

CITY OF LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Leon Valley City Council Chambers 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238 Tuesday, April 7, 2020

MINUTES

6:44 PM Call to Order; Determine a Quorum is Present, Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status
Chris Riley	City of Leon Valley	Mayor	Remote
Monica Alcocer	City of Leon Valley	Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3	Remote
Donna Charles	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 1	Remote
Catherine Rodriguez	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 2	Present
Matthew Hodde	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 4	Present
Will Bradshaw	City of Leon Valley	Council Place 5	Remote

Also present was City Manager Kelly Kuenstler, Interim City Manager Joseph Salvaggio, ACM/HR Director Crystal Caldera, and City Secretary Saundra Passailaigue. City Attorney Charles E. Zech remoted into the meeting.

Mayor Chris Riley welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting and asked that everyone mute themselves to cut out background noise. Mayor Riley asked Councilor Will Bradshaw to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the Ethics Review Board Annual Report as Required by Ordinance No. 2019-10, Exhibit A, Article VII Ethics Review Board, Section 9. Annual Report (Temporary Ethics Compliance Officer, Alan Bojorquez)

Temporary Ethics Compliance Officer Alan Bojorquez presented the Annual Ethics Review Board Report.

RESULT: PRESENTED

Presentation and Discussion on the Leon Valley Police Neighborhood Survey (M&C # 2020-04-07-01 J. Salvaggio)

Chief of Police Joseph Salvaggio presented the results of a recent Leon Valley Police Neighborhood Survey.

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler read an e-mail submitted by: Benny Martinez

Councilor Will Bradshaw read an e-mail submitted by: Hilda Gomez

Those who spoke on this item via Zoom were: Sarah Smart; Evan Bohl; Erick Matta; Heather Riddle; Rita Burnside; Janie Garcia; Justin Pulliam; Ron Bookie; and John

ACM/HR Director Caldera read comments submitted via Zoom chat from: Erick Matta; Charles Hawsey; anonymous; Josh Stevens; Misty; Sarah Smart; anonymous; Jacque Conrad; Edward Alonzo; Erick Matta again; Heather Riddle; anonymous; Edward Alonzo again; Misty; Ms. Vallejo; and Josh Stevens again

Councilor Will Bradshaw thanked the officers that went out to do the survey on their own time. Also, that he would have like to have seen the questions in advance. Councilor Bradshaw mentioned that he had also asked the city manager for the surveys twice now and since he has not received them, he will be submitting a request tomorrow for all raw data. Last question was whether or not the survey asked questions about the Fire Department as well or was it just about the Police Department?

Councilor Matthew Hodde said he commended the initiative but asked that City Council be notified in advance next time.

Mayor Riley also said she wishes she had known in advance that this was going on.

Sally from California spoke and was muted by ACM/HR Director Caldera due to the content of her comment.

Chief Salvaggio answered questions.

Mayor Riley also stated that she has asked for the data and not received it and would like the raw data for her review.

RESULT: PRESENTED

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler reported that staff is practicing strong social distancing with only four (4) of us in Council Chambers and we are at least eight feet (8') apart; and Councilor Hodde is at the Fire Station and the other City Council members at their homes; the LVFD is planning to move to the 48/96 work schedule which is something they have wanted to do for a while but due to the current situation decided to move forward with it now; STRAC will provide a shipment of PPE to Leon Valley for first responders; and congratulations to Ana Federico for accepting the offer to move to the Office of the City Secretary as the new Open Record Request Coordinator.

Upcoming Important Events:

- Next Regular City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
- Movies in the Pool featuring "Finding Dory", Saturday, May 23, 2020, begins at dusk at the Leon Valley Community Pool, 6600 Strawflower Street.
- · Miscellaneous other events and announcements.

RESULT: PRESENTED

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

City Manager Kelly Kuenstler read an e-mail submitted by: Tina Chasan; Benny Martinez; Mickey/Janet R.; Amber Mouser; Linda Rodriguez; Shirley Jonas; Robert Bundy; Dwayne Smith; Olen Yarnell; Rita Burnside; Richard Blackmore; Evan Bohl; and Rey Orozco.

Due to interference, this meeting was recessed and will reconvene on April 08, 2020 at 5:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONSENT AGENDA

Acceptance of Committee Minutes: 02-27-2020 Sign Code Update Advisory Committee Minutes

Discussion and Possible Action on a 5th Amendment to the Leon Valley Cafe Lease Agreement (Temporary Lease Reduction) (M&C # 2020-04-07-02 K. Kuenstler)

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Dissolving the 2019 Charter Review Committee (M&C # 2020-04-07-03 S. Passailaigue)

Discussion and Possible Action A Resolution of The City of Leon Valley, TX., City Council Appointing Linda Crews to The Position of Full Trustee on The Leon Valley Public Library Board of Trustees (M&C # 2020-04-07-04 S. Passailaigue)

Discussion and Possible Action for Reimbursement for Temporary Signs Provided to Exempt Businesses (M&C # 2020-04-07-05 W. Cox)

ORDINANCE

Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending the Emergency Disaster Ordinance to Incorporate State of Texas Governors Order GA-14, Bexar County Executive Order NW-03, Amend Leon Valley Ordinances Where Conflicted, and Wave Photographic Traffic Control Late Fees During the COVID-19 Crisis (M&C # 2020-04-13-01 C. Riley, C. Rodriguez, and M. Hodde)

RESULT: MEETING RECESSED Next: 4/8/2020 5:30 PM

REGULAR AGENDA

Presentation and Discussion on an Ordinance, on a Request by David Holland, for a Specific Use Permit for a Bar, at 4700 Timco West Road; Generally Located at the Intersection of Timco West Road and Timco East Road; and a Public Hearing on Said Request (1st Reading as Required by City Charter) (M&C # 2020-04-13-02 B. Melland)

RESULT: MEETING RECESSED Next: 4/8/2020 5:30 PM

Discussion and Possible Action on Providing Donations of Essential Items (toilet paper, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food items, etc.) (M&C # 2020-04-13-03 Councilor Bradshaw & Councilor Alcocer)

RESULT: MEETING RECESSED Next: 4/8/2020 5:30 PM

Discussion and Possible Action on Political Signs in Leon Valley (M&C # 2020-04-13-04 Councilor Bradshaw & Councilor Alcocer)

RESULT: MEETING RECESSED Next: 4/8/2020 5:30 PM

Presentation by Mayor Riley and Discussion of the Findings of the Ethics Review Board Concerning Releasing Attorney Fee Bills to Citizens

Discussion and Possible Action on the Findings of the Ethics Review Board in the Complaint Against Chris Riley Pursuant to Section 3.04 and 3.03 (C) of the Leon Valley Home Rule Charter (As Requested by Councilor M. Hodde and seconded by Councilor C. Rodriguez) (M&C # 2020-04-13-06)

RESULT: MEETING RECESSED Next: 4/8/2020 5:30 PM

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Riley announced that the meeting recessed at 8:15 PM.

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 6th of April, 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 April 07, 2020 Leon Valley Regular City Council Meeting Minutes by Mayor Chris Riley.

From: <u>Tina Chasan</u>
To: <u>Saundra Passailaigue</u>
Subject: Citizens to be heard

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:00:38 PM

Please explain why there needed to be a council meeting tonight, putting at risk all those that are physically there in attendance. Defying Governor Abbott to stay and shelter in place. There is nothing of such grave importance that would necessitate such a meeting at this time. Lead by example,

Respectfully,

Tina Chasan

From: Kelly Kuenstler
To: Saundra Passailaigue

Subject: FW: Letter to Leon Valley City Council Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:39:50 PM

For citizens to be heard

Thanks, Kelly

From: Rodriguez, Lynda C. [mailto:LCRodriguez@CPSEnergy.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 3:34 PM

To: Kelly Kuenstler

Subject: Letter to Leon Valley City Council

April 7, 2020

Esteemed Leon Valley City Council,

It is during difficult times, that communities come together. We have seen all levels of government: local, state and federal making appropriate responses to this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Our *People First* philosophy at CPS Energy drives our work, actions and outreach to the community, especially during this time. The City of Leon Valley is doing the very same in many ways.

CPS Energy felt it was vitally important to announce a moratorium on disconnections on March 11, just as the City of Leon Valley has done for water and sewer utilities. We continue to work in providing affordable budget payment plans and offer energy conservation tips to customers every day, just as the City of Leon Valley continues to provide needed services to residents virtually on the phone and online.

A perfect example of this is the selfless and compassionate work by the City of Leon Valley staff, Chief Joe Salvaggio, the Leon Valley Police Department and the many volunteers that are extending a helping hand to the most vulnerable senior population. When the Senior Center was locked down, the team went to work and provided the seniors with meals and medications. This grew and

other residents in need called out and the team responded by replacing fire alarm batteries, removing hazardous waste materials and even replacing light bulbs.

This has not gone unnoticed by us and many others. As they say, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" Mayor Cris Riley, City Manager Kelly Kuenstler and Interim City Manager & Police Chief Joe Salvaggio, the staff and volunteers, you have all stepped up in this extraordinary way to serve your community.

We applaud you and want you to know that your time, effort and your love for the City of Leon Valley is demonstrated, has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!

Please keep up this great work and should you find that your residents have questions on how CPS Energy can help support them during these difficult times, the Local Government Relations team stands ready to be help.

Respectfully yours,

Lynda C. Rodriguez, MPALocal Government Relations
CPS Energy
cpsenergy.com



From: place5@leonvalleytexas.gov
To: Saundra Passailaique

Subject: FW: Recent unauthorized ad hoc survery of LV citizens by Police Dept of LV

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:20:19 PM

Please add to the record.

Best regards, Will Bradshaw Leon Valley City Council - Place 5

----Original Message-----

From: "Hilda Gomez" <

Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 4:53pm To: place5@leonvalleytexas.gov

Subject: Recent unauthorized ad hoc survery of LV citizens by Police Dept of LV

Greeting Council member Bradshaw,

I Know you are very busy, with so many issues our city is facing.

My concern rests with the recent impromptu LV police survey , whose focus was LV police.

While no officer came to our home conducting the survey, I was made aware of the survey; next-door site where someone from LV police sent out a email regarding the survey, and that 'off duty' police would be conducting the survey. The email mentioned 'low moral' within the police force, and of gaining citizen input as the reason for the survey.

The troubling issues deal with: the creation, implementation and information gathered by this survey. Most concerning, is the participation of LV staff, (off duty police officers) and the Police Chief. One person (from Next Door <u>Tracy Sr</u>, Pavona Place) who participated in the door to door survey noted the police chief came to her home. Having the Police chief and other LV staff involved in the survey implies:

- 1. Survey received the oversite and approval of LV City Council; therefore giving it legitimacy and importance
- 2. Survey, intent, creation of the survey questions had prior approval of LV City Council
- 3. Survey results were entended for the review of City Council and eventually for citizens of LV If the 'Police survey', with the clear goal of the participation of LV citizens, did not have prior approval by city council, then it was an **unauthorized survey of LV citizens**. Therefore, the survey had no prior input, oversight or APPROVAL from City Council, and should be turned over to the LV city council immediately and destroyed. If the Police Chief was involved in the survey then there could be 4th Amendment legal consequences for city of LV.?

At issue, is the false appearance, and misleading credibility of the City Council involvement allotted to this ad hoc survey. Any professional research firm will tell of the pit falls in designing a quality survey. Public opinion can be manipulative: the choice of words, sequencing of the questions, underlying bias in the generation of leading questions. Also problematic is the assumption of prior knowledge, or understanding of the concerns of LV citizens of the police dept. Did they ask how long the LV resident had been living in LV? Further is the disturbing fact of 'off duty' police officers conducting the face to face questioning of LV citizens. Would this bring up the 4th Amendment issue? The authenticity of survey results are doubtful; when the LV Police dept is the the subject of the survey and police officers are conducting the face to face interviews would certainly invalidate its finding. This problem is called 'social desirability bias" where people may provide inaccurate answers to questions that involve sensitive subjects, and the inaccurate answers can be greater in face to face interviews. (Pew Research Center). The survey's goal, the specific questions asked, the solicitation of information from LV citizens, the personal information gathered of LV participants, who has acces to results, how will it be used, all send up red flags. I ask you to please investigate the survey of LV citizens regarding Police dept. Demand they turn over the completed surveys and destroy the information.

Most troubling is the participation of LV staff, the police force including the Police Chief. Any LV city staff that participated in the creation, implementation and collection of information should be held accountable

as it could place City of LV in legal jeopardy. If your findings move you to removed anyone from their position or demoted any participant I would support you. We can not have LV city staff making decisions that undermine LV City leadership and incite **any further** legal issues.

I know you have many important issues impacting LV, but I feel the unauthorized survey of LV citizens merit your immediate attention. I thank you for your dedication and commitment to the citizens of LV. Hilda Gomez

zip 78240

Mayor and Council,

CITY SECRETARY
Date: 1-7-2020
Time: 5:00 pm SO

As citizens of Leon Valley, we are very concerned about the troubles taking place in our city and with our council!

We have been residents for some time but are not always available to attend the meetings live so we are often obligated to watch the meetings after the fact via the city council meeting link on the city website.

What bothers us is that you Mayor as the prefect of the city continue to claim that all council, staff, and citizens are to be treated with respect but so often those words come across as "empty words". We have seen time after time a very vocal group of individuals be very hostile and antagonistic toward the sitting council, to the City Manager and again as of last meeting the current LVPD Chief Salvaggio. We are all in favor of differences of opinions and respectful disagreements, but we feel that attacks have gotten out of hand.

We are respectfully asking that "you" put a stop to it so everyone can engage is positive exchange of ideas/differences in order to address city business instead of the constant interruptions for personal attacks.

Respectfully,

Mickey and Janet R.

From: Olen Yarnell

To: MayorChrisRileymayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov; Monica Alcocer
Cc: Kelly Kuenstler; Joe Salvaggio; Saundra Passailaigue; "Olen Yarnell"

Subject: Please Cancel the April 7th LV City Council Meeting

Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:59:12 PM

Importance: High

4-06-20

To: LV Mayor Ms. C. Riley, LV Mayor Pro-Tem Ms. M. Alcocer

Bcc Copy To: LV City Council Members, Ms. D Charles, Dr. C. Rodrigues, Mr. M. Hodde, Mr. Will Bradshaw

Copy To: LV City Manager Ms. K. Kuenstler, LV Interim-City Manager, Mr. J. Salvaggio, LV City Secretary Ms. S. Passailaigue, LV City Attorney (via Fwd. through Ms. Passailaigue's office)

Courtesy Copy To: LV Interested Citizens (via NextDoor)

Dear Mayor Riley, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ms. Alcocer

Subject: Please Cancel the April 7th LV City Council Meeting

Due to the current World Wide covid-19 Pandemic I would like to request that you all **cancel** the Apr 7th City Council Meeting.

Below is a warring from Dr. Brix about the serious of the covid-19 virus that we are all currently dealing with.

Dr. Deborah Birx had a stark warning Saturday for people sheltering in place across the United States.

"This is the moment to <u>not be going</u> to the grocery store, not going to the pharmacy, but doing everything you can to keep your family and your friends safe," Birx said at a White House press briefing, CNN reports

The Citizens of LV do not expect you all to risk the lives of the City Staff and yourselves in order to hold a City Council Meeting.

Nothing on the agenda is worth exposing everyone to this deadly virus.

Sincerely,

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From: Speedy Blackmore

To: <u>Saundra Passailaigue</u>; <u>Kelly Kuenstler</u>

Subject: Please read during the time allotted for comments during Citizens to be Heard at tonight"s Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:09:36 PM

First, let me say that it is beyond sad that we are having to go though these hearings at all. One would expect that the Mayor and members of City Council would be honest and above board at all costs - and to represent the citizens of Leon Valley fairly. Unfortunately, that is not the case with our current Mayor and one of the Council members. My complaints are as follows:

- 1. It is my opinion that the Mayor allows her "group" to belittle our police department at all times especially the Police Chief. He and all members of the Leon Valley Police Dept. have done a remarkable job in keeping this city safe and as free from crime as possible. One would certainly think that the Mayor, of all people, would be grateful to them for all they've done but apparently not. If the Mayor cannot show respect for our police department then she shouldn't be surprised when other citizens don't either.
- 2. Sadly, the Mayor seems to honestly believe that she is "above the law". Rules and expectations of proper and honest behavior are to apply to everyone else but not to her and her cronies. A former council member had to leave his seat on the Council because of his bad behavior and refusal to abide by the rules so why not the Mayor?

It is time to have someone as Mayor - and also as Council Members - who truly and honestly want only to represent and do what's best for the Citizens of Leon Valley - and who are willing to follow the law. The Mayor seems to have a "heightened sense of entitlement" regarding herself and some of her "cronies". Rules are for everyone else - but not her and her friends.

Richard Blackmore Forest Haven Street From: Olen Yarnell

To: Saundra Passailaigue

Cc: Kelly Kuenstler; Joe Salvaggio; Mayor Riley; Monica Alcocer; "Olen Yarnell"

Subject: RE: Please Cancel the April 7th LV City Council Meeting (4-07-20 2nd Request)

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:01:53 PM

4-07-20

Greeting Ms. Passailaigue,

I appreciate your response, but I have to be honest with you, and relay the fact that I was not asking for my comments to be read at the meeting. My request was to totally avoid the risk of any of you all being exposed to the convid-19 virus, by taking the necessary steps to cancel the meeting, all together.

Again I ask those in charge of the operation of our City, "what is so important about the items on this agenda, that they cannot be addressed at some time in the future".

This is a time for <u>logic</u> and <u>wisdom</u> to come to the forefront, and be used to <u>safeguard</u> (a measure taken to protect someone or something or to prevent something undesirable) the <u>Health</u>, <u>Safety</u>, and <u>Welfare</u>, of everyone involved in the conducting of a City Council Meeting?

As I set her at home practicing social/physical distancing, I'm unable to understand why anyone would not want to follow the advice of **Dr. Fauci** and **Dr. Brix**, and would want to continue to insist on holding a LV City Council Meeting, during this time of the most serious medical pandemic of our lifetime!!!

(The following is a quote from yahoo News). At Sunday's White House briefing, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the longtime director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, <u>suggested</u> that hundreds of thousands — or even millions — of "silent carriers" may be unwittingly spreading the coronavirus across the United States because they don't realize they're infected.

LV City Council & City Manager/s, Please take the necessary steps this is required of you, by <u>Texas State Statue</u> to protect the <u>Health</u>, <u>Safety</u>, and <u>Welfare</u> of yourselves and all of the LV Staff, at City Hall.

Sincerely,

Olen Yarnell

Canterfield

From: Saundra Passailaigue <s.pass@leonvalleytexas.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:35 AM

To: Olen Yarnell <

Cc: Kelly Kuenstler < k.kuenstler@leonvalleytexas.gov>; Joe Salvaggio

<j.salvaggio@leonvalleytexas.gov>; Mayor Riley <mayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov>; Monica Alcocer

<m.alcocer@leonvalleytexas.gov>

Subject: RE: Please Cancel the April 7th LV City Council Meeting

Thank you Mr. Yarnell. We have received your comment and will have it read into the record during this evening's meeting.

Praying for you and your family's health and safety.

Saundra Passailaigue, TRMC City Secretary

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From: Benny Martinez
To: Saundra Passailaigue

Subject: to be read at citizens to be heard

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:13:10 PM

To be read at Citizens to be heard:

Benny Martinez Seneca

The Mayor is the head of the City Council. We need one voice to make public posts. I feel the Mayor should be making all posts on Next Door and on TV and not coming from the City Manager.

The Mayor should review and approve all posts from the police and fire department.



Benny Martinez

Founder / Senior Technician benny@qualtelcom.com

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From: Benny Martinez
To: Saundra Passailaigue

Subject: to be read on presentations item 2

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:04:02 PM

Here are my concerns with the survey.

- 1. No city Council approval
- 2. City council should have approved the questions
- 3. An independent organization should have conducted the survey.
- 4. It was wrong for police officers in uniform, using city vehicles to conduct the survey.
- 5. An independent organization should compile the data and present it to City Council.
- 6. Report the respondents replies as presented both negative and positive comments.

Could this survey conducted by the police department be construed as City staff getting involved in Politics?

I question the timing before the May election.

Was the survey an attempt to improve the negative image Leon Valley has in the metro area.



Benny Martinez

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From:

To: <u>MayorChrisRileymayorriley@leonvalleytexas.gov</u>

Cc: <u>Monica Alcocer</u>; <u>Joe Salvaggio</u>; <u>Saundra Passailaigue</u>; <u>Kelly Kuenstler</u>

Subject: Tonight"s Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:52:44 AM

Dear Mayor, Council members,

Due to the fact that we all are under "physical-distance" restrictions, it does not make sense to have a city council meeting at this time and it's place (= council chamber) for the following reasons:

- 1. The maximum number in attendance around the immediate vicinity of the meeting sight will most like exceed 10,
- 2. A quorum will most likely not be achieved as most council members will only be heard not seen there and at our homes (if they are not VISUALLY present, how does the average person listening know that the voices coming out of the loudspeaker are actually those they say they are. How do YOU really know. It could be an impersonator among them or they are answering/voting under pressure from somebody behind them (yes, a very far fetch theory, but anything nowadays is possible),
- 3. This being the Holy Easter Week, we all should take time out and reflect on what this holiday is all about and not practice politics as usual.

Thus, I respectfully request that tonight's (April 7th) council meeting be canceled.

Blessings!

Rita Burnside Forest Oaks

CC: City Secretary, City Manager, Interim City Manager BCC: All Council members

From: Shirley Jonas
To: Saundra Passailaigue
Cc: Kelly Kuenstler; Joe Salvaggio

Subject: Bashing of Leon Valley Police Officers and Violation of the Leon Valley Charter

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:04:56 PM

Please read at City Council Meeting Tonight

My name is Shirley Jonas, I am a Senior Citizen and I live In Shadow Mist Subdivision.

I have heard how a member of the Council has been bashing our Police Officers. I know personally that Leon Valley Officers in this time of need have been putting themselves at risk by getting medication and groceries for our Senior Citizens.

On March 16 the Police Chief and Fire Chief both came to my home and asked me as President of the Northwest Seniors to contact all members who live in Leon Valley and tell them the Library and Community Center were closed until further notice and ask them if they were feeling ok and if they needed any food or medication. The members who I spoke with so appreciative that the Chiefs thought of them. And some said the were so glad they lived in Leon Valley where the Chiefs thought so much of their Senior Citizens. I had one couple that needed medication picked up and the Fire Dept. took care of them.

On March 24 Chief Joe called me and asked that I contact the Seniors again so see if they were in good health and if they need food and medication. Members I spoke with told me again how safe they felt that someone from the city was checking on them. Again the Police picked up medication and food. Lt Wells personally picked up food for me. And I have had a number of calls for medication pickup or food pickup

I know the Officers are handling their other duties while helping Senior Citizens. So Mr. Bradshaw they are keeping you safe while helping us Seniors

The City puts out E Mail BUT a number of these Seniors do not have Computers. I have not been contacted by the Mayor or Will Bradshaw showing their concern for NWSCs.

So Mr. Bradshaw quit Bashing the Leon Valley Police Officers and Mayor Riley quit allowing him to bash the Officers.

Mayor Riley since you were found guilty of violating the Leon Valley Charter take your punishment and remove your name as a candidate for Mayor at the next election.

Shirley Jonas

From: Evan Bohl

To: <u>Saundra Passailaigue</u>
Cc: <u>Mayor Riley; Kelly Kuenstler</u>

Subject: Citizen To Be Heard Email to be read aloud Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:01:50 PM

Good Evening Mayor, Council, and Staff,

The first thing I would like to address is that it appears the public still believes that every single thing a department does in the city must go through the approval process of the Council, and I would like the Council, as it appears one or more of those on Council do not quite yet understand their role, and I would like the citizens to understand that should any department, for example, the police dept conduct a survey of the public regarding ANY aspect of Operations of the police, then they certainly have the autonomy to do so with the blessing of the City Manager. At which time they may then put on the agenda for presentation once the data has been compiled and organized. The concerns of many about this issue are unfounded and should not be raised, nor the misguided and irrelevant questions about said ideas should be raised if the results are a more focused finger on the pulse of the community to address and change to be a better dept.

I would like to also address the concerns raised about the elections being moved to November. I would first like praise the Leon Valley government for doing absolutely everything it can in this time of a pandemic, following the guidelines of the CDC and for following the examples of organizations and governments around Leon Valley in Bexar County, Texas, and the United States to shift ALL elections to the November timeframe. Some it would seem would like to criticize this move and create conspiracy theories that are just flat out lies by bringing up a double cost, that is yet covered by the allotted funds in this fiscal year, to be moved to next fiscal year. the funds are the same and the financial reports can be organized as such. The other concerns raised are time between municipal elections are too close and create instability. The very thought of having these so called concerns in this time is even more troubling than the conspiracy theories tirelessly concocted by citizens. This pandemic as a whole has altered every aspect of life for us all and we need to simply take each change with as much positivity as we can.

Final Comment to be made: with regard to any discussion and/or possible action about the Mayor and the Ethics Violation, I would ask that the Ethics Board's Recommendation be upheld and that no action be taken, as it is clear that though there was a violation, per the Mayor's admission, I believe that in that time there was enough chaos ensuing that this sort of violation given this single situation be forgiven and that a reprimand, whether written, or verbal along with the Ethics Board's findings be made on the record for the future.

As always, I count on the prevailing wisdom and collective decision making of the Council to remain stable despite the persistent chaos being concocted in the community by some citizens.

(PERMISSION TO BREAK UP THE EMAIL COMMENT BETWEEN THE TWO CITIZEN TO BE HEARD SECTIONS)

Kindest Regards, Evan Bohl Forest Oaks From: <u>Duane Smith</u>
To: <u>Saundra Passailaigue</u>
Cc: <u>Kelly Kuenstler</u>

Subject: Citizens to be heard - Will Bradshaw Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:16:55 PM

Miss Saundra and Miss Kelly;

I submit the following for the first citizens to be heard segment tonight (feel free to move it if you feel it is appropriate):

I would like to address Councilman Will Bradshaw's comments during the city council meeting on March 25, 2020.

Not once, but twice he referred to Chief Salvaggio and the police department as acting like the Gestapo. This is not only an outrageous slander on the police department, it trivializes the 11 million people slaughtered in camps like Auschwitz or machine gunned in places like Babi Yar.

A spur of the moment comment does not forgive this in light of he and Josh Stevens' well-orchestrated attacks on the police department. My neighbor tells me this kind of language and unsubstantiated attacks are common on local social media. One of the many reasons I stay away.

I suggest you both make a pilgrimage to Yad Yashem, throw yourselves on your knees and beg forgiveness. If there is a kind and loving God, he may forgive you, but I shan't.

We've lived here forty years. If this is the future of the leadership of Leon Valley, I want no part of it.

You're both beneath contempt. You disgust me.

Duane Smith

From: Amber Jewell

To: Saundra Passailaigue

Cc: Kelly Kuenstler

Subject: Citizens to be Heard 4/7/19

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:55:05 PM

Good evening Mayor, Councilmen and Staff:

I'm writing tonight for two main reasons that have been bothering me for awhile and I'd like for this to be read at tonight's meeting.

The first is for all, and I really do mean ALL citizens to be held to the same standard when addressing our elected, appointed and hired leaders. That standard be respect. While we may not all agree with who these people are or what they represent, I believe that all of our leaders have earned the right to respect. That means we should address them with in the manner taught us from a small age, not with the derogatory and just outright cruel terms that I've both seen and heard spoken in recent weeks and months.

Second, I know that there are some issues on the agenda tonight that are sure to raise blood pressures and bring out heated discussions from people on both sides of the aisle (as well as those in the middle). I feel strongly that in order to keep our city government from falling apart, we need to be very mindful of the language of our charter. I know you all were all in support of the with the exceptions of Councilors Hodde and Bradshaw, as I have not had the privilege of discussing their viewpoints on our charter. That said, I expect whatever the outcome of those discussions our charter be upheld as written.

I appreciate your reading this to me and do so hope to be in attendance again soon!

Amber Mouser

Sent from my iPhone