

City of Vale
City Council Minutes
October 22, 2019

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

Councilors: Cw Bennett, Cw Phillips, Cm Bixby were present. CM Lamb 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 Bixby motioned to accept the agenda as written. Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Approval of Minutes of September 24th, 2019

Cw Phillips motioned to approve the Minutes of September 24th, 2019 as written Cm Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.

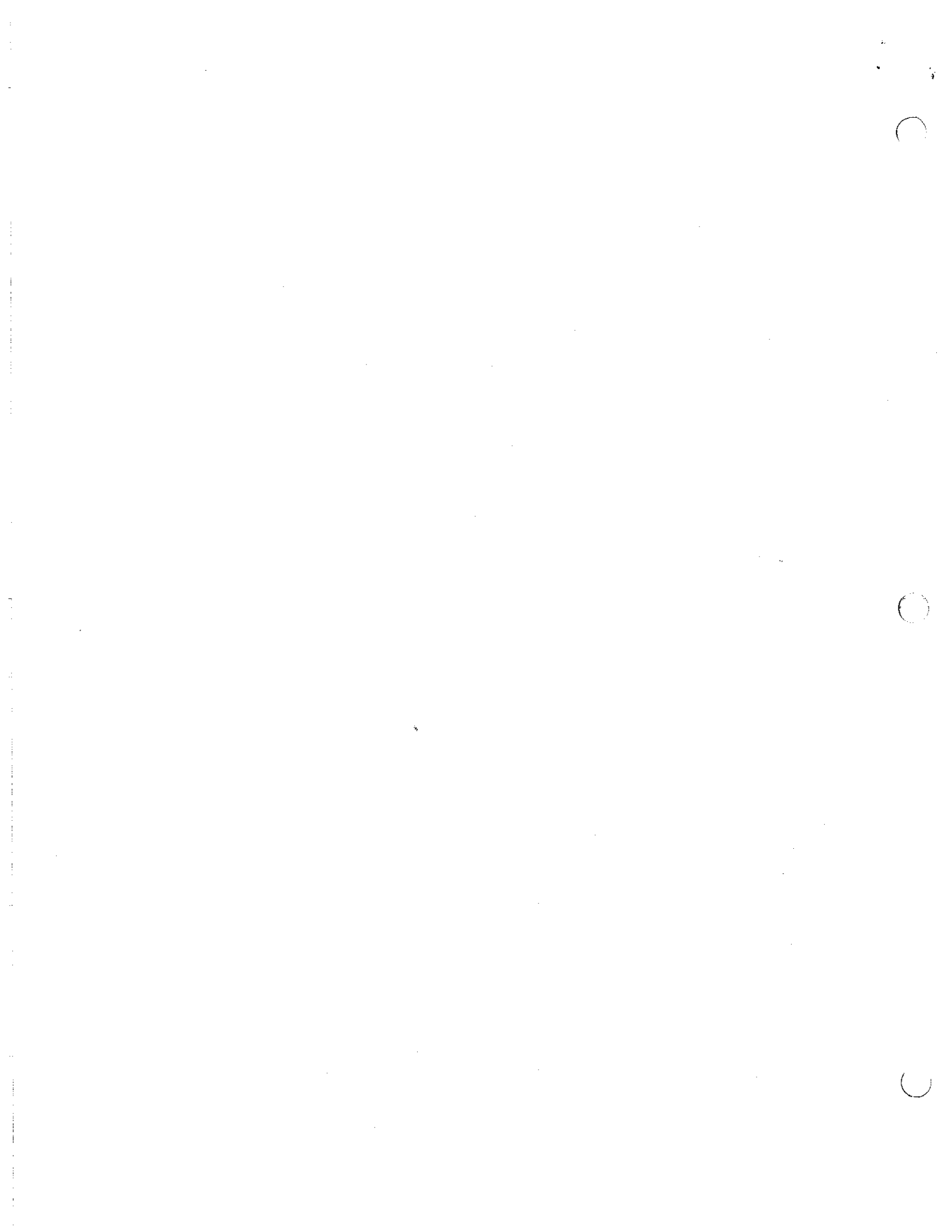
V. Payment of Bills: First Check Run-\$35,485.40, Second Check Run- \$80,656.07, First ACH- \$11,897.97, Second ACH-\$20,857.31, Third ACH \$6,164.35. Grand Total of all Check Runs is \$155,061.10.

Cw Bennett motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$155,061.10 with Cw Phillips seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports & Council Action on Reports.

City manager report – Submitted By CM Lamb

1. Drained the airport reservoir and both back flow tanks for the 11th month inspection by T-Bailey on October 15th.
 2. Update on new account at US Bank- it has been four weeks and we don't have the new account completely opened yet, we do have money in both accounts and ACH debits coming out of the new account so far.
- A. Airport Committee- No Meeting was held; Cm Bixby informed the Council that they will be meeting Next Wednesday to go over some things from a recent inspection of the airport.
- B. Public Works- two meetings have been held since last Council Meeting with CM Lamb reporting- the big discussion was the geo thermal line from the Mushroom Farm to the Bridge, Hugh was working on the line on his side and had to turn it off to fix a leak, when the line was turned back on it had too much pressure and put a big hole in the City side of the line. When the Public Works crew tried to fix the fiber glass line it started crumbling. The City was looking into Pex Pipe, but it only allows heat up to 202 degrees, and we need something that will allow up to 220 degrees. The City decided to go with Stainless Steel pipe that should never rot away, however; we had already ordered the pex pipe, and that order did not get cancelled in time, and so we ended up with both sets of pipes. The welding rods were ordered today.
- C. Parks & Recreation– meeting was held with Cw Bennett reporting- First topic of discussion was the ad in the paper for a new pool manager, and the closing of the pool season. The next topic was the success of the Bulls and Broncs event. The next topic was about the Vale Community Coalition and the importance of working together with them, and the Parks and Rec Committee so that everyone can stay on the same page. They discussed that it would be nice if someone from the VCC would be on the Parks and Rec Committee to keep each committee informed. Cw Bennett attended a VCC meeting and they had an Engineer come in and talk about the parks in the City and options to go



forward, they also discussed funding and grants that would be able to be obtained to help with some of the plans for the parks. Zach Knapp who is the Vice President of the VCC would be willing to be on the Parks and Rec Committee as there is an opening. Mayor McLaughlin Appointed Zach Knapp to the Parks and Rec Committee.

- D. EMS – No meeting was held but Ambulance Chief Hesse was present to update the Council on run reports, etc. For the month of September there was 40 ambulance calls, which makes 416 calls year to date. They are down about 25 runs at this time from last year but says we should hit about 500-525 runs by the end of the 2019 year. They currently have three new drivers in training, one is about done with training and the other two are just finishing packets. To be a driver they are a non-certified healthcare provider which means they must be able to do CPR, lift and move patients, as well as extricate. Once that is finished, they can be a certified to drive, it is not as extensive as becoming an EMT. There is an EMR class coming to Harper/Juntura area, anticipated about 10-12 participants, which will be good for that area. The Ambulance Dept was awarded at \$2,500.00 grant to help with EMT classes, which allows us to teach a class in house without going to the TVCC, it will take the cost down from \$1,300.00 per student to \$500-\$600 per student. They will be able to have about 10 people, and the grant should take care of all out of pocket expenses, right now they have six to eight people interested. The department has purchased glow sticks and candy for Trunk or Treat on Halloween, the glow sticks are to help kids be more visible plus they love them.
- E. Beautification Grant- There were no beautification applications.
- F. Library – Meeting was held with Cw Phillips reporting- first topic the New Librarian Tina Shevham, is getting trained and working on getting certified through the State. Tina did an interview with Malheur Enterprise to talk about the Library and the Memorial fund. The Memorial fund used to be a big thing for the Library, where when someone passed away the family would purchase a book in the persons name and donate the book to the Library, it has declined in recent years and Tina would like to get that back up and going strong again. The next topic was doing Story hour and Craft for Halloween, and other events, Tina is doing great as the new Librarian.

VIII. Public Comment/Presentation

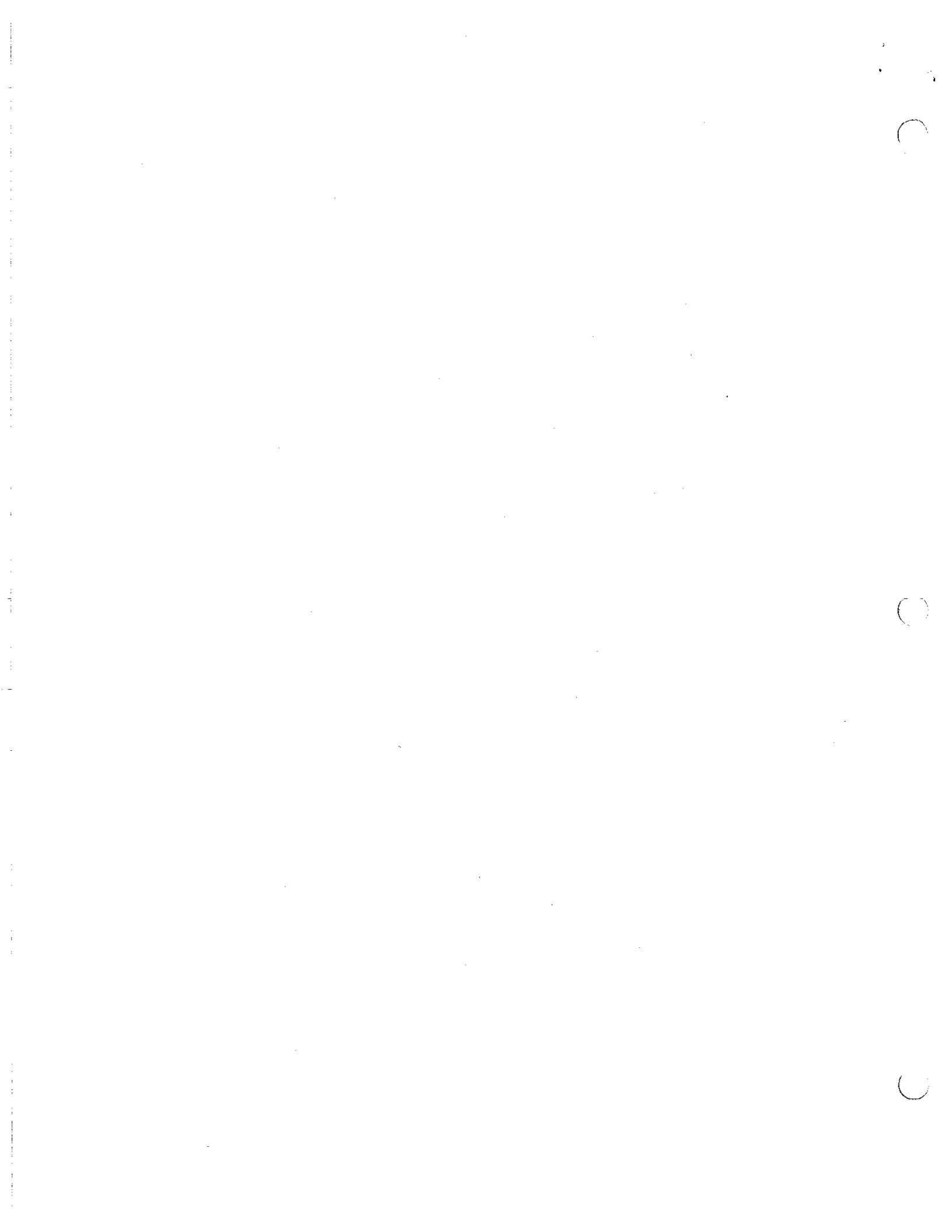
Mike Young brought up concerns about Surplus Property on Hope Street and asked if the Council would be able to discuss after Executive Session

IX. Old Business

1. Ordinance 882 LS Networks Franchise- Council Members have an updated draft prepared by LS Networks, using the last Franchise agreement as a template. Attorney Sullivan made some changes to the Ordinance that he feels is beneficial to the City. Attorney Sullivan took out the provisions that would not benefit the City. LS Networks would like a 10 year consecutive term, which would have renewal periods determined by LS Networks and could lock the City in for decades, Sullivan took it back to the five year term that we typically do with other franchises so that we can remain competitive. Cw Bennett suggested that they take the Ordinance home so they could read it and bring it back to the next Council meeting. *Cw Bennett motioned to table Ordinance 882 until they have had time to read it and come back to discuss next meeting. Cw Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
2. City of Vale Property 7.62 Acres To be discussed in executive session.

X. New Business

1. Resolution 19-10 Authorizing participation in the programs of the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board – This resolution is for new home starts, the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board would give them \$6,000.00 as a grant and then the City would forego the taxes on the home for 10 years until that money is paid back. Cw Bennett inquired if City Attorney Sullivan has looked at this. Sullivan stated that he has, and has spoken to another City Attorney that was a little skeptical considering the money is a gift from the state for all of us, and then the border board is treating as a source of a revolving



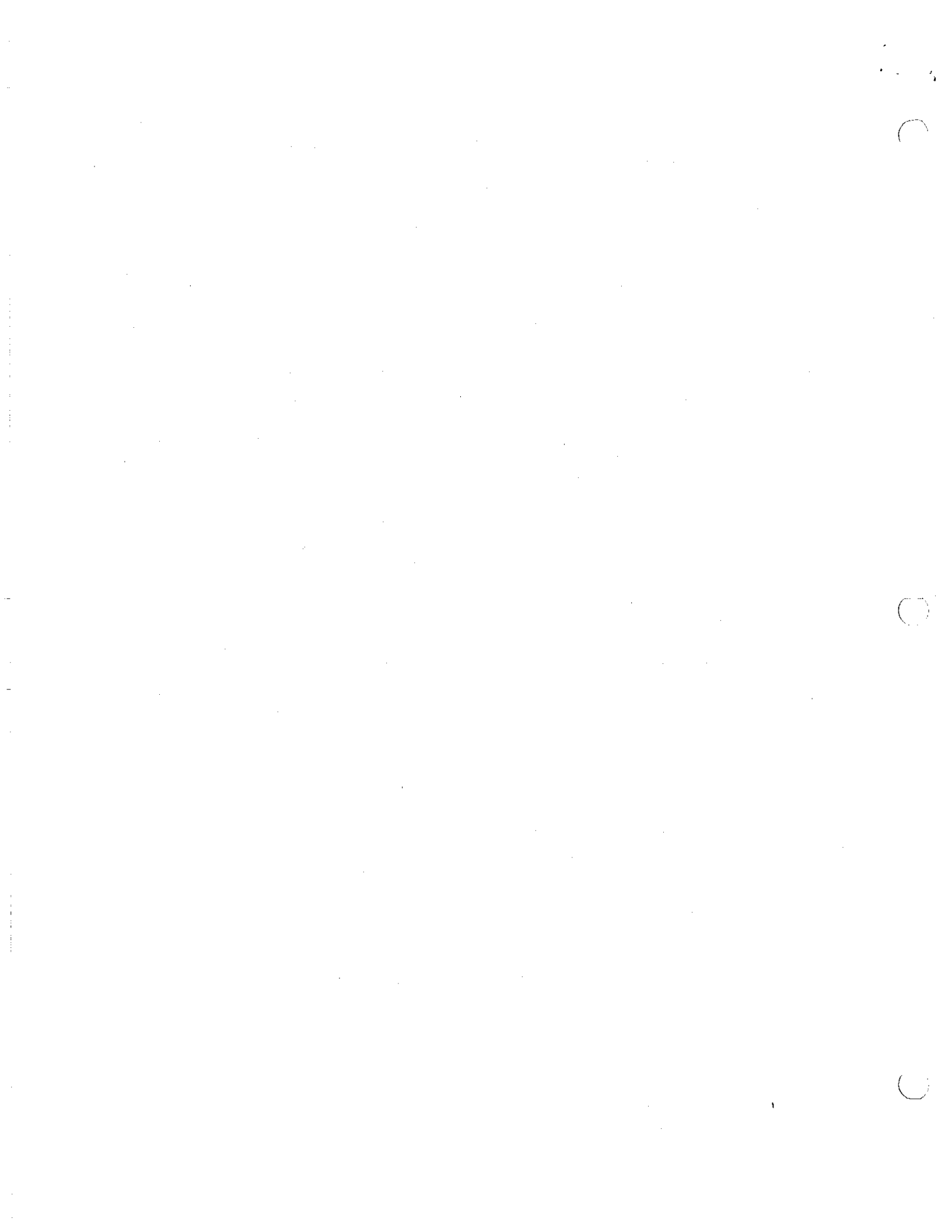
loan fund instead of a grant at the expense of the local taxing entities, but Council has to make that decision. Cw Phillips- If you look back there is a rebate for property improvement for qualifying projects, to get a rebate for fixing/updating their property. I am thinking that aspect may have some merit. Our community would benefit from fixing up home property. If I am understanding it correctly, we would have been getting their taxes, and it would give them incentive to rehabilitate properties. Sullivan- Did they send us a copy of an agreement, there is a defect in the resolution, it states once the resolution is approved it authorizes the Intergovernmental agreement, but we do not have that agreement, we are not going to sign something we cannot see. I discourage signing this until we have the agreement. Cw Bennett- do we need a motion to table this? Sullivan- You could motion, or you could weaken the language of the resolution. Cm Bixby- I would like to see the agreement first. CM Lamb- This is an incentive to get people in border towns to stay in Oregon, there are pros and cons; are you willing to give up 10 years of taxes, but If they move into the City then we would still get new services. The Council decided to table the discussion. ***Cw Bennett motioned to table this discussion until we are able to see the intergovernmental agreement. Cm Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

2. **Discussion on two new Council Members-** There were four applicants to fill the two vacant Council Seats. Three of the four applicants were present. These positions will fill the remaining terms of Cm Ault and Cm Williams whose terms would have been up in 2020. First, Mike Young introduced himself, informed Council that he has been in Vale for 35 years, and has been on the Council before, he moved out of City Limits, and now he is back in and would like to be on Council again. Next, Leighton Keller introduced himself he had put a lot of thought into it, he has lived here all his life and would like to be more involved in the community and help improve things if he can. Todd Fuller was up next, he has lived here for 28 years, works at Wood Grain, his wife is a teacher at the High School, would like to be more involved as he has more time now that his kids are almost out of the house. Lee Graves was the fourth candidate that was not present. Council deliberated about the four candidates. ***Cw Bennett motioned to nominate Todd Fuller to fill vacant Council Seat, Cw Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Cw Phillips motioned to nominate Leighton Keller to the second vacant Council Seat, Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
3. **Discussion of Vale Fire Hall-** Fire Chief Tolman got word that Vale High School was using the Fire Hall for Homecoming, there was a misunderstanding and VHS thought they had the okay. Fire Chief Tolman would like that the fire hall wasn't an open place to hold all functions, it holds the annual steak and crab feed dinner but that is a fundraiser for the department that a lot of members are present for. Ambulance Chief Hesse stated that he thinks it would be best going on a case by case basis. ***Cw Phillips motion to prohibit use of the Fire Hall for public use unless it is approved by the Fire Chief, Ambulance Chief and City Council. Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
4. **Regan Pack business Smokin' Franny's BBQ-** They would like to have a food truck in Vale only once in a while. The City only has a Transient Vendor Permit, which is for events like Oregon Trail Days in the Park. We do not currently have a permit for recurring vendors like this would be. This current permit is \$65.00 for seven days without a sponsor and \$10 for seven days with a sponsor. CM Lamb gave suggestions of where he could park on City property, like the Kiosk Park. Council consented to authorize City Attorney Sullivan to draw up a new Ordinance/Permit for Vendors in town. Council also consented to give CM Lamb permission to authorize Smokin' Franny's BBQ to use his food truck in town until the new permits are drawn up.
5. **Ranger Side-by-Side Repair-** There are numerous things wrong with the Side by Side, the first quote from the dealer was quoted at \$2,200.00. The Public Works employees narrowed down the list to things that were immediate needs, which brought the quote down to \$1,105.00. The Public Works crew use the side by side a lot for multiple jobs. ***Cw Bennett Motioned to have the side by side repairs done in the amount of \$1,105.00. Cw Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

XI. Other Matters

Geo Thermal Line- This was discussed in under Reports and Council Action on Reports- Public Works Committee.

Council discussed having only one Council session for the November/December months, being November 12th, 2019 and December 10th, 2019.



XII. Executive Session; YES; Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (E)

Out of executive session; Cw Phillips motioned to accept the offer on the Surplus property of \$100,100.00 by Jamieson Produce on the Condition of the buyer paying all closing costs, and after a public hearing could be held. Cw Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Adjourn to Tuesday November 12th, 2019 Council at 7:00PM

Cm Bixby motioned to adjourn Tuesday November 12th, 2019 at 7:00 PM with Cw Phillips seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Mayor McLaughlin

