

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

June 20, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucille Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Salih Doughramaji, and Betsy Doughramaji.

Others present were Sherry Kearney, Joyce Brown, Dayna Lloyd, Scott Heinen, Connie Fridley, Judy Rider, Lori Glissman, Betsy Schmelzle, Nancy Gatzemeyer, Kendra Gatzemeyer, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the June 6, 2018 meeting were presented. Betsy moves to approve the minutes as amended. Mike G. seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-0.

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

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written report presented.

Water/Sewer: The pocket chlorimeter Paul uses for water testing is broken. He presented a quote of \$466.00 plus shipping from Hawk Co. There was no objection from the Council for him to proceed.

Street/Alley: The air tank rusted in the dump truck. Cost of repair is \$400.

*A master cylinder was repaired on the flatbed truck.

*There was a question asked from the audience on whether a street light would be placed on the new 16th street. Paul stated we could touch base and follow up with Westar Energy.

*There was a short discussion on the City credit card limits and the occasional trouble of going over our spending amounts. After discussion Betsy moves to increase the limit on Paul's credit card to \$2,500. Mike G. seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mike G. moved to also increase Denise's credit card limit to \$2,500. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Parks/Pool: There was a sewer back-up at the park. When clearing the line, there were wash cloths and rags in the line. At some point this line will need to be dug up and replaced from the shelter house to the play equipment.

New Pool: Paul continues work on the alley at the pool and getting rip raff rock placed.

*Paul presented a bid from Danny Moore Electric for the new pool lights. The bid was for 2 Lumen LED lights to be placed on 20ft light poles at the East and West side of the deep end. The amount was \$5,952.19. This would be covered by the \$6,000 grant from Fee State Electric through the Trust Fund. Mike G. moves to accept the bid from Danny Moore Electric. Salih seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire board:

Police: Andy Conser made contact with City Hall regarding the auction for the Cadillac after reading an article in the Vindicator. He stated he can do these types of auctions and wanted to see if the Council would have interest in working with his company. The only concern was the size of audience. After short discussion, the Council decided to proceed with the original plan and complete the auction on Purple wave.

*Lucy read a resignation letter from Officer Travis Courter effective 6/18/18. There were some questions regarding his signed two year contract with the City and what obligation he may have. Lucy wants the Council to think about how they want to proceed and what coverage they feel is

needed. There was also talk of a possible grievance to be filed from Travis for some unpaid holidays if the issue is pushed. Discussion will continue.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool: Reid Bunde was here for his report. He states there have been no big issues to address. Things continue to run well.

*There was one complaint that Reid addressed regarding the big slide and garments on suits and the diving board being closed for swim. This parent was reimbursed her admission fees.

*They continue to build and fill the swimming lessons.

*There have been lots of pool parties scheduled so far and most weekends through the summer are booked. Reid would like to re-visit pool party prices next year and the possibility of increasing those amounts for next season.

*The temporary canopy used for shade didn't work out very well. The wind caught it and broke all the straps.

*Discussion on open swim came up. Reid is looking to have open swim at least 3 days per week from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Admission cost will be \$1.00.

*There was a short discussion on keys and who all has access to keys for the pool.

Old Business: Code Enforcement: Topic tabled.

New Business: Council Vacancies: Lucy read an official letter of resignation from Tony Trower. There are two vacancies to fill. A questionnaire was handed out to interested parties to fill the 18month term until the November election in 2019. There were six individuals who returned the questionnaire with four being present tonight. Lucy gave each individual present tonight a chance to stand and introduce themselves to the audience. Betsy Schmelzle, Kendra Gatzemeyer, Dayna Lloyd, and Judy Rider all spoke. Gary McKnight and Jeanette Shipley were not present.

Additions: Betsy presented Resolution 01-2018 deeming Connie Fridley as unqualified and not fit to hold the position as a member of the City Council. Mike G. moves to adopt Resolution 01-2018. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Lucy questions the specific findings and stated she was not signing the Resolution. Betsy states it is related to her social media post on Facebook against individuals she would be serving with.

**Lucy puts forth Judy Rider to take the place of Mike Hahn at the table. The vote passed 3-0. Judy completed her oath of office and took her seat at the table.

**Lucy puts forth Gary McKnight to take the place of Tony Trower at the table. The vote passed 3-0. Gary will complete his oath of office at the next meeting.

**Betsy moves to nominate Judy Rider as Council President. Mike G. seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

July 4th meeting—With the first meeting in July falling on a Holiday the City Ordinance states the governing body shall meet on the next regular business day. The Council decided to reschedule that meeting to July 5th at 6:30pm. There was no objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike G. moves to go into executive session at 8:10pm for no more than 10min to discuss matters of non-elected personnel for the water/street department to include Mayor and Council. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

*The Council returned to open session at 8:20 with no action taken.

*Mike G. moves to give Paul Burghart one additional week of pay to be used in the next 12 months. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

The vouchers were presented. Mike G. moved to approve. Salih seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. (Judy sustained from vote)

ADJOURNMENT

Mike G. moves to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconds the motion. Motion carried. 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK