

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS
Open Meeting

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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 Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting were presented. Mike moved to approve. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Annual Evaluations will be coming up next month.

*The application has been submitted for CDBG grant and Joe continues to work with Brett Wagoner.

*The City would like to encourage Auto Bill pay for the water utility. There was a discussion on setting up a raffle for folks that sign up. The prize would be a Chamber gift card and the drawing would be done some time after the first of the year.

Water/Sewer: There was 460 foot of water line placed in the Barnes Addition.

Streets/Alleys: Chad and crew are still working on the list of OSHA improvements recommended from the recent audit the City had.

Parks/Pool:

Fire board:

Police: Marcus reports that when the Jeep was taken into Topeka Transmission, they did an evaluation prior to changing out the transmission and could not replicate the problem. They did not replace the transmission. The department will continue to monitor.

*The driver side seat in the Jeep needs replaced. The metal seat bars are showing through. Marcus can get this replaced at LKQ for under \$100.

*Details of the dog registration clinic continue and the department is still looking at some time in December to get this set up. Everything depends on the vet and her recovery from a recent surgery.

*The department will be participating in a Thanksgiving safe arrival program sponsored by KDOT November 21st-29th.

Health Code:

VFEDC: There will be a public meeting November 16, 2020 at the Kendall State Bank Community Hall at 6:30pm. The topic will be improvements to the Doodle Bug Trail.

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Sewer/Water grant discussion: The City should be hearing soon on the search grant award. Discussion will continue once determination is done.

Jefferson County TNR Donation: After discussion the Council made the decision to support and donate to the cause. It is a benefit to the City. Mike moves to donate \$500 to the TNR program. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business: Water Meter Upgrade RFP: There were two bids received for the radio read water meters. There were bids from Schulte Supply and Core & Main. Schulte supply was the low bid at \$95,741.00. This includes all 480 meters, minus the installation because our City staff will be doing the install themselves after training is completed. The City was awarded \$68,568.21 in SPRK money.

This amount would cover approx. 314 of the 480 total meters. The Council has two choices on whether they want to purchase all 480 or just complete what is covered by SPARK. If they opt to do all 480 meters, then this would require a budget amendment before the end of the year. Gary moves to approve the bid from Schulte Supply, to purchase all 480 meters, to have our City crew install, pending a check with PEC the City engineers, and approve to move forward with the budget amendment. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Utility shut-off accounts: With COVID-19 and executive orders from the state, the City was not able to proceed with shut-off of utilities for non-payment. As of July 1, 2020, those orders expired and we could proceed as normal. This led to a handful of accounts that had gotten behind. The City works with individuals on payment plans but will be firmer with the shut off policy moving forward in an effort to get these past due balances caught up. Once an individual files bankruptcy, that amount can no longer be collected by the City.

CMB Dollar General: The annual renewal for the CMB license for Dollar General was presented. The permit application and all fees have been paid. The application renewal period is 11/6/2020 through 11/6/2021. Salih moves to approve. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Additions:

There was a short discussion on an idea of a community garden. Details will continue on this topic.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Mike moved to approve. Connie 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