

City of Vale  
City Council Minutes  
March 10,2020

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

Councilors: Cm Fuller, Cm Bixby, Cw Phillips, Cw Bennett, Cm Keller, 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. Mayor McLaughlin added two additions Census Bureau under Public Comment and presentation and item number seven under New Business. *Cm Bixby motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Cm Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Approval of Minutes of February 25,2020

*Cm Keller motioned to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2020 as written, Cm Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Council.*

V. Payment of Bills: Payment of Bills: Check Run: \$30,185.20, First ACH: \$275.56, Second ACH \$2,056.15, Third ACH \$12,258.52, Fourth ACH \$17,265.62, USDA Loan Payments \$187,107.00 With a Grand Total of: \$249,148.05.

Cm Bixby motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$249,148.05 with Cm Fuller seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports & Council Action on Reports.

*City Manager Report*

VII. Reports & Council Action on Reports.

- A. **Airport Committee** – meeting was held with CM Lamb reporting- most of the discussion was the Removal of the Gun Club which will be discussed in New Business.
- B. **Public works** – meeting was held with Cm Fuller reporting- Had a brief meeting, the stainless still pipe for the geothermal water line was installed. They discussed purchasing a weed burner for the Public Works Crew. The last item of discussion was that the Vac Truck is on its way to get fixed.
- C. **Beautification Grant** – *No new beautifications.*
- D. **Parks & Recreation** – meeting was held with CM Lamb reporting- Brought committee up to date on the stainless steel water pipe, they will be turning the water on to the line to see where it will break to have it completely fixed by pool opening. The last topic was the 2020 pool prices, which is on the agenda under New Business.
- E. **Library** – no meeting was held- Cw Phillips reported that the meeting will be held tomorrow night but updated the Council that the Head Librarian resigned, and we are currently running an ad for a new Librarian.
- F. **EMS** – meeting was held with Cm Keller reporting- The committee discussed that Bob Speelman is stepping away from the EMS committee and discussed asking Deputy Peasley if he would like to take his place. Another topic was about a new EMS chief, which will be discussed later in New Business.

vIII. Public Comment/Presentation

Lynn Gross from the Census was there to give the Council an update. They are sending out of the first questionnaires; they will not be bilingual. Lynn informed the Council that other cities such as Ontario and Nyssa are creating bilingual flyers so that Spanish speaking people will at least have access to the website and

phone number to complete the survey. She also reminded Council that the questionnaires will not go to PO Boxes only to a residence.

∧. Old Business

X. New Business

1. Resolution 20-1 iPad Agreement – This agreement was talked about last meeting, and is regarding the City issued iPads, CM Lamb read the Resolution (See Copy). *Cw Phillips motioned to approve Resolution 20-1 ..... Cm Bixby seconded the motion.*
2. 2020 Swimming Pool passes- Parks and Rec committee discussed the pool prices and have come up with the following changes to recommend to Council for approval. Day prices will remain the same, *Cm Keller motioned to accept the pool prices recommended by the Parks and Rec Committee. Cm Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
3. Removal of Gun Club from the Airport Property- the Removal or relocation of the gun club has been going on for many years. It has recently come to light that the BLM may be interested in putting money into Ontario airport because they cannot expand in Vale because of the location of the gun club. Cm Bixby informed the Council that he is a Council member, airport manager, and the gun club President. He stated that the gun club is doing very well this year, for the first time in a while, and bringing in revenue. Dwight and Luke Keller were present as they are also part of the airport committee. Cm Bixby stated that he has no problem with moving the gun club. Dwight and Luke informed the Council that their concern is this has been an ongoing issue and if it is not resolved quickly BLM could move their stuff to Ontario, but if we could get it moved maybe they would be willing to spend the money at our airport instead of moving locations. Dwight, Luke and Cm Bixby showed Council a map of the airport and discussing potential places for the gun club to relocate. The Council consented to relocate the gun club to bring the relocation topic back to Council at the next meeting so that they could decide a definite location of the gun club. *Cm Keller motioned to have the gun club moved by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and to give the BLM the firm date. Cw Phillips seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously by the Council.*
4. New Head Librarian- There is not much to discuss other than to inform the Council that we are seeking a new Head Librarian and will be running an ad in the paper.
5. New Ambulance Chief- CM Lamb informed Council that chief Hesse had been offered another position across the state. It is not a done deal, but he informed the City he would give a 60-day notice prior to leaving should he accept the position. The EMS Committee had discussed several different options should this happen. CM Lamb will keep the Council up to date on this matter.
6. Request \$5,000.00 for new pump- Public Works crew is requesting permission to have the farm pump to the pivots that Johnsons rent rebuilt. It will be around \$5,000.00 to be rebuilt. Council also discussed a new pump, as the bid for a new pump came in around \$6,500.00. *After some discussion Cm Keller motioned to spend up to \$7,000.00 to buy a new pump. Cw Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
7. Idaho Asphalt Chip Seal- Streets Supervisor Chad Cooper received a bid today from Idaho Asphalt for \$17,340.00 two chip seal the two roads that were repaved two years ago. *Cm Fuller motioned to accept the bid of \$17,340.00 to Idaho Asphalt, Cm Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

XI. Other Matters.

XII. Executive Session; No; Pursuant to ORS 192.660()

XIII. Adjourn to Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Council at 7:00PM

*Cm Bixby motioned to adjourn Tuesday March 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM, with Cm Keller seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

  
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Mayor McLaughlin