



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

MINUTES

5:30 PM Call to Order; Determine a Quorum is Present, Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status
Chris Riley	City of Leon Valley	Mayor	Present
David Edwards	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 1	Present
Josh Stevens	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 2	Present
Jed Hefner	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 3	Present
Rey Orozco	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 4	Present
Will Bradshaw	City of Leon Valley	Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5	Present

Mayor Chris Riley welcomed everyone and then announced a quorum of City Council was present.

Mayor Riley asked Councilor David Edwards to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Council Shall Meet In Executive Session To Discuss The Following:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.071 Consultation with Counsel on Legal Matters: To Receive Legal Advice with Respect to Pending Litigation Regarding – Cause No. 2018-CV-00594, Robert and Gail Tribble v. Leon Valley Board of Adjustment (M&C 2021-05-04-01)

Mayor Chris Riley read the caption for Agenda Item 2.1 out loud; and announced that the City Council would go into Executive Session at 5:32 PM

Gail Tribble asked if she would be allowed to speak so Mayor Riley said she would postpone going into Executive Session to allow Ms. Tribble to speak.

Those who spoke at this time were: Gail Tribble (Leon Valley); and Erick Matta (Leon Valley)

Mayor Chris Riley announced that the City Council would now go into Executive Session at 5:39 PM

Reconvene Into Regular Session and Take Action On Issues Discussed In Executive Session If Necessary

The City Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:19 PM

There was no action was taken.

Mayor Chris Riley took this time to welcome everyone and briefly go over the recently amended Rules of Decorum.

PRESENTATIONS**Presentation of Marshall Elevated Storage Tank Logos (Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director)**

Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director gave a presentation of Marshall Elevated Storage Tank Logos.

Those who spoke on this item were: Edward Alonzo (Leon Valley)

There was a consensus among the members of City Council to place the John Marshall logo on both sides of the tank; and to have Director Moritz check with John Marshall High School to see if they want to pay for half and what their thoughts are on the logo being on both sides.

RESULT: PRESENTED

Quarterly Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report Ending March 31, 2021 (F. Messick, Assistant Finance Director)

Floyd Messick, Assistant Finance Director provided the Quarterly Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report Ending March 31, 2021.

Those who spoke on this item were: Carlos Gruber ("Not from Leon Valley"); and William Johnson (Leon Valley)

RESULT: PRESENTED

Presentation and Direction on Other Options for the 4th of July Event (M. Mendoza, Special Events Coordinator)

Maribel Mendoza, Special Events Coordinator provided a presentation providing other options for the 2021 4th of July Event. Ms. Mendoza is also seeking direction for City Council.

Increase in overtime (18k) and portable restrooms and sanitation stations (6k), no fence, no clear bag policy.

Ms. Mendoza suggested HEB Market Place as Grand Marshall to thank the essential workers and for their sponsorship and the many City events.

There was a consensus among members of City Council to approve and move forward with everything Ms. Mendoza presented, as she presented it this evening.

RESULT: PRESENTED

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Those who spoke at this time were: Mario Humberto (*Last name was inaudible*) (Uvalde); William Johnson (Leon Valley); and Erick Matta (Leon Valley)

Mayor Chris Riley read e-mails submitted by the following: Jeton Kellogg (Leon Valley); and Elaine Valdez (Leon Valley)

Mayor Riley also read a text she received from: Vickie Jamvold (Leon Valley)

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Councilor David Edwards thanked all of the citizens who have supported him as well as those who have not; spoke about citizens being the boss; said he looks forward to the City "moving on and getting down to business"; working on Bandera Road; working on getting rid of the City Charter and Red-Light Cameras; recruiting new businesses to Leon Valley; and lastly, thanked Mayor Riley, who he said "has seen it all", for letting him serve on the Council once again.
- Councilor Josh Stevens thanked everyone for coming tonight; said he was mesmerized at some of the actions of some of the staff over the last couple of weeks saying that it "undermined the really good law enforcement officer's we have"; said he was happy to represent this community and that there was a good turnout at the polls; and reminded everyone to feel free to send any of their comments or concerns to any member of City Council.
- Councilor Jed Hefner thanked all citizens that came out and did or did not support him; thanked his opponent, Ms. Bolton for "putting herself out there and stand up and say, 'Yes, I'll serve.'"; extended a special point of gratitude to the LVFD and EMS for their quick response and professionalism in a recent call he is aware of; and lastly, that he is looking forward to "moving forward with the business of the City without the noise of an election and stated that the good things, by far, outweigh the bad thing in our City."
- Councilor Rey Orozco told everyone, "May the 4th be with you!"; reminded everyone that it is Teacher Appreciation Week; congratulated the candidates who succeeded in the election and thanked those who put themselves out there and ran; wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo; informed the public that "this Council has never discussed defunding the police department"; thanked the Councilors that went to Austin last week; and thanked the citizens for all of their support.
- Councilor Will Bradshaw thanked Councilor David Edwards and Councilor Jed

Hefner for filling in on the Council for the last six (6) months; thanked all who came to vote and all who supported him.

- Mayor Chris Riley congratulated all who were elected; kudos to those who ran; spoke about the AAMPO Grant that could possibly fund the trail that would go from El Verde Road to Raymond Rimkus Park which is a 1.2-million-dollar project. Mayor is asking for support from the public.; reminded everyone that lunch time is the worst time of day for the environment to run errands; Acting City Manager Caldera and the Mayor attended a Zoom meeting with WellMed regarding the Drive-Thru Health fair and now they are also asking to hold a vaccination drive, more information on this is to come; Probate Court 2, Judge Oscar Kazen will swear in the new council on May 18th which will be followed by a reception outside; thanked the volunteers from the community and those from the church of Latter Day Saints for assisting with Tiger Sanitation and planting of 50 trees last Saturday; and lastly, reminded everyone that Movies in the Park will be held this Friday evening.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Crystal Caldera informed the Mayor and City Council that the report was running a little late but that it would be posted tomorrow on the website; also, reminded everyone that Movies in the Park will be this Friday.

Upcoming Important Events:

- Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM, Regular City Council Meeting in Council Chambers.
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 6:00 PM, Canvassing of the May 01, 2021 General Election.
- Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM, Administration of the Oath of Office to newly elected City Council Members.
- Miscellaneous other events and announcements.

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to adopt Consent Agenda Items 8.1; 8.2; 8.3; 8.4; and 8.5 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
AYES:	David Edwards, Jed Hefner, Rey Orozco, Will Bradshaw
AWAY:	Josh Stevens

Consideration and Approval of the Following City Council Minutes:

- Regular Meeting- April 20, 2021 5:30 PM**

Acceptance of Board/Committee/Commission Minutes:

- a. **10-19-2020 Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Presentation of an Update on the Blessing Box Program (Michael Naughton, Fire Chief)

Discussion and Possible Action by the City Council of the City of Leon Valley, TX., Authorizing the Execution of a Clinical Affiliation Agreement Between the City of Leon Valley Fire Department and the School of EMS (M&C # 2021-05-04-02 E. Burnside)

Discussion and Possible Action of the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021 (M&C # 2021-05-04-03 Vickie Wallace)

REGULAR AGENDA

Discussion and Possible Action on an In-Kind Grant Request by Texas Foster Care & Adoption Services for Use of the Large Pavilion at Raymond Rimkus Park at 6440 Evers Road for a Public Event Celebrating Foster Families as well as Providing Information to the Public About Becoming Foster Parents (M&C # 2021-05-04-04 M. Mendoza)

Maribel Mendoza, Special Events Coordinator presented on behalf of the applicant on an In-Kind Grant Request by Texas Foster Care & Adoption Services for Use of the Large Pavilion at Raymond Rimkus Park at 6440 Evers Road for a Public Event Celebrating Foster Families as well as Providing Information to the Public About Becoming Foster Parents.

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to approve of the item waiving the fees and allowing the applicant to serve food as per their commitment. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
AYES:	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Related to HB1209 Relating to Contracts Authorizing the Use of Photographic Traffic Signal Enforcement Systems (Mayor Chris Riley and Councilor Josh Stevens)

Mayor Chris Riley presented this item related to HB1209 (Red-Light Cameras) and asked that Councilor Josh Stevens lead the discussion.

Councilor Josh Stevens stated that he and others from City Council went to Austin last week and testified in front of the Transportation Committee and said he was proud to

announce that about an hour ago, they passed onto the House. Councilor Stevens sought advice from City Attorney Roxana Stevens guidance on the next steps.

Those who spoke on this item were: Benny Martinez

RESULT: PRESENTED

A motion was made by Councilor Josh Stevens to have all members of City Council sign any letters of support, thanks, and answer any questions that members of the Texas Legislators may have as we proceed with HB1209 through the next couple of weeks of the Legislative Session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER: Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
SECONDER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
AYES: Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw
AWAY: Edwards

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Appointing Members and Alternate Members to the City of Leon Valley Capital Facilities Oversight Committee; Earthwise Living Day Committee; Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee; Library Board of Trustees; and the Park Commission (M&C # 2021-05-04-05 S. Passailaigue)

Mayor Riley opened up this item suggesting that the City Council take one committee at a time beginning with the Capital Facilities Oversight Committee.

Mayor Riley recommended "appointing Adam Castillo to the vacant Committee Member spot, Liz Maloy to the 2nd Alternate spot, and to postpone appointing David Edwards because he has to wait until he is off of City Council before he can be placed onto a committee."

Councilor Rey Orozco replied that he wanted to discuss not allowing married couples to serve together on a committee.

Those who spoke on this item were: William Johnson (Leon Valley); Erick Matta (Leon Valley); and Edward Alonzo (Leon Valley)

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to move Robin Johnson up from the 1st Alternate position into a Committee Member position with a term expiring May 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
SECONDER: Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
AYES: Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to table the remaining appointments to the Capital Facilities Oversight Committee to the May 18, 2021 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
SECONDER: Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
AYES: Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Councilor Josh Stevens asked about the Council Liaison and whether or not it was correct. City Secretary Passailaigue was asked to go back and double check the minutes. Mayor Riley said if a correction needs to be made, it can be made at the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Next was the Earthwise Living Day Committee to which Mayor Riley recommended appointing Linda Meffert and Kimberly Bohl.

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to appoint Linda Meffert and Kimberly Bohl to the Earthwise Living Day Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Josh Stevens.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER: Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
AYES: Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Next was the Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee.

City Secretary Sandra Passailaigue informed the Mayor and City Council that the Committee Liaison had notified her that the committee's 2nd Alternate, Mr. Alarcon had missed three unexcused (3) consecutive meetings. Mayor Riley added that she had also received a recommendation from the committee chair to move 1st Alternate Heather Riddle up into the member vacancy. Mayor Riley stated that her recommendation would be the removal of Rodolfo Alarcon due to absenteeism and then there are two applicants to fill the two alternate vacancies.

A motion was made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to move Heather Riddle from the 1st Alternate position into the Committee Member position, Ty Chumbley into the 1st Alternate position, and Drew Power into the 2nd Alternate position. The motion was seconded by

Councilor Jed Hefner.

Councilor Josh Stevens asked for clarification on the Council's responsibility to remove members of committees if they hit their three (3) absence.

Mayor Riley deferred to the city secretary who replied that it has been the City's practice that once a committee's staff liaison notifies her that a member/alternate has had three (3) consecutive unexcused absences, this information is provided to the Mayor who then makes the determination whether or not the person is to be replaced.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
SECONDER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
AYES: Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Next was the Library Board of Trustees which the Mayor recommended the appointment of Drew Power.

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to appoint Drew Power to the Library Board of Trustees as the 2nd Alternate with a term expiring May 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER: Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
AYES: Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Lastly was the Park Commission which Mayor Riley recommended appointment of all three (3) applicants.

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to appoint Yvonne Orozco as Commissioner, Drew Power as 1st Alternate, and Kimberly Bohl as 2nd Alternate all with terms expiring May 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
SECONDER: Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
AYES: Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Appointing Members, Alternate Members, and a Council Liaison to the Planning & Zoning Commission (M&C # 2021-05-04-06 S. Passailaigue)

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to re-appoint Edward Alonzo, Catherine Rowse and Richard Blackmore to remain in their current positions, and to appoint Phillip

Campos to the position of Commissioner 3, Evan Bohl to 1st Alternate, Drew Power to 2nd Alternate, Kimberly Bohl to 3rd Alternate and Councilor Will Bradshaw as Council Liaison. The motion was seconded by Councilor Josh Stevens.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
AYES:	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Presentation and Discussion Regarding Potential Amendments to Article 3.04, Sign Code of The City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances; as Recommended by the Sign Code Update Advisory Committee (M&C # 2021-05-04-07 B. Melland)

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to postpone this item to June after he meets with Director Brandon Melland and Director William Cox, with the permission of the Acting City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner and Acting City Manager Crystal Caldera gave her consent for Councilor Orozco meeting with the staff on this item.

Councilor Josh Stevens asked about the minutes of the Sign Code Advisory Committee.

Director Brandon Melland responded that he would get with Director Cox about that.

Acting City Manager Crystal Caldera asked if Agenda Item 9.7 could be moved up to accommodate the applicant. There being no objection, Mayor Riley granted the request and the item was moved.

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
SECONDER:	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
AYES:	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

Presentation and Discussion on a Resolution Approving a Variance to Section 13.02.074(3) of the City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Regarding Heritage Tree Removal; to Allow for the Removal of One (1) Heritage Oak Tree at 7325 Reindeer Trail, Generally Located on the West Side of Bandera Road Approximately 200 Feet West of the Intersection of Reindeer Trail and Bandera Road (M&C # 2021-05-04-09 B. Melland)

Brandon Melland, Planning & Zoning Director presented this item along with applicant Mr. Don Engelhardt who is the owner of an approximately 51,000 square foot multi-tenant commercial building located on the west side of Bandera Road behind the building that houses the Busted Knuckle auto repair shop and 210 Ice Cream.

The lot is over four acres in size and contains several very large oak trees that add to the aesthetic value of the property; however, one tree in particular has been causing numerous problems to the infrastructure and parking. The oak tree measures 30.57 caliper inches near the base of the main trunk and a separate branch exists at that point which is 20.38 caliper inches. The base of the trunk is 31 inches away from the building. The applicant states that the tree has been causing problems with foundation and sewer connection. The owner also stated his desire to construct a ramp for ADA access to the door to the west, however, a wheel chair would not be able to pass due to the broken, uneven sidewalk. Lastly, a branch of the tree appears to be scrapping the parapet of the roof possibly causing damage.

However, Chapter 13 of the City's Code Ordinances classified any tree with a diameter of 24" or larger as a Heritage Tree and does not permit Heritage Trees to be removed without a variance from the City Council. Therefore, Mr. Engelhardt is requesting a variance.

Director Melland went through the four (4) different Criteria for Evaluation: The City Code has established criteria for the evaluation of variances to tree preservation requirements. Section 13.02.043 of the City Code, states that no variance shall be granted unless: Such variance will not be contrary to public interest; Such variance will be in harmony with the spirit and purposes of this article; The variance is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not merely financial; and the variance will not substantially weaken the general purposes of this article.

Director Melland concluded the presentation with a staff recommendation approving this request based on the affirmative findings below: *Such variance will not be contrary to public interest; Staff Analysis:* Defining the public interest is very difficult, as both citizens and the property owner should be considered "the public". Staff finds that if it can be demonstrated the tree is damaging the building, then this variance would be in the public interest; *Such variance will be in harmony with the spirit and purposes of this article; Staff Analysis:* Staff finds that the removal of this tree would not be with the spirit and purpose of this article - unless again - it can be demonstrated that the tree is damaging the building itself; not just an aging sidewalk or asphalt parking lot; *The variance is sought is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not merely financial; and Staff Analysis:* Staff finds that it is unique that the tree is located so close to the building; lastly, *the variance will not substantially weaken the general purposes of this article. Staff Analysis:* Staff finds that a variance could potentially weaken the general purposes of the article - if it cannot be demonstrated that the tree is damaging the building - as it would provide a basis for removing mature trees that are merely a nuisance to site infrastructure such as sidewalks and parking lots; rather than modifying such infrastructure to accommodate mature trees.

There was a brief discussion on this item.

Those who spoke on this item were: Erick Matta (Leon Valley); and William Johnson (Leon Valley)

A motion was made by Councilor Josh Stevens to allow the applicant to remove the tree as requested but to plant two (2) trees of at least a six-inch (6") diameter and from the list of approved trees per the City's Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jed Hefner.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Josh Stevens, Council Place 2
SECONDER:	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
AYES:	Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw
NAYS:	Edwards

Presentation and Discussion on an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances to Add Article 8.14 City Parks and City Owned Parking Lot Management (2nd Reading as Required by City Charter) (M&C # 2021-05-18- - D. Gonzalez)

David Gonzalez, LVPD Chief of Police presented this item for the purpose of presenting a proposed amendment to the City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinance, Chapter 8, Offenses and Nuisances, adding Article 8.14 "City Park and City Owned Parking Lot Management". The proposed amendment request is to: to add language to our code that prohibits camping at all City parks and recreational areas in Leon Valley; add language to our code that prohibits overnight parking at all City-owned Parking Lots; and to set a penalty for violations of this ordinance.

Those who spoke on this item were: William Johnson (Leon Valley); and Benny Martinez (Leon Valley)

RESULT:	FIRST READ
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Discussion and Possible Action Possibly Rescheduling the July 06, 2021 and October 05, 2021 Regular City Council Meetings (M&C # 2021-05-04-10 Mayor Chris Riley)

A motion was made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to move the July 06, 2021 Regular City Council meeting to July 07, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Bradshaw, Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 5
SECONDER:	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
AYES:	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to cancel the October 05, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jed Hefner, Council Place 3
SECONDER:	Rey Orozco, Council Place 4
AYES:	Edwards, Stevens, Hefner, Orozco, Bradshaw

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Those who spoke at this time were: William Johnson (Leon Valley); and Erick Matta (Leon Valley)

Mayor Chris Riley read an e-mail submitted by: Cathy Nelson (Leon Valley)

REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Councilor Jed Hefner requested the following items be placed on the next agenda for discussion: use of paper on a daily basis; social distancing in Council Chambers and moving forward to the next phase and what the next triggers would be.

Councilor Josh Stevens requested the following items be placed on the next agenda for discussion: discussion and possible action on dispatch complaints, how calls are prioritized by LVPD and LVFD; also in June, please add for discussion and possible action animal control complaints to include weekend coverage, training cost, etc.; Councilor Stevens requested a tour of the dispatch facility.

Mayor Riley requested the following item be placed on the next agenda for discussion: Emergency preparedness.

Councilor Rey Orozco requested the following items be placed on the next agenda for discussion: Police Association briefing, are they chartered, bonded? How many LVPD staff members are in it? What are their goals? Mission, etc.

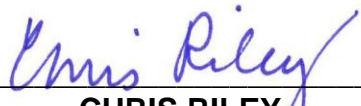
Councilor Jed Hefner added to his requested items a request to publish a means for the public to submit their support for the AAMPO Grant for the trail, as well as a deadline to submit that support.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 10:11 PM.

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 18th of May, 2021.

APPROVED



CHRIS RILEY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY



On March 23, 2021, the Leon Valley City Council unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-13, amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinance, Section 1.04.001 (d) (2) saying that “All written comments shall be included in the meeting minutes.”

The Presiding Chair, the Mayor, has sole discretion on the appropriateness of which comments are and are not allowed.

The following comments have been reviewed and approved as “appropriate” to be included in the May 04, 2021 Leon Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Chris Riley.

From: [Elaine Valdez](#)
To: [Citizens to be heard](#)
Subject: Northwest Chamber of Commerce Presentation at Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, May 1, 2021 5:39:18 PM

I was impressed with presentation by Rose Ryan of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce at the last council meeting. I informed Ms Deborah Blake, owner of Fruits for Thoughts about the presentation. She got in touch with the Chamber and happily signed up for the e-marketing program.
I hope others will spread this good news to other Leon Valley small, minority owned businesses.

Elaine Valdez

From: [Elizabeth Maloy](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: citizens to be heard on Police defunding
Date: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:36:04 PM

Hi Saundra,

Jeton Kellogg has not had success sending her letter to you to be read at citizens to be heard and requested my assistance. Her letter is highlighted below.

Thanks,

Liz Maloy

From: Jeton Kellogg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, May 02, 2021 7:55 AM
To: liz maloy <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: citizens to be heard on Police defunding

This is a copy. Maybe you might have more success and sending it.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeton Kellogg <[REDACTED]>
Date: April 28, 2021 at 11:36:31 AM CDT
To: spass@leonvalleytexas.gov
Subject: citizens to be heard on Police defunding

I have continued to live in Leon Valley for forty seven years because of the outstanding police and fire protection. I have a ring doorbell that lets me know about all of the burglaries around Leon Valley, noting that they are not in Leon Valley. We have a very safe city. Why do you think that is? Criminals know about our policing and do not come here. It is beyond my comprehension WHY anyone would want to change that. Everyday I get notices via my ring doorbell of burglaries on Hamilton Wolf, Evers and Wurzbach, Babcock, Timberhill, Medical Drive, Cinnamon Hill, John Wayne, Danny Kaye and many others. Do you want these criminals to be coming into Leon Valley ? You cut our excellent police department and they will be in Leon Valley. If I call the police I know they will be here in five minutes. Bexar County Sheriff, maybe thirty minutes. It will be a betrayal of our citizens if you cut our police. I already know of several people that are thinking about moving out of Leon Valley because of your decisions on many things. What are you thinking about? Oh I have it, you are not thinking about our citizens safety right?

Upset citizen of Leon Valley

J Kellogg

From: [Cathy Nelson](#)
To: [Saundra Passailaigue](#)
Subject: Citizens To Be Heard
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:22:59 PM

Hello Saundra -

Can you please read this at the last CTBH tonight?

In reference to the Independence Day parade, other Leon Valley 2021 events, & Covid fears...

In February, Bandera held its Mardi Gras parade & party.

This past weekend, the City of Helotes held their Cornyval parade, rodeo, and other events.

A couple of weekends ago, the Texas Corvette Association held its open car show, with over 400 entries, in Boerne.

Other cities in Texas are holding events as normal too.

Leon Valley needs to get back to hosting our own events. Our Citizens need normalcy.

By July, even more people will have had their vaccinations.

If someone doesn't feel safe going to our parade they have the choice not to attend. Those who attend should use common sense about how close they stand or sit by others.

Let the attendees choose to wear, or not to wear a mask - we'll be outside in the heat, not in a small, closed room.

Please, do not cancel any more Leon Valley events.

Thank you,
Cathy Nelson
Grass Valley Subdivision
Leon Valley resident for 25 years

Mr Messick, thank you for the presentation [Page 25 in the Agenda packet]

So the City of Leon Valley is projected to receive \$1.86 Million from the RLC program [or about \$150,000 PER MONTH], similar to last year. Is this the revenue AFTER EXPENSES to the contractor, VERA Mobility, have been paid? In expenses you show \$865,000 Contractual expense – Is that the payment to VERA Mobility? [If so, that is roughly \$70,000 per month.] And, if so, **Net** Revenue, AFTER **ALL** CONTRACT COSTS HAVE BEEN PAID, is roughly \$1 Million.

Of that, \$550,000 is allocated to Tier 1 (RLC) Personnel costs, correct? For a total of \$1.4 Million in Tier 1 Expenses (\$550 + \$865). What does that \$550,000 in personnel costs cover? **How many people were actually hired as a direct result of the RLC program?** It is my understanding that the personnel costs are for 2 officers who monitor/review the RLC potential citations, plus one officer supervisor, plus 1 ½ clerks, plus partial salaries of several City employees who spend part of their time involved in RLC administration and fines collection, as well as part of the Court Clerk's salaries.

That leaves approximately \$440,000 for Tier 2 (\$1.86M minus \$1.42M), of which the State of Texas gets one-half, or \$220,000. So the City gets \$220,000, plus it gets to keep the late fees and the court costs expenses, budgeted at \$150,000, for \$370,000 total. The budget for Tier 2 (Traffic Safety) personnel costs is \$522,000. It is my understanding that that is for 6 patrol officers. Is that an accurate statement? **Were they all hired as a result of the RLC program?**

In total, that is \$2 Million in RLC revenues, and \$2.1 Million in expenses, of which only the POINT 1 Million (\$0.1 Million, or \$108,000) comes from the City itself.

Are there any Budget Items in the pipeline that the City would be obligated to pay if the RLC funds evaporated tomorrow? I ask this question because there appears to be enough support in the Texas Legislature to pass HB 1209 (and similar legislation to be introduced in the Senate), which would declare RLC contracts illegal in Texas, thus rescinding the grandfather clause that allows existing RLC contracts to remain in place through the initial contract period, which, for Leon Valley, is 2038. If HB 1209 passes, the issue is pretty moot.

If this is all pretty much correct, the bottom line is that the items at risk if RLC funds go away **(and no other funding is identified)** are potentially:

9 Police positions (3 administrative and 6 Patrol Officer, plus 1 ½ clerks)

Partial salaries of some City employees

All Tier 2 (Traffic Safety) expenses:

Some Police and Fire Department equipment like Jaws of Life, radios for on-scene communications, new vehicles, and a myriad of other important items, and

Crosswalk signs and markings, and flashing speed signs/stop signs in the neighborhoods, street lighting, as well as several other types of safety items.