

City of Vale
City Council Minutes
December 13, 2016

I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor McLaughlin
Councilors: Cw Jacobs, Cm Johnson, Cm Bixby, Cw Zanutelli, Cm Williams, City Attorney
Sullivan and CM Findley were present.

II Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Johnson

III Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

Mayor McLaughlin inquired about corrections or additions to the Agenda. ***Cm Johnson motioned to accept the agenda as written. Cw Jacobs seconded the motion.***

IV Approval of Minutes of November 8th, 2016.

Cm Bixby motioned to approve the Minutes of November 8th, 2016 as written. Cw Zanutelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.

V. Payment of bills.

First Check Run- Check #48796 through #48845 Total \$222,510.41 ACH Payment of \$11,473.67. Total of \$233,984.08. Second Check Run- Check # 48846 through #48892 total of \$34,523.81, ACH payment of \$5,510.23, and \$4,863.59 (total for ACH \$10,373.82) for a total of \$44,897.63. Grand total for both check runs \$278,881. ***Cm Williams motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$278,881.71. Cm Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.***

VI Reports & Council Action on Reports.

- A. City Manager-written report submitted by Lynn Findley
 - 1. City of Vale downtown tree meeting November 29 at 7 pm in City Hall
 - 2. First design plan review of WSI Project was completed November 22. Public Works Staff and Committee reviewed design drawings and have provided Anderson Perry & Associates feedback
 - 3. CIS totaled Fire Command Vehicle, claim settlement received. Oregon Surplus found us a replacement vehicle for the same price as original
 - 4. Purple Heart City organizers have requested the City of Vale become a Purple Heart City. They would like to read a proclamation on December 13. We have requested additional information from them beforehand. They have not provided any additional information or contact us on the designation.
 - 5. SEACT meeting held via Video Conference Monday November 28, 2016
 - 6. Boardman to Hemingway Final Environmental Impact Statement out for 30-day comment period. Electronic copy available in City Hall

7. August 21, 2017 Solar Eclipse event planning has begun. Northern Oregon will be under a full eclipse and the State is beginning a marketing campaign.
 8. Complaints have been received about wrecked vehicles stored behind an open chain link fence on Washington Street. City Code 5.6.1 defines Wrecking Yards and fencing requirements. 5.6.3 requires privacy fence to surround all wrecking yards. Land owner has been notified to correct the code violation.
 9. Help them to Hope food distribution to be held December 15, public works crews to assist.
 10. Planning Commission met on November 30 and approved the Conditional Use Permit Request to build two tri-plexes and one duplex on North 15th Street
 11. Vale Food Pantry served 118 households in the month of November
 12. Geotechnical evaluation required for Storage Tank location. 1997 work is not available for review
 13. Cable One has notified the City of a Rate increase ranging from \$5 to \$8 dollars per month per household.
 14. League of Oregon Cities has announced Elected Essentials Training to be held in Ontario on March 30, 2017. All newly elected personnel are encouraged to attend. If interested please contact City Hall and we will reserve a slot.
 15. We experience a major water leak on December 9th that required outside assistance from an excavation contractor.
- B. Public Works- meeting was held with CM Findley Reporting- no quorum so there was no meeting held.
 - C. Airport Committee- no meeting was held
 - D. Parks & Recreation no meeting was held
 - E. EMS Committee- meeting held with Cm Williams reporting there have been City Fires 0 for November, year to date 63. In November the Rural Department responded to 2 structure fires, 1 false alarm and 1 grass fire, 38 Rural Fires Year to date. There were 45 ambulance runs for November and year to date there have been 466 runs which is down about 60 for the year. Looking at pump repair at roughly 1000.00 for the ladder fire truck. 7 applications pending for ambulance department staff. The ambulance received \$43,000.00 from Ambulance Service District, we should be able to maintain that amount of money in future. The 2017 ambulance training schedule is ready to go.
 - F. Library Board – no meeting was held

VII Public Comments/Presentations

Ron Verini (City of Ontario Mayor) - Veterans Advocates of Ore/Ida, documented in the last 30 days 40 homeless veterans of Ore/Ida have been helped. Without the support of

the community (Vale included) it wouldn't be possible. Negotiations with the VA and Washington State are being made for a telehealth unit where they have the capability to talk to the doctor wherever they are located right from the Ontario Office. The food pantry is operational and not only for veterans, it is for anyone who needs help no matter where they are from. Heartfelt thanks from him to City of Vale for their donation.

VIII Old Business

Water System Improvement Update- Still awaiting the ACOE 408 permit to construct the Rhinehart Transmission line under the river. Terry has had three meetings with electrical engineer, ACS on the proposed control system for the treatment plant. Settling tanks for backwash system structure have been reviewed, and still on schedule, EA is about 90% complete, should be published within 2 weeks.

IX New Business

1. Auditors Report – Bob Seymore from Guyer and Associates to report 15-16 Fiscal Review. Overall there was a clean opinion, only a couple things point out healthy increase in fund balance, street fund balance went up, the revolving loan went down (which is normal and good) fire fund went up. Ambulance revenue went up, public works activity had 50,000.00 loss, which was taken in depreciation- apples to apples cash actually went up, substantial rate increase in PERS starting in July 17 will affect the 2017-2018 budget.
2. Vale Heritage Reflections Downtown Grant Application- Mural Society restoration projects that they need to do, specifically Mural on the West side of the Christian Church, Original artist has offered to help on the project, \$12,500 total project request with a \$5,000 City match requested. After much discussion the Council did not take action on the grant request.

X Other Matters

Net Cash Flow- Street budget is currently in a deficit, revenue from state will be arriving later in budget cycle to balance out the fund.

XI Executive Session ...Yes...Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h)

No decisions were made during executive session

XII Adjourn to Tuesday January 10th, 2017 Council at 7:00PM

Cm Johnson motioned to adjourn Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM with Cm Bixby seconding the motion.

Mayor Mike McLaughlin