

LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
May 10, 2021
Meeting Conducted at the Community Building

- **Call to Order** – William Elliott
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call** – Marie Davis
 - William Elliott – Present
 - Jay Bonham – Present
 - Peggy Fuller – Present
 - Michelle Flanagan – Present
 - Marie Davis – Present
- **Deputy Report** – Deputy Godoy
 - There was a disturbance in the community several days ago when a transient was seen wandering around, apparently disheveled. A call was placed, but the individual was gone before units arrived. He has not been seen in the area since.
 - There is no update regarding the roadside vendor activity.
- **Approval of April Minutes** – Marie Davis
 - Motion to approve the March Minutes was made by Michele Flanagan, seconded by Peggy Fuller.
 - Marie Davis – Yes
 - Jay Bonham – Yes
 - Michelle Flanagan – Yes
 - Peggy Fuller – Yes
 - William Elliott-- Yes
 - Motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report / Finance, Ways and Means**– Peggy Fuller
 - See Separate Treasurer's Report for full details
 - LVTC assets as of April 29, 2021 total \$106,450.62
 - Michelle Flanagan made a motion to approve the expenditure of 576.00 for the Town Council's crime coverage insurance policy thru Traveler's Insurance. Marie Davis seconded.
 - Discussion followed and Jay Bonham stated he does not think the crime coverage is necessary.
 - Marie Davis – Yes
 - Jay Bonham – No
 - Michelle Flanagan – Yes
 - Peggy Fuller – Yes
 - William Elliott – Yes
 - Motion passed.
 - All filings are up to date and the next bill for Directors and Officers insurance is due September 1, 2021.
 - Website biometrics report indicated 77 page views in the last 30 days.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Association of Rural Town Councils** – Peggy Fuller

- ARTC is planning to attend the Civilian Oversight Committee meeting in order to show support for Law Enforcement funding to facilitate area enforcement.
 - Illegal Marijuana grows are a rapidly increasing problem. Water theft is among the top concerns.
 - Garbage disposal districts discussion led to concerns over illegal dumping expenses.
 - General Plan Safety ordinance update, Solar may be affecting the Antelope Valley and surrounding area in a negative way.
 - PSPS are still a concern to rural residents. The review of the actions of So Cal Edison indicated their actions and shut offs were done for the general safety of customers.

- **Community and Public Relations** – Michelle Flanagan

- Michelle continues to post relevant information on the community Facebook page.

- **Bylaws Committee** – Peggy Fuller

- Delivery of proposed amendments to President pursuant to Article 16, section 2 of the Bylaws was made by the secretary.
 - William Elliott advised all residents present that they are in control of what goes into the Town Council Bylaws.
 - The reading of the Bylaws will be planned for the next meeting, although it is customary to ask the residents present if they wish to sit and hear them read in their entirety, or if they wish to read them for themselves.
 - A link to the revised Bylaws will be posted on the community Facebook page when available.
 - A draft of the proposed bylaws will be put up on the Town Council website.

- **Community Health, Safety, and Welfare** – Jay Bonham

- The first Neighborhood Watch meeting resulted in a good turnout of interested residents. The next meeting is tentatively set for May 27.
 - Discussion regarding the need for better community education on the “red flag” signs of illegal marijuana grows.
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- **Community Standards and Land Use** – Peggy Fuller

- At the recent Board of Supervisor meeting, the CSDs were approved to be submitted for review by their legal department.
 - Representatives from the current Ritter Ranch developer met with the Town Council last week to share their intentions. They hope to start back up on the development plan using their original specific plan, but they said they want to restart phase 1, which includes over 500 homes. The Specific Plan needs to be reviewed and updated for the entire property, regardless of how many homes hope to develop.
 - The Land Use Committee plans to create a Ritter Ranch Project sub-committee of interested residents in order to stay informed of the progress of the project.
 - May 24 is the next Land Use Committee Meeting at 6pm in the Community Building.
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- **AV Deputy Supervisor’s Comments and Updates** -Charles Bostwick

- No representative present.

- **Public Comments**
 - Karl Pearcy wants to know who to contact regarding enforcement of the CSDs. There is no comprehensive process for reporting and enforcement. He asked how to better inform new residents of Leona Valley CSDs.
 - Concerns were expressed over the lack of personnel at the local fire station.
 - Oktoberfest is hopefully going on as planned.
 - Discussion regarding a new “Welcome to Leona Valley” book for new residents.

- **Council Member Comments**
 - Peggy reported that the LVIA garage sale was a success. The LVIA made a profit, and residents reported having a wonderful time.
 - The graffiti reported last month on Elizabeth Lake Road was taken care of quickly. Photos were sent to the Sheriff’s Department, and they indicated the graffiti was most likely the work of a tagger and is not specifically gang related.

- **Action Item Review**
 - Peggy will prepare the Bylaws to be posted and post them to the TC website.
 - Peggy will gather the necessary paperwork regarding the Ritter Ranch Project.
 - Michelle will post information about the Ritter Ranch Project sub-committee to the TC and LV only FB pages.
 - Michelle will post the link for the Bylaws when ready to the TC and LV only FB pages.
 - Jay will research the price of Neighborhood Watch signs, the quantities required, and he will check for approval from Public Works.

- **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion adjourn made by Michelle Flanagan, seconded by Marie Davis. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.