

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

October 21, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG: CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

The public hearing was opened at 6:30pm. Brett Waggoner from PEC was here to lead the Public Hearing for the CDBG community grant and street infrastructure projects. The hearing was scheduled to publicly state that Council member Salih Doughramaji has no financial conflict of interest with his full-time employer the Department of Commerce. Salih has no decision-making authority related to the grant application and would not violate State or local law. There was no public comment. There was no action taken. The hearing was closed at 6:35pm.

Open Meeting

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

The minutes from the October 7, 2020 meeting were presented. Connie moved to approve. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4-0. (Salih abstained from vote)

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

Public Comments: Feral Cat Catch and Release Program: Lori Henderson and Sharon Blankenship are two volunteers heading a trap-neuter-vaccinate-release program (TNVR). The concept is to trap as many feral cats at one time, vaccinate, spay, keep overnight, and then release the next day. They have been working with K-State and have a mobile set up. The goal is to set this program up one time per month. They have been going from town to town in Jefferson County to get the word out about this program and are looking for all kinds of volunteers to assist. The next public meeting will be on Tuesday November 3rd at 7:00pm at Crooked Post Winery.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Joe stated that the SPARK refund money came today.

*The RFP for the radio read water meters is currently in process.

*There will be a handful of new Code Enforcement cases for November court.

*Joe met with the Rec-commission and Donnie Smith on the Doodle Bug Trail plans. There will be a public meeting November 16th at 6:00pm in the Kendall State Bank Community Hall for those that want to review the plans and ask questions.

*Service agreement for AmeriPride linen service was presented. Gary moves to approve the 24-month contract. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Water/Sewer:

Streets/Alleys: Chad and crew will be working on some minor OSHA recommended improvements from the inspection done a few weeks ago.

Parks/Pool: All parks have been winterized.

*Gary announced that the weekend of November 13th there will be a crew working on Christmas in the park decorations.

Fire board: A new grass truck has been purchased. The department sold the other grass truck for \$8,000 and will use those funds to equip the new truck.

Police: Marcus stated that the department has found a vet to help with the tag and vaccine program hosted by the Humane Society and our local police department. They are looking at maybe the first or second weekend in December. Advertisement to come as details come together.

*All radar units have been re-certified.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Project update—GAS: Work continues.

New Business: Fireworks Ordinance: A draft amended ordinance pertaining to the display and purchase of fireworks was presented. Some of the changes discussed were setting the time to 10:00pm on week nights but still keep weekend hours at midnight. The date parameters will still be the same, but the biggest change would be the times. The final approval to come at the next meeting.

Spending FY21: A list of priorities with of spending amount of \$75,000 was presented to the Council. This list will be updated regularly and the Council will have to decide what priority they would like to see things done and in what order. Some of the items include the Oak St. pond, Police Department building renovation and relocation, Public works truck, parking lot for swimming pool, etc. Discussion will continue as things come up.

Jeep Liberty: The spending discussion lead to the Jeep Liberty discussion. The Jeeps transmission has been slipping and when it was taken in to the shop metal shavings were found in the oil pan. The City was told that the transmission is bad. The Jeep has 85,000 miles on it. Marcus called Topeka Transmission and they gave him a quote of \$2,800 to replace the transmission with a remanufactured transmission. The Blue Book value on the Jeep is \$3,400. Marcus also called Joe Watt in Oklahoma where the City got the Explorer. He could get us another Ford Explorer with a promissory note to 2021 for around \$25,000. After long discussion on finances and budget Gary moves to replace the Jeep Liberty transmission at Topeka Transmission. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

40YD Clean Up Dumpster: The Council has stopped the dumpster service as of the end of October. This discussion will open back up in the spring on whether to bring it back or not. Some things to think about before the spring would be a better controlled drop off location that could be monitored more closely. There was some abuse with over flow of items, dumpster divers, and a mess for the Public Works Department to always clean up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gary moves to go into executive session at 7:45pm for 20minutes to discuss potential litigation to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, and City Administrator. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:05pm with no action taken.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK