

## Leona Valley Town Council Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2018

1. Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Perri Bach
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Perri Bach
3. Roll Call - Michael Publicker - Peggy Fuller-present, Michael Publicker-present, Perri Bach-present, Jessica Reaves and Cassandra Parks were absent.
4. Approval of June Minutes - Not completed, put over to August meeting.
5. Treasurer Report - Peggy Fuller
  - Earned \$1.76 in Money Market interest and received a donation in the amount of \$70 with all assets totaling \$103,153.60. All filings are up to date.
6. Sheriff's Report - Michael Publicker advised that Deputy Schneider is on vacation until July 16, 2018.
7. Committee Reports
  - A.R.T.C.** - Peggy Fuller - Bret Banks and Jacki Ayer discussed obtaining a grant for Air Quality Monitoring in the A.V. The majority of the monitoring would take place in the A.V. basin. Consideration is being given to the outlying areas. Open discussion resulted in a request for monitoring within Leona Valley and a presentation by Jacki Ayer at our next Town Council meeting.
    - CSD's were discussed and the work of the Town Councils was acknowledged. Members may be allowed to assist in the vetting of comments being published on the county's social media page and prior to Regional Planning's consideration of them.
    - Concerns regarding the Centennial Project and the possible increase of traffic through Leona Valley was discussed.
    - Bouquet Canyon Safety Corridor** - Cassandra Parks was absent.
    - Finance Committee** - Peggy Fuller - Overall investments are on hold pending outcome of Fund Raising committee's event. Investment of \$20,000 from checking back into C.D. was discussed. Personal account versus Business account rates were discussed. Research into best available rates with recommendation at next meeting.
    - Fund Raising Committee**- Felicia Publicker in Jessica's absence. Advised of a date change for the event. From the approved August 4<sup>th</sup> date to October 13<sup>th</sup>. The new event will be an "Oktoberfest" with authentic food and entertainment. More to follow.
    - Land Use Committee** - Peggy Fuller - CSD's were discussed. If members would like an opportunity to address Board of Supervisor's/Regional Planning there is a meeting scheduled at Lane Park on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The topic of Joshua Ranch came up in regards to it still being a gated community with limited access on Elizabeth

Lake Road. Also, will the existing trails within the community be maintained. Answers to be provided at the next meeting.

**-Public Safety Committee** - Michael Publicker - John Grimm advised Human Resources closed the application process for Call Firefighters. 1400 applicants were vetted and only 30 were qualified to continue in the process. Once applicants were told it wasn't a full time/paid position even more bowed out. It will take approximately a year to process these candidates. The fire department requests we hold off on writing a letter to Sup. Barger's office until this group of candidates is processed. This problem affects all of the Lakes and Valleys areas.

**Water Committee** - Peggy Fuller - Cal Water filed their General Rate Case which will result in a small increase over the next three years. 2020 reduction by 4%, 2021 increase of 2.5% and 2022 an increase of 2.2%. This will result in an overall monthly increase of approximately \$0.75. Our concern is the increased meter cost. They are proposing an increase from \$21 to \$26 monthly, regardless of water use. We are overall pleased with the consolidation and it appears to be working in our favor.

We also discussed S.I.G.M.A.'s geographical drafting of the areas. We have been moved from a High to a Very Low priority area. The water committee has discussed this and drafted a letter in support of this new priority mapping. They are requesting the boards permission to submit same. Michael Publicker made a motion to submit said drafted letter and the motion was second by Peggy Fuller, with all present being in support.

#### 8. Public Comments

**LVIA Announcements** - The driveway project is moving forward and we expect completion in the next few weeks. If the project comes in under budget, the unused funds will be returned to the County of Los Angeles. Our next big event will be the Garage Sale in October.

**SERTOMA Announcements** - The Gala Under the Stars was very successful and everybody is still recovering.

**Neighborhood Watch Announcements** - Our last meeting took place on June 20<sup>th</sup> with 38 in attendance. Our local fire department presented on fire safety and brush clearance. The sheriff's presented on mail theft and identity theft. Information was provided regarding websites that can assist with identity theft issues. Notes from the meeting were posted on the Neighborhood Watch Facebook page for those who could not attend.

**C.E.R.T. Announcements** - We are bringing the CERT program back to Leona Valley. For all past, present and future members please email us at [Leonavalleycert@yahoo.com](mailto:Leonavalleycert@yahoo.com) and add your name to the list. There is a local CERT class being taught in the Lakes and Valley's area this October for those interested. Also a

free First Aid/CPR/AED class being presented here in the Community Building this August 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:30. Please email for this class as well.

**WAVHS Announcements** - Next meeting will be a "pot luck" at the Lazy T Ranch. Jay is offering tours of the property and all are invited. Monday, August 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**General Public** - Introduction of Charles "Chuck" Bostwich who is the new Assistant Field Deputy to Kathryn Barger. Has been in the Antelope Valley since 1985 and was the Editor of the Valley Press.

9. T.C. Members Comments

Report on Cannabis Management and CSD's Meeting 6/25/2018 - Perri - The meeting was to address Town Council's ability to deal with cannabis issues within their CSD's. Since there isn't an ordinance in place allowing the commercial cultivation or sale of cannabis within Leona Valley, we are not able to address the issue within our CSD's. In addition, due to our zoning, cannabis cultivation and sales are banned making this a non-issue.

Preview your incoming mail from USPS: [informeddelivery.usps.com](http://informeddelivery.usps.com). This website provides a scan of your mail that will be delivered the next day. If in fact mail was stolen, this would be a great resource to provide for the police report.

10. Old Business - None

11. New Business - None

12. Adjournment - Michael Publicker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Peggy Fuller seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Meeting adjourned.