

LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 14, 2019

- Call to Order -Michael Publicker
- Pledge to the Flag -Michael Publicker
- Roll Call - Ed Simms

-Michael Publicker-present, Jessica Reaves absent, Peggy Fuller present, Chris Benjamin-present, Ed Simms present

- Approval of September Minutes -
 - Chris Benjamin made a motion to approve the September minutes, Peggy Fuller seconded. All in favor‘
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Had a beginning balance of \$5,048.41. Had \$193-90 interest paid on CD’s, \$5-17 monthly interest from checking account , and \$300.00 from Oktoberfest donations. Paid out \$1,991 for directors and officer’s insurance premium and \$625.17 for steins for Oktoberfest. Ending balance of \$2,931.31 with total assets of \$102,931.31. There are some requests for reimbursement for Oktoberfest- \$139.10 to Michael Publicker for the tri-tip. Chris Benjamin made a motion to reimburse, Ed Simms seconded, passed unanimously. The second one is for Felicia Publicker for \$82.31 for the alcohol for Oktoberfest. Chris benjamin made a motion to reimburse, Ed Simms seconded, passed unanimously. The third is for Peggy Fuller for \$384.03 for the ABC license, trophies, and food. Chris Benjamin made a motion to reimburse, Ed Simms seconded, passed unanimously. One CD is coming to maturity on November 1st. Peggy will look into rates to see if we will roll the smallest into another 1 year investment. Felicia Publicker of the Oktoberfest Committee reported the income from Oktoberfest was \$4,105. Minus about \$1,500 in expenses the net income came to \$2,589.00
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- Sheriff’s Report- Dennis Miller

There have been no incidents of part 1 crime for the month of September. There was a felony vandalism on Northside Dr. as a result of an underage party. If anyone sees anything unusual or vehicles be sure to call it in so there can be a follow up. There were 17 citations issued by Dennis Miller. Remember to make a call rather than report it on Facebook. When Dennis starts his day he checks calls for service to see if he needs to follow up on anything.

- Stop sign issue

Chuck Heffenan and Bill Padilla from city of Palmdale Public Works came to update the progress. The jurisdiction boundaries are still not complete. Study at the intersection following State guidelines with car counts and other data they felt it warranted a stop sign. Data is available for viewing. They will be recommending the stop sign installation at the next Palmdale City Council meeting. The 2nd part is the intersection of 75th st. They surveyed 1,00ft east and 1,000ft west.. Looking at realigning that intersection and possibly moving some dirt to increase the view. Bill Eliot has reviewed some of the County data but had not seen Palmdale's data as promised by Ruben. Mr. Padilla said it was about 2 weeks from completion. Bill Eliot asked about the speed data. Bill Padilla said they used a speed default of 55mph for that area rather than doing a new speed survey. People making a right turn off Godde have a visibility issue. Bill Eliot asked what problem are they trying to solve with this stop sign. Bill Padilla said one of the biggest problems is visibility turning off Godde. He said in his professional opinion the visibility issue can warrant the stop sign. He did his own visibility check with a cone and a small car. The stop sign at Godde would benefit 75th by creating gaps in the traffic and it should slow the traffic even though stop signs are not to be used to control speed. With the data they have they feel that not putting the stop sign would leave the City open to liability. They said they cannot lower the speed limit for a small segment but they can use cautionary signage. They said that the final report will be made available to the Town Council but they are going ahead with the recommendation at the Palmdale City Council. Still waiting on the City Attorney for final clarification. Bill Eliot said that Palmdale is falling behind on road maintenance of the local roads under their jurisdiction. Bill Eliot said that if he has an accident at Godde and ELR that he would sue the City because he feels it is the wrong solution. The Palmdale City Council meeting will happen before the Town Council has an opportunity to review the data for the stop sign. If they sit with this data without acting on it the City may have a risk liability. The City feels that the stop sign will benefit 75th by creating gaps in the traffic. Going to try to get a meeting set up with the Deputy Supervisor and the City of Palmdale. Chuck and Mike publicker will try to set up meeting tomorrow.

- Association of Rural Town Councils- Peggy Fuller There was a representative from the Fire Dept who talked about the Firesafe Council. Shelly Wallace from the State Insurance office was there. She will be attending our November 11 TC meeting to talk about non renewal notices.

- The new voting process was a topic. Our Community Center will not be a polling place. The Town Council election will be Nov. 5 at the Community Center. .
- Community and Public Relations- Jessica is not present but she had been advertising for Oktoberfest
- Community Standards and Land Use
 - Had a meeting with Regional Planning on the CSDs. They are moving on to the next step which is to draft the official language. They are trying to standardize the CSDs. One common item should be notifying the community. They did not get much response the last time they asked for comments. We need to get the word out, need to get more people involved. There has also been communication from Suncal on the new Ritter Ranch design. Setting up a meeting in November. Preliminary designs may effect our local school. New design also has higher density units. New State laws also mandate a minimum amount of new housing. There are currently some legal challenges to that mandate.
- Finance Ways and Means- Peggy Fuller
 - Oktoberfest raised enough funds to help support the TC for the coming year
- Community Health, Safety, and Welfare- Chris Benjamin
 - Update on Newcastle, the quarantine doesn't take precedence over fire evacuation.
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- Public Comments
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- LVIA Announcements
 - The garage sale went well. The holiday home tour is coming up. Hollween event is coming up.
- SERTOMA Announcements
 - Murder Mystery coming up on November 16.
- Neighborhood Watch Announcements

Had meeting at the community bldg. That was well attended. There are 2 CPR/ first aid classes at the Community Center. One on November 9 and 16, from 10- 12:30. Call Mike to register.
- WAVHS Announcements
 - Having the 5th annual Walk to School Day in october. Kids from Leona Valley Elementary will walk to the schoolhouse to learn what life was

like 100 years ago. Yesterday was the Old Timer's BBQ at the Fairgrounds. Book sale will be in 2 weeks.

- General Public
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- Town Council comments
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- Old Business
 - Chris Benjamin still looking for poll takers for the TC election.
- New Business

Marie Davis has lived here 2 years, retired from the Sheriff's Dept. She is here to help. Peggy Fuller is running again. She has been the Treasurer her last 2 terms. She is also the Chair of the Land Use Committee. Mike Publicker is also running again . He is the current president of the TC, LVIA, and Neighborhood Watch. Bill Eliot thinks the by-laws need to be changed so that nobody is burdened. Need to have fire hydrants tested to obtain a building permit.

- Adjourn

Chris Benjamin made a motion to adjourn at 8:52, Ed Simms seconded