

## CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

### Open Meeting

December 6, 2017

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

Others present were Rod Strole, Joyce Brown, Mike Glissman, Edward Lund, Frank Shrimplin, Salih Doughramaji, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting were presented. Tony moved to approve. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc:** The meeting started off with two visitors, Frank Shrimplin and Edward Lund. Edward is a citizen to Valley Falls and a new member to our local Historical Society. He was able to get his hands on a replica of the Doodle Bug Train that passed through Valley Falls in the 20's and 30's. The train route was from Atchison to Topeka with Valley Falls being one of the stops along the way. Edward would like to donate the Doodle Bug Model Train to our local Historical Society along with the model train track. Frank Shrimplin the current Historical Society president has plans to display this train in the window of the Museum along with some other vintage toys that are there presently.

#### **Public Comments:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Administrative:** Written report presented.

**Water/Sewer:** The new 16<sup>th</sup> Street water line project is completed.

\*Paul is having some issues with the controls at the sewer ponds. There will be someone from the company that installed the equipment here in the next few days to look at the problem.

**Streets/Alleys:** Paul continues the work on the re-wiring project at the City shop. There is an area that could use more lighting towards the front of the shop. It would require six additional lights at a cost of \$1,000. Betsy moved to approve the six new lights. Tony seconds the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Parks/Pool:** Paul is trying to get an idea of what the Council is going to do with the old pool. He would like to start turning utility service off, removing filters, and removing the diving board. There was no objection to his plans. The only request was to keep the fencing around for protection until final plans for the pool are completed.

**Fire Board:** The department bought a new truck that will take the place of the tanker pumper truck that they currently have. The cost was \$180,000.

**Police/Court:**

**Health Code:**

**VFEDC:**

**Swimming Pool:**

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** New Swimming Pool Management: Rod Strole joined the Council at the table for the discussion on staffing the swimming pool. First thought was to get a manager in place and then start recruiting life guards. Although Denise hasn't made contact with all pool staff from last year, there is talk that only a couple life guards and staff will be returning for this upcoming season. Rod's first recommendation is staff development and training. He recommended an online management course through Red Cross and a

Certified Pool Operator course developed by Parks and Recs. Although training is necessary for staff one down fall is the cost of the training. The question was asked who dictates the training qualifications and Rod stated that insurance would dictate the training. There was a short discussion on the City possibly paying for the training in a reimbursement form at the end of the season but no final decisions were made at this time. Charlie recommended to get the manager job opening posted as soon as possible with a closing date sometime around Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. This would help get someone in place to assist in setting up the training for the guards by early spring time.

\*The conversation turned to funding and fundraising for the pool. Currently the Community Pool Committee has approx. \$10,000 that Rod stated they are keeping in reserve. The Committee has had discussions to use this money for training development for future staff.

The Trust Fund has approx. \$70,000. Members of this board have stated that this will be used for pool equipment like the big slide or other equipment the donor has donated and designated for specific items. There was still some confusion on continued fundraising and who would be responsible for allocating donations and purchasing items needed/wanted for the pool. It was the opinion of the Mayor that the City has the financial obligation and all items and orders should come through the City Council.

2017 Amended Budget: An amended budget for the Consolidated Street & Highway Fund was presented. The amendment was to bring the expenditures from \$109,000 up to \$430,000 for the new 16<sup>th</sup> St project. The public hearing will be held on 12/20/17 at the beginning of our regularly scheduled meeting.

Estimated Final Expenses-Barnes No. 3: Paul and Denise worked through the cost estimate sheets and worked with PEC on the percentage of cost being split between The Mesner Development Group and the City. An amount of \$127,200.93 will be presented to The Mesner's for their cost. Denise will make contact with Chris Larson at Mesner's and get this process started.

CMB Annual Renewal Stewart's Ol' Store Smokehouse: The annual CMB license and renewal paperwork were presented to the Council. Lucy moved to approve the annual renewal. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### VOUCHERS

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES L. STUTESMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DENISE M STREETER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR