

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

COUNCIL MEETING

December 21, 2016

Open Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Stutesman. Council members present were Tony Trower, Andy Dinger, Mike Hahn, Lucy Thomas, and Betsy Doughramaji.

Other members present were Connie Fridley, Alex Darby, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting were presented. Andy moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented. Denise received an email at 5:00pm tonight on an update on the Moderate Income Housing Grant. The original application was for two duplex units at the amount of \$400,000. The offer extended by KHRC for the grant was in the amount of \$100,000. The Council will wait for CHWC's determination on whether this amount could be used for the project.

Water/Sewer: Chad Spencer started studying for his water license.

Streets/Alleys: The salt and sand supply is still good for the winter.

*Tree removal has started in the Barnes Addition.

Parks:

Fire Board:

Police/Court: At a previous police committee meeting Bronson had presented Policy 305.1 pertaining to procedure for officer involved shootings. After review of the policy Andy moved to adopt Policy 305.1. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4.0.

*There was another part time application received. Bronson will begin the back ground check.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: New Pool: Denise talked with Kyle McCawley at Larkin. Kyle felt the blue print/pool plans were good to build the pool and for the bid process. The only issue would be the sight specific value engineering. If the City pays for the plans at a cost of \$65,000, Kyle felt confident to lead the project with these plans. Kyle will be at the January 18, 2017 meeting for further discussion.

Old Business: Delaware Place: Alex Darby was here from PEC to update on the Delaware Place Project. They are finishing up the design plans by next week and then the plans will be sent to KDHE once complete. He had a Mylar of the final plat map here for signatures from the Council, Clerk, and Zoning Board. The County surveyor reviewed the plans with some minor comments but no changes are to be made.

Charter Ordinance November Elections: Charter Ordinance NO.1A related to election of officers, terms of office, November elections, filling vacancies, and nomination petitions was presented. It currently reads that terms expiring in April 2017 shall now expire on the second Monday in January of 2018. After review and discussion it was decided the new expiration of terms would now expire on the first scheduled meeting of January of those years to keep it consistent with our regularly scheduled meetings. The same rule would apply to the terms that will expire in April of 2019. Those will then expire the first Wednesday meeting in January of 2020.

Ordinance 1-306.1 pertaining to annual appointments was also presented. The discussion was for the annual appointments that are currently done the first meeting in May each year to now change to the second regularly scheduled meeting in January of every year. Andy moves to approve Charter Ordinance NO. 1A and Ordinance 1-306.1. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

New Business:

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Tony moved to approve and Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Andy moves to go into executive session at 7:15pm for approx. one hour to discuss and review employee evaluations to include Mayor, Council, and Administrator. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Council returned to open session at 8:15pm with no action taken. Andy moved to go back into executive session at 8:16pm for approx. one more hour. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Council returned to open session at 9:15pm with no action taken.

Andy moved to give Chad Jepson and Chad Spencer a 3% raise effective January 1, 2017. An additional 3% raise will be readdressed upon them passing their water test and obtaining their water license. Andy also moved to give April Herbster, Denise Streeter, Bronson Campbell, and Paul Burghart a 5% raise effective January 1, 2017. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting and Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK