

VALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date 07/28/2020 7:00 PM - CITY HALL

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

Mayor Mike McLaughlin	Councilman Todd Fuller
Councilwoman Janeille Bennett	Councilman Leighton 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, there were no amendments to the agenda. *Councilman Bixby motioned to accept the agenda as written. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Councilman Fuller motioned to add the discussion of the resignation of the City manager to the Agenda. Councilwoman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. For Possible Action: **Approval of the Minutes from July 14th, 2020.**

Councilman Fuller motioned to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2020 as written.

Councilwoman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. For Possible Action: **Review and Approve Bills previously Submitted for Payment.**

First Check Run-\$15,433.59 Second Check Run- \$2,902.50 First ACH- \$19,391.40
Grand Total \$37,727.49

Councilwoman Bennett motioned to approved to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,727.49. Councilman Fuller 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 was held

Library- no meeting was held- Councilwoman Phillips- we have not met but the library is slower than normal. The library board is in discussion to see if we need two assistants as we do not have enough work for them. They are also disusing possibly cutting the libraries hours just because they are not as busy. Nothing has been decided by the board to bring forward, but Councilwoman Phillips will keep the Council up to date.

Airport- no meeting was held

Public Works – meeting was held with Councilman Fuller reporting- The Committee discussed complaints about smoke from the train by the RV Park. Discussion also included the need for more stop signs, Undersheriff Johnson is going to look around town to see if there are other areas that we need to address. There have also been complaints about Jake Brakes in down,

there are no signs on either end of town, Logan Keller who does the signs for ODOT is going to look into that issue. Another topic was the Mushroom Factory, the auction is now pushed out until October 7th, 2020. Dave Roberts was present at the meeting to present his plans for a new house on 17th and Petrie, it is out of City limits but will be on City Services.

Parks and Rec- no meeting was held- Councilwoman Bennett inquired about having meetings due to COVID-19. Mayor McLaughlin said that most meetings are under 10 people, so we can have these meetings. Councilwoman Bennett informed that Samantha Reynolds was secondary exposed to COVID-19 and out on leave until her test results came in.

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.

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

- a. Purchase Contract- Bennett—City Manager Kirkpatrick informed Council that the Purchase Contract had been signed and is done. The inspection was completed, and the earnest money was accepted and put into escrow. The current plan with DA Davidson is to close on August 13th and then close on the building on the 14th or 17th of August. City Attorney Sullivan reminded Council that this could be taken out to Mid-October due to the due diligence period, but if both parties are ready to move forward it can happen earlier. He also informed Council that there is a clean title report, and the inspection came back good, there are very minor issues but suggested it might not be a bad idea for Council to look at the inspection report.
- b. Anderson Perry Washington St. well- Discussion- Jack McElravy who is the Water Utility employee for the City reported that Dave from SIMTEC dropped the power on Washington Street Well to put us at the 335 gallon capacity that meets our current Water Right. We have six out of seven wells running at the airport. As it stands we can still meet/exceed the current demand of water needed for the City. Troy Baker with Anderson Perry was also on the phone, he reiterated that there is enough water to meet our current needs. He suggests dropping the issue of transferring water rights, right now until we have a higher need. The City would have to spend the money to do studies to make sure that the water is of the same Aquaphor from the Airport and Washington Street.
- c. Pool- The pool is continuing at the same hours, everything is going great and Jodi is doing a fantastic job.

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

- a. New Privacy Fence at the Shop- The privacy fence at the Street Shop is completed, the Public Works crew cleaned up the inside of the shop area and then installed the fence. Councilwoman Phillips inquired about the cost of the fence, City Manager

Kirkpatrick stated that it was \$700.00-\$750.00 plus some extras that were needed to complete the fence, but that he stayed within his \$1,000 spending limit per shop.

- b. Personnel Manual- City Manager Kirkpatrick brought a re-written version of the personnel manual to the City council. It is the Final draft and asked for Council to take it and review it before it is discussed and finalized.
- c. Resignation of City Manager- City Manager Kirkpatrick informed Council he was resigning as City Manager, effective immediately.
Councilwoman Bennett motioned to accept City Manager Kirkpatrick's resignation. Councilman Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Phillips motioned to give City Manager Kirkpatrick his \$25,000.00 severance package and full July Salary. Councilman Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. For Discussion Only: Other Matters

- a. City Budget Officer Lamb informed Council that there would be an appreciation dinner at the park on July 29th, 2020 at 7:00 PM, there will be hamburgers and hot dogs, and invited the Council to come down and support the local volunteer Fire and Ambulance crews.

10. Executive Session; YES; ORS 196.660(2)(i)

11. For Possible Action: Adjourn meeting to Tuesday August 11th, 2020 2020 at 7:00 PM.
Councilman Bixby motioned to adjourn the meeting to August 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Councilman Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Mayor McLaughlin