

VALE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Date 06/23/2020 7:00 PM - CITY HALL

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Mike McLaughlin, roll call reported;

Mayor Mike McLaughlin    Councilwoman Christi Phillips  
Councilman Todd Fuller    Councilwoman Janeille Bennett    Councilman Keller  
City Attorney Larry Sullivan    City Manager Russ Kirkpatrick  
City Recorder Marea Hartwell    City Budget Officer Katy Lamb

2. Pledge of Allegiance- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mike McLaughlin
3. For Possible Action: **Review and Approval of Agenda**  
Mayor McLaughlin inquired of any changes to the agenda, City Manager Kirkpatrick added item C Anderson Perry 2.5 Million Dollar Grant under Old Business, also under New Business Item I. DA Davidson Loan Resolution 20-09 and item J. Pool Pass Discount for Non qualifying Employees. *Councilman Keller motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Councilman Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
4. For Possible Action: **Approval of the Minutes from June 9th, 2020.**  
*Councilman Fuller motioned to approve the minutes of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as written. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
5. For Possible Action: **Review and Approve Bills previously Submitted for Payment.**  
First Check Run- \$10,000.00; Second Check Run- \$5,000.00; Third Check Run- \$2,885.00; Fourth Check Run-\$25,602.16; Fifth Check Run- \$1,055.00; First ACH- \$27,120.90  
Grand Total \$71,663.06  
*Councilman Keller Motioned to approved to pay the bills in the amount of \$71,663.06. Councilwoman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
6. Department Reports and City Manager Report, Council Comments- No action will be taken.  
City Manager Report; Beautification Grants  
Committees: Airport; Parks; EMS; Library; Public Works/Streets  
EMS- No meeting and were not able to hold hamburger and hot dog feed due to COVID Restrictions  
Library- Meeting was held with Councilwoman Phillips reporting-Everything at the Library has been going well. The Ready to Read Program is up and running well, we have combined with Ontario and Nyssa. Since Combining the three entities the grant is \$5,000.00 instead of our usual \$1,000.00. The Library Board requested that they could run the library similar to the pool, by limiting the amount of people but not doing by appointment only. The consensus was for Library Management to keep up to date with City Manager Kirkpatrick on a plan to open.  
Parks and Rec- No meeting was held-  
Airport- no meeting was held- City Manager Kirkpatrick informed the Council that the Airport was sprayed again last week.  
Public Works – meeting was held with Councilman Fuller reporting- Most of the topics covered in this meeting are going to be discussed under Old Business and New Business. One topic was that they would like to burn the levy next year instead of mow and spray.

Public Participation/Comments: Public comments(s) shall not be restricted based on content or viewpoint – No action will be taken; Due to Covid-19

Public Comment on any item not on this agenda, and pertinent to the City Council, will be received during the Public Participation/Comment portion of this meeting. The presiding officer will invite public comment pertaining to those matters on this agenda during the council's consideration of each individual matter, and before action, if any, is taken. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person, per item, unless additional time is permitted by the presiding officer.

Rick Dentinger was there to present a comment about the purchase of a New City Hall- Rick Dentinger- I think everything looks good, but my understanding is that there is a good chance the mine is going to come. I hate to see the City take up prime Real Estate. The City would lose that tax revenue, and so would the School District. I hate giving up that revenue when the City doesn't pay taxes, as well as the churches, and as a tax payer I think I pay enough now, if this property goes off the tax rolls, who is going to make it up?

Rick thanked the Council for listening to his comments/concerns.

7. For Discussion and Possible Action: **Old Business**

- a. Anderson Perry Washington St. Well –Brad Baird who is a Managing Partner with Anderson Perry and is also the President of the Company. The Concern is Washington Street well is pumping 800 Gallons of water right now, and only has rights for 400 gallons. The City had previously tried to transfer water rights of 400 gallons from the Airport well Field to the Washington Street Well but was ultimately denied. Mr. Baird assured the Council that they will be working with the City and State to try and resolve this issue. If for some reason they cannot transfer water rights, Mr. Baird ensured that our system will be able to handle taking 400 gallons off of Washington Street, it would just take some changes in the way the things operate.
- b. Anderson Perry Safe Routes to School- Mr. Baird continued his presentation and address the Safe Routes to School project, he also apologized to the Council for not being in good communication with the Council. He informed Council that the project Is still on track and if we can get it out to bid this September/October we will be good to go for next summer.
- c. Anderson Perry 2.5 Million Dollar Grant- Mr. Baird continued onto the Community Development Block Grant that the City is eligible for. It is a two stage effort, we will have to do a master plan first which will be about \$68,000.00 for that, there is a grant available to help with those costs in the amount of \$20,000.00. Once the first phase is done we would go forward and apply for the 2.5 million dollar grant for the WasteWater facilities.

8. For Discussion and Possible Action: **New Business**

- a. New City Hall- City Manager Kirkpatrick has been in contact with DA Davidson to acquire the money that we will need to purchase the new building. The City Had saved around \$450,000.00 through refinancing the Wastewater Loans through USDA. The City also sold some industrial property that will help go towards the Building. This current City Hall would be perfect for attorneys, or use of Court Room if needed as an over flow court, or a new Circuit Judge. The Council discussed Mr. Dentinger's concerns about Prime Real Estate, and the tax revenue. One point was that the City had just sold some property to a local business, that will become tax revenue, and that the City have a good fresh look will help the town in a positive light. Moving would help the elderly and is completely ADA accessible. After much discussion the Council consented to move forward with purchasing the Umpqua Bank as the new City Hall.

- b. Senior Center Request – The Senior Center had written a request to City Manager Kirkpatrick to remove a tree. The Senior Center has received the Woods Family Grant for a Mural, however; there is a tree that would block the view of the mural. **Councilwoman Bennett motioned to remove the tree so that the Mural will not be obstructed, with the City donating the time. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.**
- c. Sheriff's Office Contract – This contract is a renewal for the Malheur County Sheriffs Office to continue to be our policing entity. **Councilwoman Phillips motioned to accept the Law Enforcement Services Contract from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- d. Resolution 20-05- Recognize transfer of funds to correct other funds within the same fund. **Councilman Fuller motioned to adopt Resolution 20-05 A Resolution to Recognize Unanticipated Expenses and effect a transfer of Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Councilwoman Bennett seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.**
- e. Resolution 20-06 Adopting Municipal Budget- **Councilman Fuller motioned to adopt Resolution 20-06 a Resolution Adopting the Vale Municipal Budget, Appropriating Monies, Levying Taxes, and Categorizing Said Tax Levy Pursuant to ORS 294.435(1) for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.**
- f. Resolution 20-07 To Receive State Revenue -**Councilwoman Phillips motioned adopt Resolution 20-07 a Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.**
- g. Resolution 20-08 Making Budgeted Transfers- **Councilman Fuller motioned to adopt Resolution 20-08 a Resolution Making Budgeted Transfers between Various Funds within The City of Vale Budget for the Year Beginning July 1,2020 and Ending June 30, 2021. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- h. Adoption of the 20-21Fiscal Budget - City Budget Officer Katy Lamb informed the council of the new changes to the upcoming 20-21 budget. The budget was approved by Resolution 20-06.
- i. D.A. Davidson Loan Resolution 20-09-This resolution is to move forward with Financing from DA Davidson for the Umpqua Bank Building. The City has put earnest money down toward the building. City Attorney Sullivan stated that he would like to read over this and have it for the next Council meeting. This resolution was tabled until the next meeting.
- j. Pool Pass Discount Non Qualifying Employees- City Employees working at least 10 hours a week receive a pool pass for free. City Manager Kirkpatrick is requesting that volunteers who go on runs would be able to receive a pool pass at a discounted rate. **Councilman Keller motioned to Authorized City Manager Kirkpatrick to talk to Fire Chief to establish discounted rates. Councilman Fuller seconded the motion.**  
Councilwoman Bennett spoke to the Council about pool rates, the current rate for Mommy and Me lessons is \$70.00 for five lessons. The pool staff is proposing to reduce that to \$50.00 for nine lessons, due to COVID-19 and not having group swim lessons. **Councilwoman Bennett motioned to change Mommy and Me prices to \$50.00 for nine(9) days. Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion.**

9. For Discussion Only: Other Matters

10. Executive Session; NO; ORS 196.660

11. For Possible Action: Adjourn meeting to Tuesday July 14th, 2020 2020 at 7:00 PM.

***Councilman Keller motioned to adjourn the meeting to July 14th, 2020 at 7:00 PM.  
Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

Copies of all documents discussed herein may be attained at City Hall, 252 B STREET WEST, VALE, OREGON 97918

This is a tentative schedule for the meeting. The Mayor and/or presiding officer reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner and may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. Items may be removed from this agenda or delayed for later discussion.

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I, Russell E. Kirkpatrick, MPA do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were duly posted Date 07/10/20 at the following locations:

Vale City Hall, Malheur Enterprise

For questions or supporting materials regarding these minutes please contact Marea Hartwell at (541) 473-3133.

  
City Manager Russell Kirkpatrick

  
Mayor McLaughlin