

City of Valley Falls
Open Meeting
December 5, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Judy Rider, Gary McKnight, Salih Doughramaji, Mike Glissman, and Betsy Doughramaji (attended by phone). Others present were Linda Stansell, Scott Heinen, Joyce Brown, Connie Fridley, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the November 21, 2018 meeting were presented. Judy moves to approve the minutes. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Code Enforcement/Right of entry: After Denise spoke with Eric at the LKM, his advice was to not remove the right of entry section from this chapter. He stated this could have effects on the abatement section if cases got to this point in the procedure and stated that the 4th Amendment right of illegal search and seizure is different from the City's rights under the health and safety ordinances. He suggested getting more detailed with the policy/contract and to include this as a part of the contract of the code enforcer. He also suggested it could be added to the public officer sub-category and to use language as view/observe from the public right of way. This topic will be tabled for a later discussion and readdressed when the procedure starts back up in the spring.

Water/Sewer: During the last snow storm the Hurst Tower lost power. Paul used a generator to keep things running.

*Paul still has not heard back on the quotes requested for the water tower painting and placing valves. He presented a map to the council that was color coordinated and wanted to give the council a good visual on how he plans to prioritize the work to be done. Paul and his crew can place the valves needed if there is access to shut the water off at a cost of approx. \$800 per valve. If there is no access to shut the water off at the main then an outside contractor will need to be hired and cost could be approx. \$3,000 per valve.

*There are some new KDHE requirements for LT-2 raw water sampling from the Delaware River. This comes after a possible algae bloom that tested negative back in September 2018. Test will need to be performed two times per month for one year. Paul presented quotes from Environmental Assoc in the amount of \$16,128, Eurofing in the amount of \$10,665, and Acura in the amount of \$17,500. Paul would like to call KRWA for advice or any recommendations on these labs. No action was taken.

*The City has spent a total of \$28,000 for sewer cleaning this year.

*Paul presented two quotes for TV/sewer cleaning maintenance. Ace quoted \$18,000-\$25,000 for ten foot and they are billed by the hour. The second quote from Johnson Service was \$14,500 for 500 feet and this is just for grit. This was so the Council could think about future maintenance plans.

*On November 24th there were some sewer lift repairs completed on Linn St.

*Paul has placed the old flatbed truck on Purple Wave.

Street/Alley:

Park/Pool:

Fire board: The fireboard met on November 27th.

*They have plans to place the old tanker truck on Purple Wave.

*The board would like to thank our police department for assistance on some recent calls.

*The EMS and Fire Department are hosting a Donkey Basketball fundraiser at the school on January 13th located in the east gym.

Police: There are some minor repairs needing to be made to Marcus's Charger.

*Marcus attended a Rotary meeting and the topic he covered was neighborhood watch.

*Marcus is trying to plan a city wide presentation on Neighborhood watch, and he has partnered with Deputy Bacon at the Jefferson County Sherriff's office. After discussion it was decided to make the announcement and be available at the school during the donkey basketball event and maybe pass out handouts and surveys there.

Then try to schedule a meeting night a week or so after this event. More details to come.

*The monthly activity report was presented.

VFEDC: There were some questions on the Welcome to Valley Falls packets. Ruth Riley and a small volunteer group get together and put together a packet for new citizens that move to town. She coordinates with City Hall on new residents added to the water utility program and gathers brochures as needed. Included in the packet is a Chamber gift card as well.

*There also was an inquiry about the old poles that held trash cans along Broadway St. in the business district. Salih wondered if those could be removed and Paul and his crew will work on getting these removed.

*The question was asked if there were any problems with snow removal. A copy of the snow Ordinance was presented and Paul stated there were no issues.

Old Business:

New Business: Stewart's Smokehouse—CMB license: The annual CMB license and renewal paperwork were presented to the Council. Mike moved to approve the annual renewal. Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

K.S.B. Loan—water projects: Although Paul is still waiting on firm numbers for the water tower painting and valves in the water lines, there was a short discussion on bank loans so the Council could decide what avenue they want to take. The original thought was to break it up and take care of each water tower one at a time (\$100,000 per tower). With interest rates being at 4.5% currently the thought was to maybe do both at the same time. The Council has a little time to think about this while Paul waits to hear back on those firm quotes.

VOUCHERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Salih moves to adjourn. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK