

City of Vale
City Council Minutes
July 23rd, 2019

I. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor McLaughlin

Councilors: Cw Bennett, Cw Phillips, Cm Ault and City Attorney Sullivan were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McLaughlin

III. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

Mayor McLaughlin inquired about corrections or additions to the agenda. Cm Ault *motioned to accept the agenda as written. Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Approval of Minutes of July 9th, 2019

Cw Phillips motioned to approve the Minutes of July 9th, 2019 as written Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.

V. Payment of Bills:

Cw Phillips motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,847.16 with Cm Ault seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports & Council Action on Reports.

City manager report CM LAMB

1. The City locked the brush pit because someone dumped 3 loads of asphalt shingles, it is now reopened Malheur County Sheriff's Department did spend a lot of time trying to find the person responsible, there were three people in the area doing roofing projects, however no one would confess. The City has cleared the pit of the debris and it is now back open to the public.
2. The property by the City Fire Hall we will be mowing and then spraying – need to think about selling it Citizen has complained about the growth of the weeds on the property, the City has cut them down and will spray the weeds to maintain it. There have been offers to buy the property. 7.26 acres and zoned industrial. The property has previously been leased to the Potato Company for a fee of \$400 a year. Jamison Produce has approached the City with an interest in the property. Council will move this to an agenda item for the next meeting with a resolution to surplus the property.
3. Talk with Symtec
Dave from Symtec will bring in the wastewater part not to exceed \$5000 and gather some bids for new radios so he can present the city with more accurate figures on what it would cost for Symtec to take over where ACS has been working for the City on the wastewater. More discussion in New Business.
4. Levee
During the week of the 4th of July an obstacle course was created for the "Pillage and Plunder" where part of the obstacle was built on the levee. CM Lamb has talked to Hugh Humphrey, and it is being removed.
5. Waterline at Railroad well and between storage and car wash
Railroad well had a leak. Dug it up and it was the city water line that was abandoned, they capped it off. How it got there or where it was coming from the city did not know and did not investigate it further, so it was capped knowing it was abandoned. Then between the car wash and Lincoln storage another leak appeared which ended up being the other end of the abandoned line, the City has capped that as well. So far, no more leaks and the issue should be resolved. The water was tested, and it contained chlorine, proving to be a City water.
6. Hooked up a new service line for Dave Roberts on Oak street
Metered from the fire hydrant, due to the dust, since then a meter has been paid for by Mr. Roberts and the City has installed the meter to the new property. He will be billed for the water that he used from the hydrant.
7. New Booster pumps are in and Hysell will install one and we will shelve the other
Two new booster pumps were purchased at \$5,000 each. This is pass thru money from the Loan for the new Water project. Hysell will install one, to replace the 1st failing old pump, and the other will be shelved for when the 2nd old pump goes out.

8. McElroy's irrigation water over Ash Street
Irrigation water caused sink holes along Ash street. City has met with irrigation district, the water has been shut off, meanwhile this week Chad has filled a hole, but it started to cave in, so the City is working on repairing these sink holes.
9. Sheriff's response to a call made by a citizen on Saturday night
According to the schedule the city had coverage Saturday night, when a citizen called in to report suspicious activity Saturday. Dispatch informed the citizen that the city decided to only have two deputies and they had no coverage Saturday night. The city did have coverage Saturday night, however the deputy on duty took vacation leave. CM Lamb is talking with Travis on how to deal with situations like this.
10. Cross Connection Certificate – Gary Hood will be attending the classes on October
Mr. Hood will step up to take the class, he will take his trailer at his cost. The City only will be paying for the class of \$530.

VII. Reports & Council Action on Reports.

- A. Airport Committee- *No meeting was held.*
- B. Public works- CM Lamb reports, meeting discussed brush pit issue, obstacle built on levee, installing a new meter for Dave Roberts on Oak street.
- C. Parks & Recreation– Report at next meeting, council member was not present at previous meeting.
- D. EMS – No meeting was held.
- E. Beautification Grant- No new applications.
- F. Library – No meeting was held.

VIII. Public Comment/Presentation

IX. Old Business

1. School Water line update

Attorney Sullivan distributes the Final Document among the council members to review. The dispute has been how to handle the new water line installed for the new middle school and who is responsible for repairs to the line. The newest document states that the City will have ownership of the line, the school will be responsible paying for repairs for the first 10 year, while the City will do the work and bill the school for the repairs. The school will be responsible for any surface repairs with the exception to hydrants. Mainly, the City will not be responsible for any cost of repairs for the first 10 years, the revision is the City is not responsible for surface repairs. *Cm Phillips motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the settlement agreement with the Vale School district with Cw Bennett seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

2. Senior Center agreement

Attorney Sullivan distributes the bargain and sale deed among the council and present senior members to review. *Cw Bennett motioned to accept the bargain and sale deed for the senior center to be signed by the Mayor and City Manager, where the seniors will take a copy to meet with their council and obtain final signatures and a final purchase check of \$100.00.*
Cw Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. New Business

1. ACS Scada Care free – cost of around \$4,265.00 to furnish Cottonwood and Oregon lift stations with pressure transducers devices to send out alarms for when they quit working

Jack happened upon a red blinking light at the cottonwood lift station. The red-light blinks when the station fails to work, however no alarm was sent out. The same thing happened at the Willowcreek lift station. According to ACS no alarms have been set up. To avoid the same issue at the Cottonwood lift station ACS is putting in the devices to send out alarms at the cost of \$4,265.00 Should the city switch over to Symtec, they are able to work with these same devices installed by ACS.

Cw Phillips motioned to pay the bill for the device installation totaling \$4,265.00 with Cm Ault seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Old sewer jetter that the vac truck replaced – do we want to sell it or scrap it

Old sewer jetter is just sitting there taking up space, it has not been used in the last 10 years as the vac truck has replaced it and there is no need for the jetter. City would like to remove the piece of equipment and either sell or scrap it. *Cw Phillips motioned to declare the sewer jetter as surplus property and for the City manager to remove it in the City's best interest with Cw Bennett seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Feral cats and live traps

The feral cats have become a problem in city limits. Live traps cost about \$30 each. Mayor purposes to partner with the local vet clinic to see if a deal can be made for spaying and neutering feral cats caught in the city, once fixed they would be released again, preventing reproduction. This is a formula the Ontario Feral Cat Project uses. Bennett volunteered to make conversation with the local vet clinic and continue the conversation at the following council meeting.

4. Rebuilt transmission for public works pick-up truck

Cost of the Rebuilt transmission for the pick-up truck is \$2,695.78, it needs to be fixed because the city doesn't have other vehicles to fall back on. CM Lamb will continue looking into a good deal for new/used trucks to replace the continuously failing ones the city currently operates for public works. *Cw Phillips motioned to authorize the repair on the truck by MJC Enterprise at the total cost of \$2,965.78. Cm Ault seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

XI. Other Matters

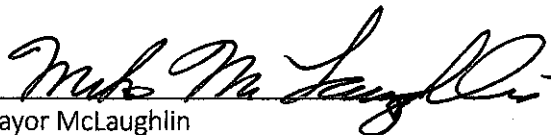
Mayor mentions the city should investigate tree trimming around the city. Possibly not handing it to public works as they have a lot going on, the city could get bids from local companies to provide the service.

Cw Bennett and Cw Phillips express interest in attending the League of Oregon Cities classes. CM Lamb will investigate the funds and preparations needed to send council members to the classes, as the Mayor attends every year. Council feels it would be well worth attending.

XII. Executive Session; NO; Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h)

XIII. Adjourn to Tuesday August 13th, 2019 Council at 7:00PM

Cm Ault motioned to adjourn Tuesday August 13th, 2019 at 7:00 PM with Cw Bennett seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Mayor McLaughlin