

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

August 7, 2019

2020 Annual Budget Hearing: The 2020 budget hearing was opened at 6:30pm. After no public comment at 6:33pm the 2020 budget hearing was closed.

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Judy Rider, Mike Glissman, and Gary McKnight. Betsy Doughramaji and Salih Doughramaji were absent. Others present were Sallie Meyer, Craig Meyer, Chelsea Meyer, Lori Glissman, Connie Fridley, Joyce Brown, Susan Kotsch, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting were presented. Judy moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0

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

Public Comments: Susan Kotsch brought up traffic concerns and speed by her house. She lives across the street from the City Park and she is worried a child will be hit. After discussion it was noted for increase patrol in that area. Contact information was given to Susan so that she could call right away as these incidents occur.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Lucy and Joe attended the USDA Rural Development work shop. They have an upcoming meeting with Pam Anderson the JF County EDC representative.

*Joe continues work on FEMA flood funding. He has been working with Paul to gather pictures and financial data. They have a meeting next week with the Valley Falls Athletic Assoc. to gather replacement cost of the flooding damage at the ball fields.

*Joe spoke with Josh Ney the County Attorney on the status of the Freeborn property. The property went through the tax sale on August 6th. The house did not receive any bids higher than the total liens on the property.

Water/Sewer: The Hurst water tower painting was postponed for one month due to weather and other obligations getting behind. Paul states that when the painting project does begin the water tower will need to be drained and the City will be operating on pumps from the water plant for a few weeks until the project is complete.

*Paul reports that the total fuel cost for pumping the sewer ponds is \$22,746.00. The total cost of the pumps was \$25,387.00. The total employee hours of work were 790 hours. He did not have the dollar amount figured yet.

Streets/Alleys: Patching of streets continues.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Marcus introduced the new part time officer Matt Honas. He currently works full time for the Jackson County Sherriff Office and will be filling in as needed here.

*Officer Varner has been cleared from his knee injury and returned back to work July 29th.

*August 15th through Labor Day the department will be participating in drinking and driving awareness.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Lori states they are nearing the end of the 2019 pool season. They have lost a couple guards who are returning to school but intend to stay open until Labor Day weekend. There has been a drop in attendance so Lori would like to see if the hours of operation could

be revised. The hours will be Monday through Friday 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The weekend hours would stay from 12:00pm—7:00pm. There was no objection from the Council.

*Lori and Kathy are working on a closing plan for Labor Day weekend.

*Lori would like to arrange a meeting with the pool committee in the near future to close out the 2019 pool season.

Old Business: Governmental Assistance Services/CDBG/LMI Survey: Topic tabled.

New Business: Annual Renewal BCBS Insurance/Advance Life Insurance: The annual BCBS/Advance Insurance was presented. The single premium increased to \$537.31. There was no change to the Life Insurance Policy. Gary moves to continue to cover a single policy and to renew the annual insurance for both BCBS and Advance Insurance. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Watson Development Group: David Watson and his assistant Melanie were here to discuss some ideas of development for the lot he won in the City raffle. The lot of choice is #8 and he has ideas of building two houses on one lot. This lot is the biggest lot of choice in the Barnes Addition and he feels he can complete both homes and still be within the appropriate set back requirements. He would like to start with those two homes and prefers to sale all homes that he builds there, but wanted to discuss the option of renting out the homes if they don't sell right away. This brought up the discussion of the restrictive covenants and the line item that states no rental properties allowed. David reports that when he went over to the County Deeds office the restrictive covenants were not filed there. Staff would like to take some time to research this and see what steps it would take to get these filed because the Council's intent was not to have a bunch of rental properties in that addition. The topic of the restrictive covenants was tabled until the Doughramaji's return. David stated he will come back next meeting and have the lot staked out so the Council could get a visual of the layout of the two homes. Discussion continues.

Craig Meyer Garage variance: Craig and Chelsea Meyer were here to discuss a variance request for a detached metal garage they want to build on their property at 902 19th Street. The rear set back requirement is 20ft and they are requesting a 10ft rear variance. The zoning board has met and reviewed all plans and approved for recommendation to the Council. The second requirement for a variance is a 20day waiting period for publication and notification to all surrounding neighbors. Craig is requesting to wave the waiting period because there are no neighbors in the designated 200ft radius and he would like to begin work soon due to contractors already being scheduled. Gary moves to accept the 10ft variance and to wave the 20day waiting period so that Craig can begin building immediately. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. In the future the Council will have the ability to make adjustments and exceptions to zoning requirements as a case by case basis as projects come up.

Cleaning Service: An RFP was sent out for cleaning services but there were no bids returned. A big part was due to the insurance requirement. After discussion Joe recommended one of our current summer help employees (Skye Page) and suggested approx. 7-10hours per week at \$10 per hour. There was no objection from the Council.

2019 STO & UPOC: The 2019 Standard Traffic Ordinance 14-115 was presented to the Council. Gary moves to adopt the new ordinance. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The 2019 Uniform Public Offense Ordinance 11-113 was presented. Mike moves to adopt the new

ordinance. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. These will be published in the Vindicator.

LKM Annual Conference: Joe and Lucy would like to attend the annual LKM Conference. Lucy would like to attend on Sunday and Monday and stay in a hotel closer to the conference. For two days at the conference the cost is \$240 and the hotel is \$146.00 per night. Gary moves to approve. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Joe will be keep track of mileage for reimbursement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gary moves to go into executive session at 8:25pm for 15minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include Mayor, Council, and City Administrator. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:40pm with no action taken.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Mike moved to approve. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK