

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2016

2017 Budget Hearing: The Budget Hearing was opened at 6:30pm. Andy Dinger moved to approve the 2017 Budget as published. Lucy Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Meeting

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

The minutes from the August 3, 2016 meeting were presented and the minutes from the August 9, 2016 special meeting were presented. Andy Dinger moved to approve and Tony Trower seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: We still need to complete Resolution 2 for the RHID with Brandon Kane. A big piece of this Resolution 2 is a City Development Plan. After the Council completes that draft and agreement, Brandon Kane will finalize the plan with the Mesners.

*Denise and Charlie are scheduled to meet with the School Board the first week in September.

Water/Sewer: KDHE has been here and has taken water samples from the Delaware River due to a possible Blue/Green Algae Bloom. The results should be in later this week.

Streets/Alleys: Paul has started the door to door inspections for sump pump and storm drainage. He has completed 18 inspections and has found 3 violations.

*The new sewer pump on Linn St. is running well.

*Paul was given the ok to purchase a new drain tile at Menards to replace the one in front of Rita Foley's house on Linn St.

*There are 4 places that still could use some asphalt patching at a cost of \$2,500. There was no objection.

*Still working on KDOT approval for the Blue Ribbon signs.

*Paul presented quotes for a new 22ft ladder. Menard's was \$169, Lowes was \$169, and Home Depot was \$199. After discussion the Council gave the ok to purchase from Menard's.

Parks:

Police/Court: There was a Police Committee meeting tonight before the regular open meeting. The discussion was on mutual aid and on the bomb incident that occurred the week prior on Walnut St.

Health Code:

VFEDC: Donny Smith has continued doing some research on a KHRC grant for up to \$400,000 towards Moderate Housing. The area of focus would be the last two lots east of where the Mesner Senior Housing will be. The City would be responsible for placing the infrastructure, which is being done for the Mesner Senior Housing already and would include the donation of the lots for this Moderate housing. Denise has an email from June of this year but did not research anything due to all the other projects on the table currently. Denise will forward this information to all Council members to review.

* The VFEDC would like to school representative on the board. LaVerne Clark was their recommendation. There was no objection from the Council.

Swimming Pool: Jessie was here and presented a report with all the totals for the season. She stated there will be 7 guards returning next year and they may need to hire up to 5 more for next year. Jessie would like to have a conversation with the manager of the Halsted pool since they operated the same option 3 pool

that we will be building. Jessie is considering becoming WSI trained and certified so that she can complete all the WSI training for our guards interested in teaching lessons. Next year Jessie would like to reevaluate hours of operation. If construction gets delayed for any reason there are a few minor repairs that we will need to discuss prior to opening the old pool if need be.

Old Business: New Swimming Pool Update: There was an email that came to City Hall with a tentative approval from the CORP and they will be narrowing down the final details of the lease. A special meeting will be held tomorrow August 18th at City Hall.

City sponsored dinner: The Council plans to feed approx. 300 people for the dinner on September 10th at the Grasshopper Falls celebration. Tony will work on cost estimates on the meat and some sides. He plans to smoke pork butt and do baked beans and potatoes. Andy volunteered to do cole slaw. Denise will look into purchasing the beans (8gals), buns, BBQ sauce, pickles, tea, and lemonade here locally. Lucy will get a group of volunteers together to make some cookies for dessert. Contact will be made with Jason and Jackie Delong on selling beer at our beer garden. Paul will contact extension to see if we could use some of the picnic tables from the 4H grounds. Dinner is to start at 6:00pm, with Little Dancers performing around 7:00pm, and Gary McKnight will start the live music around 8:00pm.

New Business: CMB License: The annual renewal for a CMB License at The Elevator was presented. Andy moves to approve. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. They also have a license to operate 3 coin operated machines. Lucy moves to approve. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 1-806: An Ordinance imposing the 1% sales tax was presented. Lucy moves to approve Ordinance 1-806. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Standard Traffic Ordinance & Uniform Public Offense: The new 2016 STO and UPO books have been published. The City will need to pass and publish the new Ordinance. Lucy moves to approve the new STO Ordinance-14-112 and the UPO Ordinance-11-110. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Amended 2016 Budget Hearing: The Amended Budget Hearing was opened at 8:00pm for the amendment of the Water, Sewer, and Consolidated Streets and Hwy Funds. Lucy moves to approve the amended 2016 budget as published. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy moves to go into executive session at 8:15pm for approx. 20min to discuss non-elected personnel to include Mayor, Council, Administrator, and Police Chief. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Council returned to open session at 8:35pm. Tony moves to hire Part Time Officer Jordan Best at an hourly rate of \$12.50. Lucy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK