

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

August 19, 2020

2021 Budget Hearing: The budget hearing was opened. There was no public comment. The Budget Hearing was closed at 6:35pm.

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, Connie Fridley, Gary McKnight, and Jennifer Ingraham. Others present were Scott Heinen, Alex Darby, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the August 5, 2020 meeting were presented. Jennifer moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

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

Public Comment:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

*Joe should get an update on SPARK funding on September 15th.

*The president announced a federal tax deferral plan to stop the deduction on the employee side of federal withholdings. The City is waiting on guidance from the State of Kansas.

*Joe would like to start thinking about the Ordinance codification process some time next year. The last time it was done was 2006.

*The RHID continues to increase with the new development in the Barnes Addition. Joe would like to have future discussions on developing the rest on Mulberry St.

Water/Sewer: Chad passed his sewer test.

Streets/Alleys: Patch work continues.

*The storm drain was damaged in the improved 5th St. intersection by the library. There was a delivery being made to a nearby business and it was damaged during that delivery. Chad and crew still have the forms from when the work was done and will get repairs done.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board: The annual budget was approved.

Police: School starts Thursday August 26th.

*The vehicle graphics are on order and almost done.

Public Relations:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: The pool closed August 16th.

*Joe will set up a committee meeting sometime in September after the first Council meeting.

Old Business: CDBG Community Facility Grant discussion: Alex Darby was here to continue discussions on grant opportunities that could benefit the City and give an opportunity for some street repairs. There are two things to cover in this discussion. The first part is the PEC Contract for the engineer's preliminary work that is required for the grant application. A map with the highlighted area of focus was reviewed by the Council. The cost of the PEC contract with Alex is \$5,500. Salih moves to accept the contract with Alex and for him to begin the preliminary work pending checking with CDBG on impact of our target area. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The second part of the discussion is to choose the grant writers. Joe has talked with both Ranson Financial and GAS. He feels that both companies are good and have a good track record. The cost for GAS is \$8,950 and if we do not qualify the first time then they will write a second application at no cost. The cost for Ranson Financial is \$5,000 for the first and if we do not qualify, they will charge \$1,000 (or more depending on detail in grant). Joe stated that GAS is the company that helped with the LMI survey and was very easy to work with. Gary moves to hire GAS. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. (Salih abstained from the vote)

New Business: CMB Annual Renewal-The Elevator: The annual CMB and coin operated machine license was presented to the Council for The Elevator. Connie moves to approve. Gary seconds. Motion carried. 5-0.

Ordinance 14-110 Amendment (UTV): Discussion on UTV use in City Limits continues. The idea is to build on the existing ATV ordinance and add a section for UTV's. Marcus states that he is still working on the definitions of equipment and dimensions of these types of vehicles but is getting closer to a draft. He also brought up the annual permit option as a part of it but after discussion the Council did not want to include permits. This also brought up discussion on the 15th street traffic due to these vehicles. Their only access to Petro to fuel up is 15th street and the sidewalk that cuts through. Residents in that neighborhood worried about the increase in noise. The Council would like to look into reducing the speed limit to 20mph on 15th street. Discussion will continue and a draft Ordinance will be presented at a later meeting once our legal counsel has the time to review them prior to presentation.

2020 Budget Amendment: The amendment to the budget was to place the bond fund as its own line item on the budget. Mike moves to approve. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2021 Budget: The budget was presented. The one big change to the budget this year is the RHID. The budget has a 1.3-million-dollar spending cap with a mil levy of 37.383. Gary moves to approve. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2020-01: There was a review of a Resolution passes by the City Council in regards to Mark Boyce and is Code violation at 304 Maple St. After discussion, the Council would like a follow-up with Jimmy Ellis to obtain a final check list. Significant progress has been made and the Council thanked Mark for his efforts.

Additions: Jessica Clark has pulled her application for the cleaning position at City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike moves to go into executive session at 8:00pm for 15 minutes for Consultation with Attorney to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, and Administrator. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Council returned to open session at 8:15pm with no action taken.

Gary moves to approve changes to categories in the personnel policy (overtime and compensatory time, on call and call out, departmental policies, vacation leave, vacation leave cont., sick leave) Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Connie moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST: _____
April Herbster, City Clerk

APPROVED:-----

Lucille Thomas, Mayor