



CITY OF LEON VALLEY
COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78240
Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order; Determine a Quorum is Present

PRESENT

Mayor Chris Riley (left early at 10:00 AM)
Council Place 1 Benny Martinez
Council Place 2 Betty Heyl
Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Place 3 Philip Campos
Council Place 4 Rey Orozco
Council Place 5 Will Bradshaw

Mayor Chris Riley called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed everyone.

2. Leon Valley City Council Will Host a Citizens' Communication Meeting to Hear Citizen Issues and Provide General Policy and Factual Information as To Issues Brought Up by Citizens. No Action Will Be Taken Except to Place an Item on A Future Agenda as Appropriate

Mayor Chris Riley read the Coffee Guidelines aloud for all to hear.

3. Citizens to be Heard

See attachment.

4. Adjournment

Councilor Philip Campos, Mayor Pro Tem, announced that the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

These minutes were approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 17th of September, 2024.

APPROVED



CHRIS RILEY
MAYOR

ATTEST: *Sandra Passailaigue*
SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY



July 29, 2024

Items from the coffee with the Mayor and Council that needed additional clarification.

See information below.

Ms. Crawford complained about shots fired at her next-door neighbor's house. Nothing was done, and there was no follow-up with her.

We do not follow up with 911 callers unless it directly involves the caller ie. shots being fired into her home. In this case, hearing shots fired would not result in any follow-up with her, especially since there were many calls regarding this incident.

Explanation of the incident. On 7/15/2024, the first call came in at 23:32:09 from Lisa. She was located at the Forest Oaks apartments, stating guns were going off **across the street**. During Lisa's call, several other calls came in, which were recognized immediately as duplicate calls. No name, phone number ending 6027, shots coming from the **apartment complex**. Duplicate call, shots coming from **Poss from Forest Haven**. Nancy, shots fired **Forest Mill area**.

The next logged call is from Gene at 23:32:31. Gene states that guns are going off **across the street**. Across the street from him would be homes on Forest Bend and Forest Timber. During Gene's call, several other calls came in, which were immediately recognized as duplicate calls. Mary lives on Forest Mont, stating shots are coming from the **southeast**. Andrea, no address shots came from the **main entrance off Evers Rd near the drainage ditch**.

The next logged call is at 23:33:56 from Joe hearing loud bang. I'm not sure what is happening, possibly trying to break into **his side fence**.

The next call logged is at 23:34:05 from Kim, 6 shots, then two additional, sounds like **next door**. During Kim's call duplicate caller phone number ending in 1383 shots fired **6313 Evers**.

The next call that is logged is at 23:36:17 from Anonymous. Heard 3 to five shots **Forest Meadow**.

As you can see, many calls were coming in simultaneously, dictating different locations. Officers are not going to go to a home and break down a door of a house or make unauthorized entry to someone's property when they do not know where the shots are actually coming from. As you all may know, officers have done this in other forces, and the results are not good. None of the calls illustrate anyone injured, bullets in homes, or near misses. This call happened during shift change, and everyone stayed to respond to this one call.

As part of this call, officers went to investigate the Forest Oaks Apartment, Forest Meadow, Forest Haven, Forest Mont, Forest Bend. As part of investigating this call, two 7.62 shell casings were located by two different officers in two different locations but in the same general area; casing were processed as evidence. Witnesses reported seeing a golden Cadillac driving away at a high rate of speed. It so happened that earlier that day, another officer stopped a golden Cadillac after reports of juveniles driving around popping off fireworks. They were able to trace down the vehicle and noted that the vehicle hood was still warm. They made contact with a juvenile at the door who refused to talk and closed the front door. This case is open, but not currently being actively worked on.

The only crime that exists is the illegal discharge of a firearm. No one has claimed bullet entry, injury, or near misses. No witnesses actually saw who fired the shots or if the shots even came from the golden Cadillac. You have 3 detectives that have higher priority crimes that are currently taking a front seat, ie. Assaults, sexual assault, drug offenses, larger thefts.

Before someone ask, yes, we can dust the casing for fingerprints, but it only proves who loaded the gun, not who fired it.

Ms. Crawford had concerns about property crimes being higher in Leon Valley than in Texas and the nation based on a staff utilization report given to the City Council.

The staff utilization report wasn't a crime report. It was a report on whether we have enough police personnel and whether our organizational structure is adequate. They used various trends to justify their recommendations. With that being said, property crimes in Leon Valley may be higher than the national and state trends but are not higher than in the area; see below.



PROPERTY CRIME

Property Crime Comparison (per 1,000 residents)



Chances of Becoming a Victim of a Property Crime



Mr. Moran had concerns about the statements made on NextDoor about the development on Seneca West. Why staff does not stop the misinformation from occurring? The video shown on social media did not explain this development very well, and the number of homes in the

video was not close to what is being discussed on NextDoor. Some commented on the lack of trees on the properties some stated that the video just showed the traffic on Bandera Rd.

Here is the link to the video if you have not seen it.

<https://youtu.be/-AoHb83RUPY?si=SCD6jB7pKE2Rvt79>

This is a development video created by the Economic Development Director, whose goal is to entice new businesses to come to Leon Valley; new businesses want to see a major thoroughfare with traffic, and new housing developments are a plus. This video only showcases Senna 1 and clearly states its location off of Huebner and the Trilogy property and clearly states its location off of Evers rd. This video does not discuss the Seneca West development. The reason is that the City Council has not decided on the Seneca West project. I spoke to Mr. Moran after the meeting and clarified the video; he had been confused about the Senna and Seneca West projects. He mentioned that putting a map in the video could have prevented the confusion. I agree, and next time, we will make sure the locations are highlighted. As for the tree clearing, Senna One is anticipating 25 permits by the end of August. The interest has been high.

I also mentioned that I do not know what is being said on Nexdoor because the city does not have access to that information. I did agree to put together a fact sheet on Seneca West, which will be forthcoming.

Lastly, there were concerns about Animal Control on the weekends and in general.

As explained at the coffee, animal control will resume on the weekends when everyone is trained to handle both animal and code complaints on their own. When we run out of space, there is not much we can do. Animals sometimes have to stay roaming unless they are vicious. The city is hoping to work something out with Bexar County for a long-term solution. I agree that we could do better with our public service announcements on low-cost vet clinics, vaccinations, and other pet ownership information.