SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, AUGUST 29, 2006, 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Special Meeting on the 29th day of August 2006 at 7:00 p.m., at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Maloy, Reyna, Semmelmann, Dean and Rangel.

Acting City Manager Brummett, City Secretary Feutz, Fire Chief Irwin, Interim Police Chief Wallace, City Accountant Wallace, and Human Resources Officer Schendel were also present.

Mayor Riley asked Councilman Reyna to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens to Be Heard and timing for objections to the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Riley asked Council if any member of Council wished for any item on the Consent Agenda to be pulled for further discussion; hearing no one, she asked if anyone in the audience wished to address Council.

Resident Al Uvietta addressed City Council complimenting staff and the Council for a budget done well.

Resident Pedro Esquivel addressed Council echoing his compliments on the budget and asked City Council to consider increases in salary for the Firefighters and Police Officers in the future.

Hearing no one else, Mayor Riley called for a motion on the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Consider “Amendment No. 1 to an Employment Agreement of August 21, 2006 between the City of Leon Valley, Texas and Henry Brummett, Acting City Manager” to establish that the duties of Acting City Manager for Mr. Brummett begin August 26, 2006.

A motion was made by Councilmember Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

First Public Hearing on the proposed 2006 tax rate of $.537400/$100 valuation, which is the same tax rate as last year.

Mayor Riley read the agenda item aloud. Acting City Manager Hank Brummett reviewed the proposed tax rate for 2006, the effective tax rate for 2006, and the rollback tax rate for 2006 and explained how those rates were calculated. He stated that they estimated that the average tax increase for 2006 was expected to $43.51.
Mayor Riley opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. and asked if anyone from the audience wished to address Council on the tax rate. Hearing no one she closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Riley announced that a second public hearing would be held during the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Leon Valley City Hall, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas. She also announced that the vote on the proposed 2006 tax rate would be held at the City Council Meeting to be held on September 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Leon Valley City Hall at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

Consider M&C # 08-10-06 - Authorization for continuation of “State and Local Task Force Agreement between the San Antonio District Office of Drug Enforcement Administration and the Leon Valley Police Department.”

Interim Police Chief Randall Wallace addressed Council to explain that the City has one officer assigned to the San Antonio District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). He explained that the agreement is a two-year agreement, but he noted that government regulations require a new agreement to be submitted annually. He explained that participation in the program allowed the City to have the federal agency “adopt” Leon Valley cases for prosecution and to mitigate the cleanup of hazardous material sites, such as methamphetamine lab sites which carried an estimated cleanup cost of $12,000 in 2005. Chief Wallace explained that the City provides the assigned officer’s salary, but overtime and equipment for the officer are provided by the DEA. Additionally, Chief Wallace stated that the City benefits from additional funds derived from asset seizures made through participation in the program.

Councilmembers asked for clarification on the costs to the City and the amount of proceeds that the City gained as a participant in this agreement. Councilmember Dean asked about the number of arrests made in Leon Valley by the task force in the last four years and asked if participation with the State would have been as successful.

A motion was made by Councilmember Semmelmann, seconded by Councilmember Maloy, to authorize the continuation of the State and local task force agreement between the San Antonio District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Leon Valley Police Department. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Convene into executive session in accordance with the Government Code, Section 551.074, “Personnel Matters” - discuss appointment of Chief of Police.

Mayor Riley announced that Council would convene into executive session in accordance with the Government Code, Section 551.074, “Personnel Matters” to discuss the appointment of Chief of Police at 7:24 p.m.

Reconvene into open session.

Mayor Riley reconvened the Council into open session at 8:07 p.m.

Consider discussion and any action as appropriate from executive session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maloy, seconded by Councilmember Dean, to accept the City Manager’s recommendation to appoint Interim Chief Randall Wallace as Chief of Police. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.
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City Manager's report.
No report was given.

Citizens to be Heard.
Mayor Riley asked if anyone from the audience wished to address Council. Seeing no one, Mayor Riley called for announcements from the Council.

Announcements.
Councilmember Maloy stated that she heard that a previously considered zoning case for apartments would be coming back to Council. She stated previously there was a case involving Samaritan Drive in which Council asked for a larger group of residents to be notified of the case, more than was required by State law. She asked that before the case for the Grissom Road apartments comes back to Council for property owners within 600 feet or at least the same amount of residents as were notified with the Samaritan case be notified of the public hearing. City Manager Brummett said that staff could research the issue, but he cautioned that altering our requirements from what State law requires could cause problems.

Councilmembers congratulated Chief Wallace upon his selection as Police Chief.

Mayor Riley announced that a letter was sent to the MPO requesting financial assistance to study the Bandera Road congestion issue. She also announced that a workshop would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 for Council to meet with and give direction to the Business Alliance Committee. Mayor Riley also announced that on September 21, 2006, CPS Energy would be hosting a customer appreciation event from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Mayor Riley reminded Council that resumes for the City Manager position would be accepted until September 15, 2006. Council agreed to meet on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 5:45 p.m. at City Hall for a Special Council Meeting to select candidates for interviews.

Adjourn.
Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Reyna, seconded by Councilmember Rangel, to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Riley adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Chris Riley
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Feutz
City Secretary

Approved by vote of City Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of September 5, 2006.