

**VALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Date 01/27/2026 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 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 added the second check run and updated grand total, new business D. fire department invoice and E. Oregon trail days. **Council Member Peasley motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Strohmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Council Peasley motioned to add Lana & Dan Andrews Property to the Old Business item D. Council Member Strohmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Council Member Strohmeyer motioned to approve the minutes from January 13th, 2026 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 - \$2,343.47 Second Check Run - \$28,121.46

Grand Total - \$30,464.93

Council Member Strohmeyer motioned to approve the bills in the amount of \$30,464.93,

Council Member Peasley 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- no meeting was held.

EMS- no meeting was held.

Library- no meeting was held.

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, Vale Resident was present on behalf of the Vale Community Coalition. He informed the council that at their prior meeting they would like the Parks and Rec Committee to talk about signage, funding for Cottonwood Park paving, Lewin park electricity as those seem to be priorities.

7. For Discussion and Possible Action: Old Business

- a. Railroad Well – Brandon Johnson Vale Resident, along with Jared Hoshaw Malheur County Water Master were present to speak about the situation at railroad well. Jared Hoshaw re-iterated to council that there was only 5,000 gallons to be used out of railroad well a day, it cannot be held and used later. Hoshaw also was interested in helping the Council come up with other solutions including doing something for water at the airport, or Washington Street Well. Brandon Johnson wanted to speak to council because he has a 3,000 gallon truck that he needs to fill up to fertilize all the local farmers. He inquired about maybe ear marking the usage as he needs a plan for the upcoming season. After much discussion Council was interested in finding a solution and moving forward.
- b. Fire Dept. Turnout Quotes- Chief Tolman was present to speak to Council about the turnout quotes. Out of the two quotes, Chief Tolman would like the turnouts from LN Curtis along with two helmets, and boots from Seawestern. Splitting them up in this way is the cheaper way to go, along with better quality product. **Council Member Peasley approved the city to purchase three turnouts, two helmets and one pair of boots up to \$9,500.00. Council Member Strohmeier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Rural Planning Program- Grace Donovan was present via Zoom to talk more in length about the Pilot Program. After some discussion there has been no cost analysis done and the Council while very interested in the program would like to see some numbers to see if this would be beneficial move for the City.
- d. Lana & Dan Andrews Property- **Council Member Peasley motioned to stay penalties, fines, fees and violation proceedings against Dan & Lana Andrews, Property owners at 789 A Street, 727 12th Street and 725 12th Street in Vale, OR 97918 for 60 Days, to allow owners to complete evictions and other needful legal processes against tenants and subtenants, and to provide an update on the same council for the city.** Council Member Harper-Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. For Discussion and Possible Action: New Business

- a. Library Board Appointments- There are currently three library committee openings. Council President Keller read letters of interest from both JP Perryman and Kiersten Hogue. After brief discussion Council President Keller appointed JP Perryman and Kiersten Hogue to the library committee.
- b. Downtown Beautification Grant Application- MB&L welding along with the Mural Society is putting up the mural that is currently in storage along the fencing at MB&L on A Street. MB&L is applying for a downtown beautification grant to help with some of the steel structure they will need to put the mural up. **Council Member Strohmeier motioned to approve the MB&L downtown beautification grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Council Member Peasley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Revolving Loan Fund Application –Malheur ESD applied for a RLF Loan for the new ESD building being constructed near the old building on A Street. The application was unanimously approved by the RLF committee. **Council Member Peasley motioned to approve the RLF loan in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Malheur ESD, Council Member Strohmeier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- d. Fire Dept. Invoice – Nyssa Machine and Welding- This invoice is for making the door higher at the Fire Hall. **Council Member Strohmeier motioned to accept the invoice from Nyssa Machine and Welding in the amount of \$4,106.13. Council Member Peasley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- e. Oregon Trail Days- No one from Chamber was present so the item was tabled until next meeting.

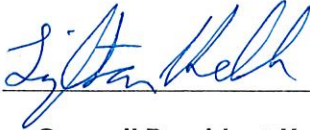
9. For Discussion Only: Other Matters

10. Executive Session- NO

- a. **Legal counsel - ORS 192.660(2)(H)** - Authorizes council to consult with its counsel regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. Media members must be excluded if the member is a party to the litigation.

11. For Possible Action: Adjourn meeting to Tuesday February 10th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Council Member Peasley motioned to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday February 10th, 2026, at 7:00pm. Council Member Strohmeyer 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