CITY OF VALE OREGON - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 12:00 pm

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Council member	Monty Bixby	Council Member	Michelle Harper-Dennis
Council member	Jeremiah Strohmeyer	City Attorney	Jake Conde
Council member	Derrick Peasley	Interim City Manager	Marea Skultety
		City Recorder	Ashley Aponte

1. Call to Order

Council Member Peasley motioned to appoint Council Member Jeremiah Strohmeyer as Acting Mayor for the meeting. Council Member Harper-Dennis seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jeremiah Strohmeyer.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION — OLD BUSINESS

A. Property Next to Old Bank — 144 Main Street South

The Council discussed the property located at 144 Main Street South, adjacent to the Old Bank.

Travis Schneider provided a demolition estimate for removal of the wall. The estimated cost was discussed as $6,490, with additional figures of $8,490 and $11,000 referenced during the discussion. The County tax assessment on the property is approximately $11,000.

Realtor Nancy Anthony stated that, once the property is cleaned up, its value may be approximately $10,000.

It was discussed that Rex Martin has no intention of paying the outstanding property taxes or City utility bill. Mr. Martin has approximately one more year before the County may take the property back, at which point the City may not receive any proceeds.

Travis Schneider offered to pay $1,510 to the City and demolish the wall at his own expense.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION — ORS 192.660(2)(e)

The Council entered into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e).

Following the Executive Session, the Council discussed splitting the difference and requesting $2,066, based on the property's value less the demolition cost and taxes, with the remaining amount divided in half.

Council Member Michelle Harper-Dennis moved to accept $2,066 from Schneider Construction. Council Member Derrick Peasley seconded the motion.

Travis Schneider stated that he was agreeable to the $2,066 amount.

The Council discussed proceeding with the wall demolition and having a written contract prepared by Monday, at which time Travis Schneider could begin the demolition.

The Council also discussed the outstanding water bill. Travis Schneider may submit the necessary paperwork to have the water payment removed and then pay $500 to have water service reconnected.

Resolution 201 was referenced during the discussion.

The Council discussed whether it should broker an agreement requiring the demolition to move forward as soon as possible, with the City agreeing to pay the demolition cost if the proposed property transaction with Rex Martin and Travis Schneider falls through. The Council noted that the condition of the wall presents a public safety concern.

Council Member Derrick Peasley moved to accept the demolition bid of $6,490, with the City agreeing to pay the demolition cost if the proposed sale of the property from Rex Martin to Travis Schneider falls through.

Council Member Michelle Harper-Dennis seconded the motion.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Derrick Peasley moved to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Council Member Michelle Harper-Dennis seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.