

**CITY OF VALLEY FALLS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

September 21, 2016

**Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Betsy Doughramaji, Tony Trower, and Andy Dinger. Mike Hahn and Lucy Thomas were absent. Other members present were David Lee, Brennan Crawford, Jan McKnight, Nancy Gatzemeyer, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the September 7, 2016 meeting were presented. Andy moved to approve. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

**Public Comments:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Denise has been looking at our CD's at the bank. There are two CD's up for renewal on October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. The council would like for Denise to work on cashing these two CD's so that the money will be available to start using when The Mesner Development Company is ready to start.

**Water/Sewer:** Paul will continue to work on sewer/storm water inspections. There have been two houses that have completed the proper repairs.

**Streets/Alleys:** Paul and his crew have been working on Asphalt patching in areas around town.

\*Paul emailed KDOT again regarding the Blue Ribbon Sign. He has not heard back yet.

**Parks:** Paul is still collecting bids on tree removal and branch removal at the park.

**Fire Board:**

**Police/Court:**

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

**Old Business:** City Dinner Grasshopper Falls: The dinner turned out really nice and we had a good turnout. The City served at least 230 people. It was discussed to possibly do this event every Grasshopper Falls Day.

KHRC Moderate Housing Grant: Brennan Crawford Executive Director of CHWC was here to discuss house styles and plans and to get the Council's opinion on the types of homes they would like to see built for the Moderate Housing Development Grant. He started with a 3 bedroom townhome style that would have 3 levels. The Council's preference was more of a one level ranch style duplex home. He also recommended leaving the age restrictions off for this application process as well. Brennan will have a Resolution to the Council by next meeting for approval to proceed with grant application submission to KHRC. This discussion leads into the final plat map discussion with David Lee at PEC and looking at lot sizes.

Final Plat PEC: David presented the plat map to look over before final approval. There were some changes to the utility easement on the east side of the map that brought the easement from 10ft to 30ft. This may cause concern for the lots (Lot#7, 8) that were designated for the Moderate Housing Development if approved for the grant. With the style being a duplex type home the lots need to be at least 75ft. With the new utility easement it brings the lots down to 65ft. Some modification will have to be done before final approval. David Lee and Brennan Crawford will continue communication for these modifications.

Re-Zoning Barnes Subdivision No. 3: An Ordinance 16-219 was presented for the rezoning of Barnes Addition No. 3. The land was rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Two Family Residential. Andy moves to approve Ordinance 16-219. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**New Business:** New Swimming Pool: A couple members from the Community Pool Committee were present. Rod Strole could not make the meeting tonight but sent a "Wish List" for the Council to review. The list was in categories of must, should, could, and would. After discussion the Council would like the list prioritized and would like to have some of the cost of items re-evaluated. There was a short discussion on donations again and time lines. Donations will have to come pretty quickly if there are going to be any changes to design. Another thought was brought to the table for some additional items (shade structures, aquabrella features, floatables, etc) that were out of our budget. Rod thought that maybe the City could cover these items that total to around \$81,000 and then as donations come in, the City would be reimbursed for those cost. At this time the Council feels they cannot cover any more additional cost due to other projects on the table. As of right now the Community Pool Committee could not confirm the amount of donations collected yet but will continue to stay in contact and work together on the new pool project.

Dennis Foster Resolutions: Two Resolutions were presented for the removal of residential structures. Resolution 5-2016 for removal of a residential structure at 106 Sycamore and Resolution 6-2016 for removal of a residential structure at 405 Oak were presented. Betsy moves to approve both Resolutions. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2017 Budget: Resolution 4-2016 expressing the property taxation policy of the City of Valley Falls governing body with respect to financing the annual budget for 2017. With the way things were entered into the spreadsheet for the 2017 budget, it looks as though the City will be drawing more property taxes for the 2017 budget compared to 2016 budget. This Resolution is to correct. Betsy moves to approve Resolution 4-2016. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **VOUCHERS**

The vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting and Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

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