

VALE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date 08/11/2020 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 Interim City Manager Katy Lamb
City Recorder Marea Hartwell

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. Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***

4. For Possible Action: **Approval of the Minutes from July 28th, 2020 and July 31st, 2020.**

Councilman Bixby motioned to approve the minutes of July 28th,2020 and July 31st, 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-\$25,000.00 Second Check Run- \$149,398.79

Grand Total: \$174,398.79

Councilwoman Bennett motioned to approved to pay the bills in the amount of \$174,398.79. Councilwoman Phillips 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-meeting was held with City Recorder Hartwell reporting- EMS had 56 medical calls, there were six City Fire Calls, and three rural fire calls. The main topic of discussion was the wages of the Fire/Ambulance Chief and Ambulance Supervision wages and hours, which will be discussed under New Business.

Library- no meeting was held- Councilwoman Phillips informed Council that there will be a Library Meeting next Monday and everything is still running as it has been.

Airport- no meeting was held

Public Works – meeting was held with City Manager Lamb Reporting- One topic was Dave Robert’s newest project he would like to build one house and use City services but not annex

at this time. The Committee also discussed repairs on the Garbage Truck and the Sweeper, they are taking them to MJC to see what it would cost to fix both pieces of equipment.

Parks and Rec- meeting was held with Councilwoman Bennett reporting- There was a discussion on the pool and it is staying open later in the year than normal. Pool staff and Parks and Rec Committee would like to keep the pool open with modified hours until October 3rd, with new hours starting August 31st. The Superintendent of Vale School District contacted Jodi about the possibility of students using the pool for PE this year.

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. Privacy Fence at Public Works Shop- The Public Works Committee discussed the privacy fence at the old Water Shop and recommended to Council to not put it up so that it will not interfere with vision clearance. Council Consented not put the fence up at the old Water Shop.

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

- a. Compensation Proposal for Office- City Manager Lamb provided the Council with a spreadsheet of a wage increase and insurance proposal for two office staff. The proposal was to bring Marea up to \$47,000.00 to compensate for additional work as interim assistant City Manager, and to not pay interim City Manager additional wages but pay her insurance package while she is in the position. *Councilwoman Bennett motioned to increase Marea's salary by \$3,400.00 a year to \$47,000.00. Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Phillips motioned to pay Katy Lambs insurance for \$1,257.75 a month while she is in the position of interim City Manager. Councilman Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* -
- b. Compensation/Staffing Proposal for Fire/Ambulance Chief & Ambulance Supervisor- Fire and Ambulance Chief Jess Tolman brought a proposal to increase his wages to \$50,000.00 a year and bring part time Ambulance Supervisor Samantha Chamberlain to full time at \$17.00 an hour. The EMS Committee was good with this proposal and recommended moving it to Council. *Councilwoman Bennett motioned to approve the salary for Jess Tolman to \$29,000.00 on the Ambulance Side. Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion. the motion passed unanimously. Councilwoman Bennett motioned to accept moving Samantha Chamberlain to full time at \$17.00 an hour. Councilman Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- c. Side by Side for Public Works- The current side by side is on its last leg. Public works Crew uses this piece of equipment for various projects including reading meters every month. Council consented to table this until the next meeting to get more bids on different brands of side by sides.
- d. Utility Rates for New Building & Insurance- City Manager Lamb handed out an informational sheet showing the utility rates for the New City Hall.

- e. Abatement- Williamson Apartments 417 A Street W. This property has weeds, broken glass and doors. *Councilwoman Phillips motioned to move forward with the abatement of the Williamson apartments on A Street. Councilwoman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- f. JC Harmon- Bulls and Broncs- JC Harmon was at the Council meeting seeking permission to hold the Bulls and Broncs event at the City of Vale Rodeo Grounds. He presented that this is a great event for kids, as well as the horse sale. Lt. Harriman with the Malheur County Sheriff's Office was there to answer questions as well as inform the Council about the risk that could go along with holding a big event in the midst of COVID-19. He stated that people in elected or positions of power should always error on the side of caution, while it would be a good event to have here it is better to be cautious. After much deliberation the Council Consented that this year we would not be able to allow the Bulls and Broncs at the Rodeo grounds. The council thanked JC for his time , and encouraged him to come back to this venue in the future.
- g. Final Purchase Contract- The meeting last Friday to finalize the contract with DA Davidson, we are locked in at 2.998% interest rate. The closing will be next week sometime. *Councilwoman Phillips motioned to authorize Mayor McLaughlin and Interim City Manager Katy Lamb to sign on all of the documents that are necessary to complete all transactions needed to purchase the new building. Councilman Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

9. For Discussion Only: Other Matters

Council discussed briefly concerns regarding the A Street Tavern's outside seating arrangements. The Council consented to have this on the Agenda at the next Council Meeting. Council also discussed the timeline of a New City Manager and decided to continue talks about this at each meeting.

10. Executive Session; NO; ORS 196.660(2)

11. For Possible Action: Adjourn meeting to Tuesday August 25th, 2020 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Bixby motioned to adjourn the meeting to August 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Councilman 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

Vale City Hall, Malheur Enterprise

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



Mayor McLaughlin

