

**VALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date 04/28/2026 7:00 PM - CITY HALL**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Hartwell and roll call reported.

Mayor Alex Hartwell	City Attorney Jake Conde & Cole Sahleen
Council President Leighton Keller	City Manager Todd Fuller
Council Member Michelle Harper-Dennis	Council Member Monty Bixby
	City Recorder Ashley Aponte
	City Finance Marea Skultety

2. Pledge of Allegiance- led by Mayor Hartwell.

3. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Agenda

Mayor Alex Hartwell inquired if there are any additions to the agenda. The check runs were amended, and the amended agenda was passed. **Council President Keller motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Harper-Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. For possible Action: Approval of the previous meeting minutes.

Council President Keller motioned to approve the minutes from April 14, 2026 as written. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Hearing – Resolution 2026-01 – New Garbage Cart Size**

- a. Resolution 2026-01 – 200 Gallon Garbage Cart: The resolution will not replace dumpsters, it will only add a new fee, for the new size. **Council President Keller motioned to approve the garbage cart resolution. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

- a. First Check Run - \$1,857.24 Second Check Run - \$104,306.27 Third Check Run-\$1,894.69
Grand Total – \$108,058.20

Council Member Bixby motioned to approve checks submitted for payment in total of \$108,058.20. Council President Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Department Reports and City Manager Report, Council Comments:** The library construction might be done next week. The League of Oregon Cities conference was good, there were more people than usual. There were good topics discussed. Geoscience is coming through doing research for naturally occurring hydrogen.

Ordinance Update- We need to have repercussions for people who have 30+ counts against them, citations and failure to appears. We need to talk with the Judge to come up with a fee schedule so that there are still court fees even if people correct the reason they received the citation. Right now the jail is not keeping anyone who is a low level offender because they do not have the space. There is a timeline in place, the first offense often is dropped then the next offenses get fines up to \$750. If we come up with a more defined fee schedule then sandy would have more power. At a minimum the Judge's costs should be required as a court fee to those who receive citations.

Airport- Did not meet.

Parks- Will meet next week.

EMS/ Deputy Report- Will meet the week after next.

Library- Will meet next week.

Public Works- Will meet next week.

8. Public Participation/Comments: Public comments shall not be restricted based on content or viewpoint.

Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person, per item, unless additional time is permitted by the presiding officer.

9. For Discussion and Possible Action: Old Business

- a. Campbell Street to Hwy 20/26- We received an email from Jay with Anderson Perry, he had options to complete the road. The road was finished in the original platt, as Blue Sky Drive. It is the responsibility of developer to finish Blue Sky Drive. It looks like it should have been completed in phase two. Todd is going to look for the original agreement and send it to the Mayor. Shelly mentioned there is 25' at curb which is not enough space for emergency vehicles. It may be Brooks that should have completed Campbell to Blue Sky Drive, but we need to find the original agreement.
- b. 792 17th St conditions- Charles Kimball from 794 17th St N is here to talk about the progress at 792. Helmick brothers did not have the money to put foundation in so they are supposed to be moving into the RV park on Wednesday. The city authorized the Helmicks to hook up a trailer not mobile home. This situation has been going on for nine months. Adele told Todd not to allow utility hookups because it was going to become a problem. Nine months later now it is a continued headache. Sandy told them bus has to go, with a two week deadline. Todd said no it can stay and be used for storage. This does not work because it is being lived in it has been converted into a self-sustained RV. They moved the mobile home with no permits, and had no permits to land it on the property. Nothing was done when there was no permits the day it was moved. Council didn't even know what was going on until 2 weeks ago. There is also an unpermitted RV park going in by CAPS which is being allowed by Todd. Charles' next complaint will be going to the state because this has gone on too long without any attempt to fix it. Todd has extended their stay another two weeks and there are still no permits. Adele will not do any code enforcement because she said not to allow it in the first place. Tomorrow is the deadline to have the Helmicks no longer living there, no one can be living there. Council members have seen the split mobile home looks clearly lived in. Bixby said city code means no one can live in an RV in city limits at all. Bus is currently parked right next to the fence on their property line. Adele joins the conversation. Adele did not approve utilities. City approved utilities to be in place which they should not have per Adele's advise. Idaho power might be able to shutoff the power because no one will be living in it anymore. Keller said there needs to be a letter of reprimand at least because this is the second instance of Todd going outside of city code. Current plan is to have the deputies available for Thursday morning to make sure they are gone. The Mayor will be making phone calls to review options.

10. For Discussion and Possible Action: New Business

- a. ODOT Relinquishment Deed- **Council President Keller motioned to approve the ODOT Relinquishment Deed. Council Member Harper-Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Carson Oil Review- Council is going to table until next meeting so we can find out more information.

- c. Committee Appointments- Brad Williams has been appointed to the budget committee and the planning and zoning committee.

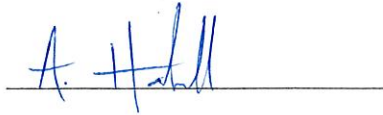
11. For Discussion Only: None.

12. Executive Session- NO.

13. For Possible Action: Adjourn meeting to Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Council Member Bixby motioned to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Council President Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Hartwell", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Hartwell