

City of Valley Falls

Open Meeting

November 7, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Gary McKnight, Judy Rider, Betsy Doughramaji, Salih Doughramaji, and Mike Glissman.

Others present were Sheila Frakes, Debbie Schrick, Andy Dinger, Shelby Denton, Mark Boyce, Mark Anthony Boyce, Mary Boyce, Wilbur Boyce, Brain Tucking, Scott Heinen, Donna McEachern, Megan Turner, Harv Thomas, Tom Allen, Connie Fridley, Sallie Meyer, Joyce Brown, Lorraine Gentry, John Roberson, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the October 17, 2018 meeting were presented. Mike moves to approve the minutes. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Denise talked with Lisa at the county regarding the Freeborn property and she reports that the process has started.

*While talking about the Freeborn property, Betsy brings a safety concern to the table. She had heard that kids were caught recently playing inside the house and worries about what possible liability there could be. She asked if Paul and his crew could board up the doors and windows in an effort for less possibility of entry. Paul said he would need to purchase the wood but could get it boarded up.

Water/Sewer: At 709 Walnut St. there were some repairs to the property owner's side of the water meter. The contractor told the property owner that since the work was in the meter pit that the city should cover the cost. Paul was there at the time the work was being done and stated the loop was not repaired so it was on the property owner's side.

*The sewer mains have all been cleaned.

*A main collapsed by the baseball fields. Martins Construction came and replaced 32 foot of pipe.

Street/Alley: The flatbed two ton truck is in need of repairs and the cost is close to \$2,000. Paul states the repairs are more than the worth and suggest to get rid of the truck. The council would like the tuck listed on Purple Wave.

*The International dump truck and Paul's truck are in for repairs.

*There was a house torn down by the property owner at 705 Oak St.

Park/Pool: Paul and crew continue to finish tearing out the old fence and filling in the dirt at the old pool.

*The City Park and Riverside Park have been winterized and closed down for the season.

Fire board:

Police: Marcus reports the computer is being installed in the office.

*The radar equipment has been re-certified.

*He worked with Denise on a list of local organizations he could reach out and introduce himself to.

*He attended a school committee meeting on 10/24/18 and plans to continue to stay involved with those meetings.

*He had fun getting involved with the Halloween parade and trunk-or-treat and felt there was a great turn out for the event.

*He presented the October activity report.(see attached)

*He still feels that with the coverage that he is getting between Jim full time and Travis and Paul part-

time, that there is not a need for a third full time officer at this time.

VFEDC: The committee had a discussion on the brick streets and the condition of the brick streets. Salih spoke briefly on options for grants through KDOT. The application would be due in September so the committee may start work on this soon.

*There were some questions on our city water source. Paul answers that we have two sources. The Delaware River is our biggest source but there are also springs that we get some from too.

Old Business: Code Enforcement: There were several members of the community here tonight for the meeting with concerns regarding code enforcement. The main section of concern is the right of entry. Mark Boyce was here to speak to the council directly as an owner of a business in an older building. He quoted several different state statutes, and was unsure of how far this code enforcement procedure was going to go. It was discussed that entry inside of people's properties was never the intent and outside cleanup was the main concern. The council was open to future discussion on changing or removing this from the procedure.

New Business: City Credit Cards: Gary moves to remove Chief Bronson Campbell from the city visa credit cards and to approve a city credit card for the new Chief Marcus Koch. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mike moves to approve a \$1,000 credit limit for the chief city credit card. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Amended Budget: Next meeting.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Mike moves to approve the vouchers. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moves to adjourn. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK