LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 13, 2022

Meeting Conducted at the Community Building

* **Call to Order** - 7:00pm
* **Pledge of Allegiance** – All – Led by Michelle Flanagan
* **Roll Call** –

Michelle Flanagan - President Present

Jay Bonham – Vice President Present

Marie Davis – Secretary Absent

Judy Anaya – Treasurer Present

Marian Wright – Member at Large Present

* **Deputy Report** – Deputy Godoy
  + Deputy Godoy was unable to attend. Michelle Flanagan reported on his behalf that there was a family dispute on Bouquet Canyon and a neighbor dispute on Elizabeth Lake Road.
* **Approval of Minutes** – Michelle Flanagan
  + Motion to approve the minutes from April 11, May 9 and the Special Meeting minutes from May 4th was made by Marion Wright, seconded by Judy Anaya.
    - * Michelle Flanagan Yes
      * Jay Bonham Yes
      * Marie Davis Absent
      * Judy Anaya Yes
      * Marian Wright Yes

* **Treasurer’s Report / Finance, Ways and Means**– Judy Anaya
  + See Separate Treasurer’s Report for full details
  + Total LVTC assets as of June 13, 2022 are $109,946.87
  + Reimbursement was made to Karen Bryan in the amount of $250.00 for the Dark Skies Application.
  + Godaddy Email renewal fee of $5.99
  + Attorney fees to Hanson Bridgett in the amount of $3000.00
  + Donations to the Ritter Ranch fund keep coming in. Approximately $7481.00 so far.
  + A motion was made by Marion Wright and seconded by Jay Bonham to write a check to Hanson Bridgett for attorney fees in the amount of $6960.00.
    - * Michelle Flanagan Yes
      * Jay Bonham Yes
      * Marie Davis Absent
      * Judy Anaya Yes
      * Marian Wright Yes
    - Motion passed
    - The total legal fees accrued for Ritter Ranch are $9960.00.
  + A motion to approve the expenditure of an additional $20,000 toward the Ritter Ranch attorney costs was made by Jay Bonham, seconded by Judy Anaya.
    - * Michelle Flanagan Yes
      * Jay Bonham Yes
      * Marie Davis Absent
      * Judy Anaya Yes
      * Marian Wright Yes
    - Motion passed
* **Committee Reports**
  + - Community and Public Relations – Marian Wright
  + Updates are being posted by multiple members of the council.
    - Community Health, Safety, and Welfare – Jay Bonham
  + San Francisquito will be closed for repairs later in the month.
  + There will not be any sign for school bus stops, as the research concluded that the bus stops on private property.
    - Community Standards and Land Use – Michelle Flanagan
      * Ritter Ranch Update – Peggy Fuller
    - The Land Use Committee is currently waiting for the City of Palmdale to provide a list of the records that will be used in the lawsuit. Once the records are provided, help will be needed to review the records.
    - The Town Council website has been updated to include a lot of information about the Ritter Ranch lawsuit.
    - There is a petition to sign in opposition of the Ritter Ranch development.
    - It has been recommended that as many residents as possible should be present at City Council meetings and speak out in opposition to the Ritter Ranch Project, even if it is not on the meeting agenda.
    - Mike Copenhaver has joined the Land Use Committee.
    - The next Land Use Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 7pm at the community building.
  + AV Deputy Supervisor Comments and Updates
    - The trucking company on ELR is still being addressed. The property owner claims to be in the process of moving the business to a new location in Lancaster.
* **Special Presentations**
  + Edgar Ortiz from Farmers Insurance. Member of the National Fire Protection Association.
    - Insurance has been going up in our area due to fire risk, some carriers have dropped out completely.
    - Being recognized as a Firewise community can result in insurance discounts.
    - Leona Valley is already proactive in their fire awareness and prevention methods.
    - If Leona Valley wants to partner with the National Fire Protection Association to be recognized as a Firewise community.
    - There are 608 occupied homes in Leona Valley as of the last census count.
    - There is a volunteer requirement of one hour per house in order to be an active participant in the Firewise work. The time must be spent improving the condition of your property to make it more fire safe.
    - The residents at the meeting were interested in learning more about how to participate. More information will be gathered in the near future.
  + David Coscia – Garbage Disposal Districts/Steven E. Milewski, P.E. Senior Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works
    - Garbage disposal districts are supposed to offer competition between disposal providers, but we don’t know exactly how that will work. The speaker read off of a prepared script in order to give accurate information.
    - The County believes the disposal districts will address the quality of life issues of illegal dumping, environmental concerns, and more.
    - Clarification was requested regarding the term “Negative Declaration” As defined by the speaker, A negative declaration is a standard list of impacts the county will review. It’s essentially the result of a study for the county, by the county. Then the county decides what the impacts will be. The county has determined that 3 trash trucks per week for Leona Valley will not negatively impact Leona Valley in a significant way.
    - There was intense questioning of the speaker regarding specific charges for different services depending on the needs of the property and how that will be assessed. No questions were satisfactorily answered.
    - The County will need permission to come onto private roads in order to collect trash.
    - The County will need proof that the unpaved roads have been treated with dust dampening materials before they will tread on unpaved roads.
    - If above options can’t be met, the resident can haul their cans to the nearest county maintained road for pick up.
    - There will be an option for residents to pay an additional charge to a private provider, in addition to the new tax for waste service, if they want less traffic on their property and opt to keep one container for all types of trash.
    - The presenters want feedback from the community.
    - There are no cost analysis numbers available at this time.
    - The county plan for residents that are physically unable to haul their waste containers to the county maintained road is to provide workers to move their cans for them.
    - Residents who commented or asked questions were overwhelmingly displeased with the garbage disposal district plan as presented. They want to keep the ability to choose to opt out of the service that they see as inefficient and wasteful.
* **Public Comments**
  + See speaker presentation bullets. Multiple similar questions were asked and statements were made in the open forum presentation.
  + Residents want to stay posted regarding the Ritter Ranch Project via email.
  + No fireworks are allowed in Leona Valley.
  + Karl Pearcy is displeased with the use of speaker cards.
* **Council Member Comments**

* **Meting adjourned**
  + Meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:05pm.