City of Vale City Council Minutes June 11th, 2019

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

Councilors: Cm Williams, Cw Phillips, Cm Bixby, Cm Ault, Cw Bennett, City Attorney Sullivan and CM Katy Lamb 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 May 28th, 2019

Cm Williams motioned to approve the Minutes of May 28^{th} , 2019 as written. Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.

V. Payment of Bills:

Cm Williams motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$87,938.17 with Cw Phillips seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports & Council Action on Reports.

City Managers Report submitted by Katy Lamb - All these matters will be discussed in New Business

- 1. Adoption of the 2019-20 budget Resolution 19-06
- 2. Cross Connection Specialist class \$530.00 for room and meals for 4 days and nights, working with Nyssa on contracting with them
- 3. Resolution 19-04 to Receive State Revenue for 2019-20 year
- 4. Resolution 19-07 interfund transfers for 2019-20 year
- 5. Cold ready mix \$1,000.00, Crack seal \$2,500.00, Patching \$2,000.00
- 6. Warrington Const repair of the Irrigation Crossing Work \$1,804.55
- 7. Idaho Asphalt \$16,950.00
- 8. Box of Rocks \$4,000.00

VII. Reports & Council Action on Reports.

- A. Airport Committee- No meeting was held.
- B. Public works- Cm Ault reports board discussed Warrington repair, school waterline issue, and the need for a cross connection specialist which will be further discussed in New business.
- C. Parks & Recreation Meeting was held. Cw Bennett reports pool is looking into hosting movie nights in hopes to bring more families in. Looking to hire 2 new employees, trees have been planted at the park.
- D. EMS No meeting was held
- E. Beautification Grant- No new applications.
- F. Library –. Meeting was held. Cw Phillips reports board discussed need first assistant is going on maternity leave at the end of the month and will not be returning. The Second assistant is working well so far. Library board has 4 members and needs 5, looking for a 5th member.

VIII. Public Comment/Presentation

1. Shared Revenue Funds

CM Lamb reports - Resolution 19-04 was discussed at the Budget meeting and passed on 5/13 and needs a public hearing, which is tonight. Mayor McLaughlin opens meeting to the public for discussion and testimony. Not hearing any opponent testimony, Mayor declares meeting closed

2. Senior Center

Mayor McLaughlin opens the meeting to public for discussion and testimony for the Senior Center.

Lee Graves, Senior Center board member, would like to know why a meeting is needed and what the issue with se Senior Center is. Attorney Sullivan explains "When the original grant was approved the State of Oregon required that there be an agreement between The City (the grant sponsor) and the senior center with respect to the operation of the senior center for the first 5 year, the state funds has the restrictions attached that don't include anyone under the age 60 be allowed to use the facility, that 5 year period is now expired and so the restriction is gone, the property is owned by the City of Vale, the City is asking for feed back from the public as to what to do with the building and land, options: sign the deed over to the seniors, entering a long-term agreement with the seniors with The City still owning the property. After the 5-year period whatever The City does The City has to take the

seniors into consideration and leave them an option."

Lee Graves would like to see the property deeded over to the seniors, as they have put a lot of personal money into the facility. He feels that the building is entrenched as a senior center, but they have been opening their doors to the community more renting out the facility to appropriate renters.

President, Barbara Ray, feels that in the last 5 years they have proved themselves. They've maintained their bills, made their own decisions and feels that they are fully capable to run the facility themselves. We have a budget, monthly financial reports, monthly board meetings.

Francis Rumple, treasurer, feels they are very stable, have reserve funds, pay the bills, and she would truly hate to see it not there.

Betty Duncan, assistant secretary, has begun social media, is expanding out seeking a younger generation to help with electronics. Family has personally put money into the facility including her mother's memorial funds, it is very dear to her.

Questions addressed to the Mayor: What would be your objection if the facility was handed over to the seniors like originally agreed to? Mayor, "I have no objection, but it hasn't been discussed by the council".

That benefit would the city get keeping the deed? Mayor, "Not sure why the city would want to keep the deed". Sullivan — "if the city continued to own the building they could do whatever they wanted with it, now or a year down the road, but today council is not aware of a use for it".

Barbara Ray- having the facility overturned for a community center was never the original intent for the building, the seniors went out and obtained the grant, the seniors put the \$60,000 down,

Sullivan — "the agreement signed by the seniors and approved by the state gave the right to the council to keep it if they wanted to as long as it preserved the right for the seniors to still utilize it".

Irene Chirs- has letters from the previous council stipulating at the end of the 5 years that the building would be transferred over to the seniors.

Sharon Mahan – secretary – explains the emotional role that the facility has been applying to the community. When someone loses a loved one they can go there and find comfort or distraction. She feels that its very important to have a place like that in our community.

The seniors already feel like they are a community center. They have been opening their doors to the community and providing a place for people to host events. The seniors just wish to have some control over who can utilize the facility and place rules on the use of it as well as keeping their events priority, they don't want to see their hard work ruined but disrespectful crowds and have restrictions on children in the facility.

Mayor closes public meeting to move on to council discussion for the senior center.

The council informs the seniors that they have been completely happy with the way they have ran the facility and have no intention to take it away from them. Cm Williams express his concern about the seniors limiting the use of the facility. Cm Williams wants to be certain that if the deed was handed over to the seniors, trusting that the Senior Center remain available to public use, that in the future the facility be closed to the public. Cw Bennett suggests tabling the discussion to allow council to go over the contract and documents the seniors have rovided at tonight's meeting.

IX. Old Business

1. School Water Line Up-dates – No new information. Still waiting to hear back from the School District in response to Attorney Sullivan's last letter.

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X. New Business

9. Adoption of the 2019-20 budget Resolution 19-06

Cm Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 19-06 A resolution adopting the Vale Municipal Budget, appropriating monies, levying taxes and categorizing said tax levy pursuant to ORS 294.435 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Cw Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Cross Connection Specialist – class \$530.00 for room and meals for 4 days and nights, working with Nyssa on contracting with them

CM Lamb has been talking with BILL GOSS — Vale needs to have a hired cross connection specialist, and Vale does not have one. Vale has to have a specialist Bill Goss will be down to go over the options in person, Vale could contract with Nyssa, but Vale has to have a specialist. Vale will send a public works employee to the class to obtain certification, with councils' approval. Cw Phillips motioned to accept the cross-connection class, sending a public work employee, and not to exceed \$1,500 with Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Resolution 19-04 to Receive State Revenue for 2019-20 year

Cm Ault motioned to adopt Resolution 19-04 A Resolution declaring the City's election to receive State Revenue Sharing. Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Resolution 19-07 interfund transfers for 2019-20 year

Cw Bennett motions to accept resolution 19-07 a motion making budgeted transfers between various funds within the City of Vale budget for the year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 with Cw Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Cold ready mix \$1,000.00, Crack seal \$2,500.00, Patching \$2,000.00

CM Lamb suggests purchasing these supplies during this fiscal year to utilize the remaining street funds and have the supplies as inventory for when they are needed. Cw Philips motioned to accept the proposed budget for street supplies and not to exceed \$5,500, with Cw Bennett seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 14. Warrington Const repair of the Irrigation Crossing Work \$1,804.55
- 15. Idaho Asphalt \$16,950.00
- 16. Box of Rocks \$4,000.00 line items 14-16 were included and approved in the check run.
- XI. Other Matters
- XII. Executive Session; NO; Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h)
- XIII. Adjourn to Tuesday June 25th, 2019 Council at 7:00PM

Cm Ault motioned to adjourn Tuesday June 25^{th} , 2019 at 7:00 PM with Cm Williams seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor McLaughlin