

**VALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date 01/13/2026 7:00 PM - CITY HALL**

1. Meeting called to order by Council President Keller and roll call reported.

Council President Keller	City Attorney Jake Conde & Cole Sahleen
Council Member Peasley	City Manager Todd Fuller
Council Member Harper- Dennis	City Recorder Marea Skultety
Council Member Bixby	
Council Member Strohmeyer	

2. Pledge of Allegiance- led by Council President Keller

3. For Possible Action: Review and Approval of Agenda

Council President Keller inquired if there are any additions to the agenda. City Manager Fuller updated the agenda to add the check runs and totals, Item G VCC Crabfeed Sales and item H Fire Dept Mutual Aid Agreement to New Business. **Council Member Peasley motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Strohmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Council Member Bixby motioned to approve the minutes from December 9th, 2025 as written. Council Member Peasley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. First Check Run - \$135,754.25 Second Check Run - \$61,614.03
Grand Total - \$197,368.28

Council Member Strohmeyer motioned to approve the bills in the amount of \$197,368.28, Council Member Bixby 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; Ordinance Officer Updates

Committees: Airport; Parks; EMS; Library; Public Works

Ordinance Update: Make sure all areas of town are reviewed for violations

Airport- No meeting was held.

Parks -no meeting was held.

Public Works- meeting was held with City Manager Fuller reporting- The main topic was going over the garbage truck flyer one more time before issuing the flyer. City Manager Fuller brought the committee up to Water and Wastewater projects. The committee still needs two new members.

EMS- no meeting was held but Council Member Peasley Reporting on the numbers of December and 2025 year to date as follows: In December, we ran 70 medical calls and ended the year at 629 medicals City Fire calls 10 calls, Total calls for 2025- 101. 5 MVC's, 4 medicals, 1 vehicle fire.

Rural Fire calls 1- False alarm. Total rural fire calls for 2025- 38

Library- meeting was held with Council President Keller reporting- They discussed that there are two open spots on the library board that would like to see some new interest. The Summer Reading Theme is Plant a Seed and Read.

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.

Tom Vialpando was present on behalf of the VCC. He informed Council that they would like the parks and rec committee to talk about signs, funding for cottonwood park paving and more electricity at Lewin as those are priorities of VCC.

7. For Discussion and Possible Action: Old Business

- a. RailRoad Well- Brandon Johnson & Jered Hoshaw- tabled until the next meeting.
- b. Kristen Nleskins – Mushroom Property- tabled until the next meeting.
- c. Truck Wash- City Manager Fuller just wanted to leave this on the agenda to keep council aware of the situation. The BOD and TSS is still high. The Huber screen is most of the time resolving itself when it plugs, however sometimes public works crew has to reset it. Council discussed different avenues on how to move forward but will talk to the owners first to see if there can be any resolve.

8. For Discussion and Possible Action: New Business

- a. Turnouts for Fire Department -After looking at both quotes, Council decided to table the discussion until Chief Tolman could clarify the difference in the quotes and state which ones are needed for the department.
- b. Ordinance 903 - City Attorney Jake Conde read Ordinance 903 in its entirety. **Council Member Peasley motioned to accept Ordinance 903 an Ordinance of the City of Vale Repealing City Code 3.7.1 which adopted the Fire Prevention Code and Declaring an Emergency. Council Member Strohmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Garbage Service Flyer- The new truck is expected to arrive in Portland this month. They will then set up a delivery date with training for the crew. City Manager Fuller presented a flyer with the implementation process and the dos and don'ts of the new truck as it is moving from alley to curbside. **Council Member Strohmeyer motioned to accept the flyer as discussed in this meeting. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
- d. ODOT SCA Grant – The new SCA grant is coming open again. The City is eligible to apply again, the city has promised in the 1990's to pave 15th Street which runs next to Cottonwood park. City Manager Fuller is requesting that the city applies for the grant for that project. Council Member Strohmeyer motioned to approve City Manager Fuller to apply for the SCA grant. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion.
- e. Administrative Assistant Job – City Manager reported that we had over 40 applicants for the job. We narrowed it down to 12 to phone interviews, and then narrowed it further down to six. After much deliberation City Manager Fuller is recommending Ashley Aponte for the position. **Council Member Peasley motioned to accept Ashley Aponte to the administrative assistant position. Council Member Strohmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- f. Committee Assignments- After much discussion the city council decided to stay the same.
- g. VCC Crabfeed Sales-**Council Member Strohmeyer motioned to accept the responsibility of the VCC credit card sales for Crab Feed. Council Member Peasley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- h. Fire Dept. Mutual Aid Agreement – Council had a few concerns of the agreement being vague. City Attorney Jake Conde informed that this is vague, but it is just something on the books a policy. **Council Member Peasley motioned to accept the mutual aid agreement between municipalities. Council Member Bixby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. For Discussion Only: Other Matters

- a. **Work Session-** City manager Fuller inquired about having a work session before the next meeting January 27th, 2026. City Code and Charter were the next priority. Council consented for a January 27th work session.

10. Executive Session- NO

11. For Possible Action: Adjourn meeting to Tuesday January 27, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Council Member Bixby motioned to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday January 27, 2026, at 6:00 Pm for work session and regular meeting at 7:00pm. Council Member Peasley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council President Keller