

LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
August 9, 2021
Meeting Conducted at the Community Building

- **Call to Order** -Jay Bonham
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call** – Marie Davis
 - William Elliott – Absent
 - Jay Bonham – Present
 - Peggy Fuller – Present
 - Michelle Flanagan – Absent
 - Marie Davis – Present
- **Deputy Report** – Deputy Godoy
 - Deputy Godoy was unable to attend the August meeting.
 - A resident from 95th street spoke about an incident with a transient living at the church across from her on Leona Avenue. The transient was a registered sex offender. He was contacted by the sheriff's department and has been relocated.
- **Approval of July Minutes** – Marie Davis
 - Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Peggy Fuller, seconded by Jay Bonham.
 - Marie Davis – Yes
 - Jay Bonham – Yes
 - Michelle Flanagan – Absent
 - Peggy Fuller – Yes
 - William Elliott--Absent
 - Motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report / Finance, Ways and Means**– Peggy Fuller
 - See Separate Treasurer's Report for full details
 - Total LVTC assets as of August 9, 2021 total \$105,891.55
 - All filings are up to date.
- **Guest Speakers** – So Cal Edison and LA County Fire Representatives
 - Rochelle Silsbee (626-238-4973) advises residents to use extreme care in order to keep debris and brush clear from electrical equipment. If residents have any questions about power shutoffs or pole replacement crews, please contact Rochelle. She explained that Edison will make outage notifications or outage cancellation notifications whenever possible.
 - David Gonzalez, with the vegetation management department, spoke about how the contracted arborists analyze the trimming of trees that encroach on power equipment. He reminds residents to contact Rochelle Silsbee with any concerns regarding the contract tree maintenance crews.
 - David Grigsby, who oversees the contract pole work, spoke about the new poles that are being placed. The wooden poles have a fire-resistant coating wrapped around them. The fire wrapped poles and the composite poles have held up

well in the recent fires. If there are no major delays, the pole replacement work should be completed by October

- Fire Representative Carmen Mackey (carmen.mackey@fire.lacounty.gov) advises all residents to prepare for fire defense by ensuring proper clearance around homes, and by having an evacuation plan in place. Fire Chief Tom Stukey spoke about the additional resources that are available to the Los Angeles County Fire Department. There are three additional helicopters available this year, provided with the sponsorship of So Cal Edison. The chief said the fire department has a renewed strategy to attack any fire with all available firefighting resources immediately.

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▪ **Committee Reports**

- Association of Rural Town Councils – Marie Davis

- Mr. Clement Lau was a guest speaker at the meeting on July 28. He made a presentation explaining the things the county looks for when evaluating the park needs of rural areas.
- The illegal marijuana grows are an ongoing issue.

- Community and Public Relations – Michelle Flanagan

- No report available from Michelle
- Relevant information continues to be posted to the community Facebook sites.

- Community Standards and Land Use – Peggy Fuller

- The CSDs are on the calendar to be officially approved by the board of supervisors tomorrow, August 10.
- Ritter Ranch sub committee meetings are being held on the last Monday of the month at 6pm at the Community Building. There has been no change regarding the Ritter Ranch progress since the last meeting.
- Parks and Recreation will be holding a Zoom conference at 9am on August 21st at 9:30 am. A link to the meeting will be posted to the LVTC website for anyone who is interested in attending.

- Election Committee - Peggy Fuller

- Volunteers are needed to help with the election committee for the Town Council election this November.
- There will be 3 available positions on the Town Council. Residents are encouraged to volunteer.

- Oktoberfest Committee

- Tickets are on sale for \$30.00 each. Steins have been delivered. There are at least 4 breweries that will be attending Oktoberfest.

• **AV Deputy Supervisor's Comments and Updates** –Donna Termeer

- Donna says they are in their offices all week, even though they are still partially closed by COVID regulations. They are working to address the problems associated with the large number of illegal marijuana grows in the Antelope Valley. She stated one of the biggest things that is keeping their office busy is the one-ton landfill vouchers for

approved residents. Additionally, they are working forward to sponsoring a “Free Dump Day” possibly in October.

- **Public Comments**

- Karen spoke briefly about senate bill 11 which mandates insurance coverage for any homeowner who can't get approved for insurance elsewhere. The Bill added farmers and ranchers to those who qualify for insurance under California Fair Plan.
- There has been no update yet regarding the trucking company on Elizabeth Lake Road.
- There is no update available on the white fence violation on 92nd Street.

- **Council Member Comments**

- None

- **New Business**

- Karl Percy suggested contacting the City of Palmdale in order to post more firework warning signs along the borders of the city. The City of Palmdale is the only city in the Antelope Valley that allows fireworks. The surrounding communities do not.

- **Action Item Review**

- Peggy to write letter regarding the fireworks zone
- Peggy to post zoom link on LVTC page for the Parks and Recreation meeting.
- Peggy to post information regarding insurance commissioner's office.

- **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion adjourn made by, Marie Davis seconded by Peggy Fuller.

- Marie Davis – Yes
- Jay Bonham – Yes
- Michelle Flanagan – Absent
- Peggy Fuller – Yes
- William Elliott--Absent
- Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.