

CITY OF VALLEY
PUBLIC HEARINGS
December 10, 2019

Mayor Smith opened the hearings at 7 p.m.. Present were: Mayor Smith, Council members Grove, Lewis, Stanzel, Ueckert.

Mayor Smith noted the location of the open meetings act & stated those wishing to address public hearing items are asked to come to the podium, state name & address for the record.

1, Final Plat – Flatwater Phase 2

Mayor Smith opened the hearing at 7 p.m. for public input & comment on the final plat of Flatwater Phase 2 at 288th & West Valley Streets. The Planning Commission held a public hearing November 19 & recommended approval once the engineer's check list has been completed & the subdivision agreement has been executed.

Jim Olmsted reported he has met with Bob Hampton, the developer to determine getting a couple of things tied up & the subdivision agreement & final plat will be ready for approval at the January meeting.

The hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

2. Final Plat – Flatwater Phase 3

Mayor Smith opened the hearing at 7:02 p.m. for public input & comment on the final plat of Flatwater Phase 3 at 288th & West Valley Streets. The Planning Commission held a public hearing November 19 & recommended approval once the engineer's check list has been completed & the subdivision agreement has been executed.

Jim Olmsted repeated he has met with Bob Hampton, the developer to determine getting a couple of things tied up & the subdivision agreement & final plat will be ready for approval at the January meeting.

The hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m., & the hearings were adjourned.

MINUTES
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Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were mayor Smith; council members Grove, Lewis, Stanzel, Ueckert, city attorney Andrea Griffin, city clerk Suhr.

Mayor Smith noted the location of the open meetings act, & stated one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at this meeting is available for examination or copying.

Lewis made a motion to retain Mike Stanzel as council president. Ueckert seconded. VOTE: YES; Lewis, Ueckert, Grove. NO; no one. ABSTAIN; Stanzel, motion carried.

Attorney Griffin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proof of publication was on the council desk.

Visitors & Correspondence –The Mayor invited anyone present who wished to address an agenda item & is not on the agenda to come forward at this time, noting they will have 3 minutes to speak. There was no correspondence.

Stanzel moved to approve the agenda. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Stanzel moved to approve the consent agenda with questions. Grove seconded. Council member Stanzel questioned the amount & the nature of the bill from Evoca for \$14,073.28. PeopleService representative Nate Taylor explained that is the cost to fill the tank of the odor control device located at Meigs Street lift station. The cost & effectiveness of the chemical were discussed. All in favor, motion carried. Consent agenda items were: Accept 11/12 public hearing & meeting minutes, Treasurer's report, November payroll \$63,487.55/IRA \$963.39, November Keno receipts \$2,704.01; Accept PeopleService, Inc. Report, November Library statistics, November 19 Planning Commission minutes & Valley Veterans 2019 Fireworks report. Approve bills paid during the month, bills & additional bills presented for payment; **Supplies:** Amazon 943.05; Ass'n Floodplain Mgrs.165.00; Centerpoint 50.00; Core & Main 2009.83; Demco 98.68; Interstate 10.80; John Deere Financial 527.81; Kansas Hwy Patrol 20500.00; Kirby Auto 512.78; Lowes 378.00; Menards 1619.57; Midwest 344.50; NDEQ 19831.18; OfficeNet 534.52; Rob's 2035.86; Titan 962.57; Thompson 59577.50; Valley Phar 8.34; Woodhouse 28660.80; Wex 1422.88; **Services:** Andersen Plumbing 2509.25; Aflac 661.14; Aspen Equip. 27.92; Black Hills 628.55; Carstensen 427515.31; Cox 1038.68; Civic Plus 4410.00; Gazette 665.46; DC Env 540.40; Evoqua 14073.28; Everetts 219.95; FSI 185.00; Fasbreak 422.85; J Farnham 8482.50; FNB 5962.50; FSB 5962.50; FNB 292.00; Fremont Util 32800.90; Grefe 10395.00; Grafix 355.84; J.D. Car Wash 108.80; Linc Finan 767.12; MAPA 126.00; Matzen 776.60; NCI 576.02; NE Sweeping 2689.72; O & P 98943.70; OPPD 11411.50; PeopleService 23382.63; Element Fab. 392.23 Pap San 101.33; St Nick's 568.00; Trekk 3352.28; Verizon 272.51; Window Pro 20.00; Mallard Landing 28466.25; **Taxes:** Fed 6128.63; NE 2430.09; **Reimburse/Refund:** Dunham 223.30; Eckerman 1300.26; Bogatz 8500.00; Strudl 34.80; Warren 135.30; Childer's 500.00, Majestic 300.00, Wiekhorst / Rose / Huisman / Telvelde / Parks / Watson / Egers / Grehard / White / Bassett / Mayer / Vencil / Denali / Drews / Frontier / Grace 150.00 each.

John Batcher, Valley Volunteer Fireman addressed fire hydrant inspection, flow testing and paint. He reported that during a recent training session it was noted there were several hydrants out of service in the downtown area. Council member Stanzel replied the City is required to follow Title 179 issued by the State of Nebraska which states the hydrants can be operated only by a licensed operator. Training needs to be coordinated with PeopleService who is responsible for city water/sewer operations which includes flushing hydrants. A plan will be put in place to coordinate training exercises with PeopleService personnel.

Grove moved to approve the following appointments: City engineer-street superintendent, Jim Olmsted; City Attorney(s), Jeffrey B. Farnham & Andrea Griffin; City Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator, Joan Suhr; Police Chief-Brett Smith; Public Works Superintendent, Kenny Grimm. Ueckert seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Consideration for Item 11 was moved to the end of the agenda.

Ueckert introduced, read & moved for passage of Resolution No. 2019-52 to approve the emergency contractor's list. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

City Engineer – Flatwater Phase 1 update – The lift station start up will be very, very soon. OPPD will energize their lines when some minor grading is completed.

2019 Flood Recovery Sewer CCTV program – 95 to 96% complete with a small section on east Gardiner Street which will take two days to complete & should be done the end of this week or next. There is lots of sand in the lines which means there will be spot repairs & some lining to be done in the system.

2019 Flood Recovery Gardiner Street stormwater pumping station - Bids were opened this morning. There were three bidders. Engineer Jake Zimmerer recommended accepting the low bid.

Council member Grove moved to accept the bid of Juds Brothers Construction, Lincoln for \$537,300.00. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2019 Flood Recovery Valmont Lift Station rehab – One bid was received & it was more than double the engineer's estimate. Engineer Jake Zimmerer recommended rejecting the bid & possibly changing the scope of the project.

Council member Lewis moved to reject the bid received for the Valmont lift station rehab & direct the engineer to reevaluate the scope of the project with the intent to rebid the project at a future time. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2019 Flood Recovery Pines Culvert and intersection replacement – The project has been completed for less than bid. The engineer recommended approval of the change order, the pay application & final acceptance of the project.

Council member Ueckert had a question about additional grading at the site which was not part of the FEMA claim. Stanzel moved to approve Change order #1, deduct \$2364.50 for the Pines culvert & intersection replacement. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Council member Grove introduced, read & moved for passage of Resolution No. 2019-53 to approve pay request #1, (final) of Thompson Construction, \$59,577.50 for Pines culvert & intersection replacement. Lewis seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

Stanzel moved to approve Acceptance of Substantial Completion, Notice of Acceptability of Work & close out the project. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2019 Flood Recovery Highway 64 Silt Removal – The project will be finished this weekend, the engineer recommended council approval of the pay request for work completed to date.

Council member Grove introduced, read & moved for passage of Resolution 2019-54 to approve Mike Grefe Excavating pay request #1, \$5,175.00, for work completed to date on 2019 Flood Recovery Project Highway 64 Silt Removal Project. Ueckert seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

Highway 64 Drainage Improvements – The project, a collaboration between Valmont, Lyman Richey & the City for drainage improvements is nearly completed with some dirt work left. Engineer Jim Olmsted recommended approval of the pay request.

Council member Ueckert introduced, read & moved for passage of Resolution No. 2019-55 to approve Mike Grefe Excavating pay request #1, \$5220.00, for work completed on Highway 64 Drainage Improvements. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

2019 Flood Recovery Ball Field Restoration – The project is next on the list, will have more information at the next council meeting. The project will be completed by next year.

Flatwater Phase 2 & 3 – Engineer Olmsted recommended that due to the bidding climate, this would

be a good time to advertise for bids.

Stanzel moved to authorize the city engineer to advertise for bids for infrastructure construction for Flatwater Phases 2 & 3. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2018 Water System Improvements (Ginger Cove / Ginger Woods) – The project has been completed, inspected, approved & negotiations with Carstensen Contracting are complete. Engineer Olmsted recommended approval of Change Order #1, Pay application #7 (final), Acceptance of Substantial Completion, Notice of Acceptability of Work & project close out.

Stanzel moved to approve 2018 Water System Improvements change order #1, for an additional \$75,717.75. Ueckert seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Council member Stanzel introduced, read & moved for passage of Resolution No. 2019-56 to approve Carstensen Contracting pay request #7, (final), for \$427,515.31. Ueckert seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

Stanzel moved to approve Acceptance of Substantial Completion, Notice of Acceptability of Work & to close out the 2018 Water System Improvement project. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The City engineer presented a copy of the 2020 Edition of Standard Specifications & Details for Water Main Construction to the city.

Other Updates – Miscellaneous -

1. Country Aire 2 - Plans are 100% complete & ready to advertise for bids. They will hold their first SID meeting 12/11.

Stanzel moved to authorize the city engineer to advertise for bids for infrastructure construction for Country Aire 2 at the appropriate time. Grove seconded. Stanzel, Ueckert & Grove voted YES. Lewis voted NO, motion carried.

2. Landscapes Utility Extensions – Thompson Construction is installing the sanitary sewer main. The water main extension has been installed & is being tested.

3. Timber Shores SID Drainage Project – The Homeowner's Association has accepted the bids & we have no information on when the project will begin.

Council member Grove introduced, read & moved for passage of Resolution No. 2019-57 to authorize the city clerk to send written notice to the owner of property at 131 East Alexander Street regarding abatement of public nuisance. Ueckert seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

City Attorney – He has been working on subdivision agreements for Flatwater 2 & 3 & two ordinances that will amend & shore up the existing camping rules, giving the City more enforcement options.

Council member Stanzel moved to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No.728 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 2-128 TO THE VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Council member Stanzel moved for final passage. Ueckert seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

Council member Stanzel moved to suspend the rules for consideration of Ordinance No.729 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VALLEY CITY PARK CAMPING RULES GOVERNING THE CAMPING AREA OPERATED BY THE CITY OF VALLEY WITHIN THE VALLEY CITY PARK. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried

Council member Grove moved for final passage. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

Stanzel moved to adjourn in executive session at 8 p.m. to discuss agenda item No. 11, employee wages. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Smith announced the city council will adjourn in executive session to discuss agenda item No. 11, employee wages.

Grove moved to reconvene in open session at 8:25 p.m. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Stanzel moved to give employees a 3% cost of living raise with no merit increases. Ueckert seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report - Santa at Valley Veterans Club 12/21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Valley Fire & the American Legion. Planning Commission meets 12/17 - 4:30 p.m. There will be no Valley Days planning meeting this month. Christmas tree recycling in the city park parking lot 12/26, 2019 – 01/12, 2020.

Employee Appreciation dinner - Friday, 01/24 – Farmer Brown's, compliments of Olmsted & Perry, Farnham, & Griffin & PeopleService, Inc. The Christmas tree lighting event was wonderful & reminded me, (the mayor) of a Hallmark Christmas scene. Kevin Blackwell has submitted 4 projects to FEMA for reimbursement,(Meter readers, emergency protective measures, city-wide roads & Meigs & Ginger Woods lift stations, \$370,581.50). PeopleService has under 100 MXU's left to install. Met w/Les Robbins, CPA/Entrepreneur who plans to build a multi-office/small contractor building - Legacy Valley, Lot 4. Meeting w/Elkhorn Recreation Association 12/13 to discuss capital facility charges/water service/entrances and access, etc. Kenny Grimm is working on garage building that will house the jet machine & generator. Tim Sheets has the bay in the machine shed enclosed & is installing insulation today. A 4" water main break affected Houses on Hudspith Street between Mayne & West – service was restored in 2.5 hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Carroll L. Smith

City Clerk Joan Suhr

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