

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

December 2, 2020

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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. There were no others present from the public.

The minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were presented. Salih moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0.

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

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report presented.

**Water/Sewer:** Chad and his crew have been working on making an access road to the river pump station. Since the flood there was a bunch of silt build up. The City is going to need to hire a company to come and clean out the mud and silt in the pit once access is complete.

**Streets/Alleys:** The bobcat is fixed and we got it back right before Thanksgiving.

**Parks/Pool:**

**Fire board:**

**Police:** The animal registration and vaccination clinic will be held at City Hall Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00am. There will be a vet on sight administering rabies vaccines and offering micro chipping at a discounted rate. The cost for vaccine is \$15. The cost to vaccinate and micro-chip is \$25. If the animal is spade or neutered the cost of the City tag is \$3.00. If they are not the cost of the tag is \$6.00.

\*Travis completed his Midwest counter drug enforcement training in Iowa.

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Update CDBG & USDA grant applications: The USDA application is still in the process and we should be hearing back very soon.

\*Brett Wagoner (the representative helping with the CDBG grant) has not had any indication of errors on the application or has not heard of anything that is holding the application process up.

\*The SPARK money came today. A check was deposited in the amount of \$73,439.22.

General Fund spending discussion: Joe would like to explore the idea of having City Council workshops to go over the spending list. He would like to have discussion on the order of importance and get a better game plan.

CMB Stewart's Smokehouse: The annual application for renewal of Stewart's Smokehouse CMB license was presented. Mike moves to approve the renewal. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

FY20 Audit Services/W2 Services: A quote for the FY20 audit was presented from Agler and Gaeddert

in the amount of \$6,175.00. A second quote added was for this same firm to complete the City's employee W2's. That would add an additional \$400 to the quote. Gary moves to approve both services. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Gary moves to go into executive session at 7:15pm for one hour and 15minutes to discuss personnel matters and for annual employee evaluations of non-elected personnel to include Mayor, Council, and City Administrator. Connie seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council returned to open session at 8:30pm with no action taken.

Gary moves for no employee raises in 2021, to increase the Chamber gift card to \$50, to add Christmas Eve and New Years Eve as paid holidays for year 2020, to continue to pay the additional \$100 family premium contribution for City Clerk April Herbster for year 2021, and to amend Leonard Buddenbohm, City Attorney, to \$1,000 per month retainer. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**VOUCHERS**

The Vouchers were presented. Mike moved to approve. Gary 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