patch work on Linn St. from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> St. The cost will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000. There was no objection from the Council.

##### **Parks/Pool:**

**Fire board:** The board approved the annual budget with a slight mil levy increase.

##### **Police:**

##### **Health Code:**

##### **VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:** The pool lights have been installed. Reid sent an emailed report for the Council to read and review. Reid asked for Council guidance on when numbers of attending citizens start to decrease and drop by the end of the day. Council would like for the pool to remain open for the hours that are posted and to reduce staff as things begin to slow down.

**Old Business:** Code Enforcement: Jimmy Ellis was here to touch base with the Council and line out the procedure as the new Code Enforcement Administrator. The Code Hearing Officer position has not been filled yet. Jimmy used to work with a volunteer in Effingham, which was a past Council member, who has since resigned due to some personal situations with family. He currently works with a gentleman from Atchison. Jimmy stated he would reach out and ask if there was any interest in the position. He will touch base with Denise when he gets word back. The hours would be about 5-10 hours per month, at \$25 per hour, and start date is after Labor

Day weekend so sometime around September 4<sup>th</sup>. Jimmy will use his own personal vehicle and the City will work on getting him some sort of magnet to place on his truck and a name tag to identify himself. Gary moves to approve Jimmy's salary, hours of work, and start date. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. In the meantime, and through the month of August, the City will arrange for a roll off dumpster to be placed down by the City shop for citizens to use in an effort to get ahead and clean up their properties prior.

Courter Contract: Discussion continues on Travis Courter's signed contract. The Council still feels as though the pro-ration of salary in the amount of \$2,200 while in the Academy is owed back to the City for his broken signed contract. A contract is a contract. Rick Johnson has reviewed and advised small claims court and does not want to be a part of any Court proceedings. There was a short overview of the steps in small claims court and the process. A question was also asked about the grievance filed. Rick Johnson's opinion was that it was filed after he was no longer an employee. The City policy is not real specific, so this may be a section to review and update at some point. After discussion Judy moves to have Rick Johnson send notification by certified mail to Travis and to include the Council's opinion of where things are at with a 15 day reply time frame. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**New Business:** Standard Traffic Ordinance & Uniform Public Offense: The new 2018 Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Ordinance books have been published. The City will need to pass and publish the new Ordinances. Gary moves to approve the new STO Ordinance-14-114. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Betsy moves to approve UPO Ordinance-11-112. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Waste Management Recycle Amendment: There have been some changes in the process and disposal of our recycled materials and changes with China buying back from Waste Management. This will cause a .30 cent increase per household. Currently each household pays \$1.76 per month so this would increase each household to \$2.06 per month. Gary moves to approve the amendment. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. This will be effective as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

BCBS Renewal: The new annual premiums came in for review. The annual renewal will be effective as of 10/1/18. All appropriate paperwork will be due back by 9/1/18. The premiums have increased by about 20%. After review and discussion the Council would like to shop around for other quotes. Discussion will continue.

Advance Insurance Renewal: Gary moves to approve the annual renewal. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Addition:** Lucy presents an official resignation from Chief Bronson Campbell with his last day being August 10, 2018.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Betsy moves to go into executive session at 7:50pm for 20min to discuss matters of non-elected personnel in the Police department to include Mayor and Council. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:10pm with no action taken.

Betsy moves to accept Bronson's resignation effective 8-10-18. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mike moves to hire Bronson 2hrs per week on contract as interim Police Chief requiring a 2 week notice for both parties at a salary of \$35 per hour. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

Three Council members requested a special meeting with Jim Varner on Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at City Hall.

**VOUCHERS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

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