

**City of Vale**  
**City Council Minutes**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor McLaughlin

**III. Oath of Office: Todd Fuller, Leighton Keller**

**IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda**

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

**V. Approval of Minutes of October 22nd, 2019**

*Cw Phillips motioned to approve the Minutes of October 22nd, 2019 as written Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.*

**VI. Payment of Bills: First Check Run - \$35,437.84, First ACH - \$5,302.20, Second ACH - \$11,314.60. With a Grand Total of - \$52,054.64.**

*Cm Bixby motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$52,054.64 with Cw Bennett seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**VII. Reports & Council Action on Reports.**

**City manager report - *CM LAMB***

1. US Bank account is opened and running side by side with Umpqua
2. Audit is under way
3. Katy will be retiring the end of February 2020 with the offer of filling in for Morgan while she is on Maternity leave, CM Lamb will begin advertising for the open position immediately.

**VIII. Reports & Council Action on Reports.**

- A. Airport Committee- Cm Bixby reports committee discussed tie-downs at the airport, several out of town people have been flying in and utilizing the airport. CM Lamb adds the committee has applied for 150k grant through Connect Oregon Grant to pay for the paving and parking lots.
- B. Public works- CM Lamb reports committee discussed the Geo Thermal Line Project from Mushroom Farm to bridge, closing of the water project on October 31<sup>st</sup> and expecting reimbursement checks, New Business items 100k grant through ODOT, fixed water leak between ash and oak, crack sealing project has started at airport and will move around town.
- C. Parks & Recreation- Cw Bennett reports Zach Knapp has been added to the Board of Parks & Rec, an ad has ran in the Enterprise for a new pool manager, VCC will be offering van services for transportation during Moonlight Madness.
- D. EMS – Todd Hesse reports on staffing issues in Ambulance. Funds allow 1 full time, 1 19 hr employee and the rest are volunteers. In June the fire dept lost their 11 hr. per week billing employee. A request was made to hire an 11 hr. per week EMT., both positions have not been filled. Todd has been working on the billing department and is comfortable with that and feels a greater need to hire an Intermediate EMT 11 hr, per week position. A basic EMT could be hired on with the requirement that, the applicant obtains and Intermediate EMT position within one year. Position will be on call with flexible hours to fill the weeks needs. Todd Hesse is ready to advertise for the position and would like to hire by January 1<sup>st</sup> upon council consent, a name will be brought before council before a final hire is completed. Council gave consent to proceed with advertising to fill the position.

- E. Beautification Grant- No new beautifications in the works.
- F. Library – No meeting was held.

## IX. Public Comment/Presentation

## X. Old Business

### 1. Ordinance 882 LS Network Franchise

Fiberoptic Company 5-year agreement has expired and is up to renew. Attorney Sullivan drew up a new 5-year contract with a 7% gross finance fee where the city charge. Whereas while the telecommunication company supplies the service in the city, they collect a fee from their clients and 7% of that fee is paid back to the city from their gross revenues.

*Cw Phillips motioned to approve Ordinance no. 882 An ordinance granting to lightspeed networks, Inc. Dba "LS NETWORKSLSN" an Oregon corporation a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications network with the City of Vale, Oregon. Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Cm Bixby motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance no. 882 An ordinance granting to Lightspeed Networks, Inc. Dba "LS NETWORKSLSN" an Oregon corporation a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications network with the City of Vale, Oregon.*

*Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### 2. City of Vale Property 7.62 Acres.

*Discussion moved to executive session.*

### 3. Resolution 19-10 Authorizing participation in the programs of the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board Intergovernmental Agreement

Continued from previous council meeting with a copy of the current agreement and resolution, a volunteer board created to formulate and implement strategies and practices for strategic investment in workforce development and economic development in the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region and to make grants or loans to eligible applicants for the purpose of encouraging workforce development and economic development in the region. Attorney Sullivan explains that for a 10-year period any approved applicants will not pay taxes back to the City, as the agreement requires cities portion of taxes received by new properties will be repaid to the border vs. the City. Councilors point out there is likely to be a very small impact on the City from this Agreement, if any, and the bottom line is the spirit of cooperation. CM Lamb states while the City will not obtain the taxes, should an applicant in Vale be approved, the City would still gain the services and growth within the City.

Council agrees to put a hold on authorizing the Governmental Agreement and to move forward with Resolution 19-10 per language change whereas the City will consider the participation in the program. *Cw Bennett motioned approve Resolution 19-10 as amended. Cm Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

## XI. New Business

### 1. 2020 SCA Award \$100,000.00 for D and F Streets overlay

2020 was awarded and the City has obtained 100k to put towards the Cities Small City Allotments Program to improve sidewalks along D St. and F St, for the Safe Routes to School Project, and in 2020 repaving the streets D and F.

No action is required of City Council at this time.

### 2. DA Davidson refinance all the USDA Loans

By refinancing with DA Davidson, it will save the City nearly \$400,000. DA Davidson would take the four different loans the City holds with USDA and lump them into one, creating only one payment vs. four. This would free up some City money for other projects, such as the Geothermal Line which requires attention. Deadline for approval is December 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Cm Bixby motioned to authorize City Manger to research other bond refunding for the USDA wastewater refinancing, in search of a better interest rate and continue at the next council meeting. Cm Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Approve May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and June 25<sup>th</sup> minutes due to wrong bill pay amount.

The minutes reflected the wrong bill amounts for May 28<sup>th</sup>. The correct amount was approved during that council meeting, the minutes were carried over wrong. Continuing to June's minutes, the correct check run and ACH amounts were approved in the meetings, but the minutes did not reflect a break down of check runs and ACH payments and only showed a bill total.

*Cm Bixby motioned to approve the corrections to the minutes for May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. Cm Fuller seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.*

4. Approval of Water Management and Conservation Plan

5. Approval of Water System Emergency Response Plan

*Cw Bennett motion to table both agenda items: Approval of Water Management and Conservation Plan and Approval of Water System Emergency Response Plan until council members have had the time to thoroughly review the documents provided on both items. Cm Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

## **XII. Other Matters**

1. Add an agenda item to the next meeting to discuss the cleaning up of properties in City Limits as a project for the year 2020.
2. Council Assignments for Committees: Public Works and EMS. Mayor McLaughlin appoints Cm Keller to EMS committee, and Cm Fuller to Public Works committee.

## **XIII. Executive Session; YES; Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h)**

## **XIV. Adjourn to Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council at 7:00PM**

*Cm Bixby motioned to adjourn Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 PM with Cm Fuller seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

  
Mayor McLaughlin