



**CITY OF LEON VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238
Tuesday, April 04, 2023 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

The City of Leon Valley City Council Shall Hold an In-Person Meeting with A Quorum of Members of City Council to Be Physically Present in The Leon Valley City Council Chambers, 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238. Some Members of City Council May Appear and Participate in The Meeting by Videoconference Pursuant to The Requirements Set Forth in The Texas Open Meetings Act.

Citizens May E-Mail Public Comments To citizenstobeheard@leonvalleytexas.gov. All Other Citizen Participation May Be Provided In-Person at City Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order; Determine a Quorum is Present, Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

Mayor Chris Riley
Council Place 1 Benny Martinez
Council Place 2 Josh Stevens
Council Place 3 Jed Hefner
Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Rey Orozco
Council Place 5 Will Bradshaw

Mayor Chris Riley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced that a quorum of City Council was present in Council Chambers.

Mayor Riley asked Councilor Will Bradshaw to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Citizens to be Heard

Those who spoke at this time were: Tina Chasan (Leon Valley); Ralph Nicholson (Leon Valley); Margarita Bania Ruiz, owner of Cha Cha's New Gen Café; John Smith (Leon Valley); Jason Banis of Banis Towing; Pat Martinez (Leon Valley); and Dave Shippy, Vista Del Rey.

3. Presentations

1. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with a selected Towing Company to provide Towing and Impound Services for Leon Valley - D. Gonzalez, Police Chief**

David Gonzalez, LVPD Chief presented the results of the recent Request for Proposals for Towing and Impound Services.

A motion was made by Councilor Rey Orozco to approve as presented and allow the city manager to negotiate a contract with Banis Towing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Benny Martinez.

Councilor Jed Hefner requested that Councilor Benny Martinez abstain due to Mrs. Martinez saying they "know the Banis people."

Mayor Chris Riley asked Nicole Warren, City Attorney for her legal opinion. Mrs. Warren asked Councilor Martinez to explain his relationship with the Banis staff. Mrs. Warren replied that there did not seem to be any reason based on the explanation, for Councilor Martinez to abstain.

Those who spoke on this item were: Pat Martinez (Leon Valley); Philip Campos (Leon Valley)

Councilor Rey Orozco amended his motion by adding that the City Manager provide the information to the City Council before signing the contract.

Voting Yea: Council Place 1 Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco
Voting Nay: Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Council Place 5 Bradshaw

2. **Presentation, Discussion, and Direction to Consider Allocating Funds from the American Rescue Plan for the Purchase of Certain Park Amenities - M. Moritz, Public Works Director**

Crystal Caldera, City Manager informed the City Council that this item will not be presented this evening.

4. **Announcements by the Mayor and Council Members.** At this time, reports about items of community interest, which no action will be taken may be given to the public as per Chapter 551.0415 of the Government Code, such as: expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence, information regarding holiday schedules, reminders of social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by the governing body or that was or will be attended by a member of the Leon Valley City Council or a City official.

Announcements were made by the Mayor and Members of City Council.

5. City Manager's Report

Crystal Caldera, City Manager reminded everyone that the City Manager's Report was printed and available on the table in the foyer, as well as posted on the website. City

Manager Caldera introduced Daniel Blystone as our new IT Manager; and reminded everyone to RSVP to Crystal Miranda, Community Relations Director; thanked everyone for helping with the Jazz Festival; and lastly informed everyone that the Fiesta Medals are in.

1. Upcoming Important Events:

Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in Council Chambers.

Last day to register to vote in the May 06, 2023 Elections is April 06, 2023.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, April 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM, at the Leon Valley Conference Center.

Library Volunteer Appreciation Party, Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Library.

Picnic with the Mayor & City Council, Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in the “grassy” area at the Conference Center.

Early Voting at the Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road, Texas, 78238, Monday, April 24, 2023 through Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Friday, April 28, 2023 – Closed; Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Sunday, April 30, 2023 - Closed; and Monday, May 01, 2023 and Tuesday, May 02, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Annual City-Wide Garage Sale, Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Big Rig Petting Zoo, Monday, June 05, 2023, from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, at Raymond Rimkus Park.

Miscellaneous other events and announcements.

6. Consent Agenda

Councilor Jed Hefner asked to pull Consent Agenda 6.3 for discussion; and to approve Consent Agenda items 6.1, 6.2, and 6.4 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Will Bradshaw.

Voting Yea: Council Place 1 Martinez, Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco, Council Place 5 Bradshaw

1. Discussion and Possible Action Approving of the Following City Council Minutes:
a. 03-21-2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

2. Discussion and Possible Action Accepting of the Following Board/Commission Minutes:

a. 02-09-2023 Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

b. 02-22-2023 Earthwise Living Committee Meeting Minutes

3. **Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Appointing Members to the Bandera Road Site-Community Advisory Group, Board of Adjustment, Earthwise Living Committee, and Park Commission- Mayor Chris Riley**
4. **Discussion and Possible Action on an Ordinance Amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.09 – Parks and Recreation, Division 1 Generally, Sec. 1.09.036 - Pets and Other Animals, (e), to prohibit the feeding of deer in city-owned parks and drainageways (1st Read was Held on 03-21-2023) - M. Moritz, Public Works Director**

Councilor Jed Hefner expressed his concerns with the amendments prohibiting the feeding of deer.

Those who spoke on this item were: Casey Rowse (Leon Valley)

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to table this item. Councilor Rey Orozco seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Council Place 1 Martinez, Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco, Council Place 5 Bradshaw

7. Regular Agenda

1. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Expend Economic and Community Development Funds in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 to Purchase a 15 Barrel Tank to Increase Operations to LongTab Brewing Company - R. Salinas, Director of Economic Development**

Roque Salinas, Economic Development Director presented an item seeking City Council consideration to expend EDC funds in the amount, not to exceed \$10,000 to purchase a 15-barrel tank to increase operations to LongTab Brewing Company.

A motion was made by Councilor Jed Hefner to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Benny Martinez.

Voting Yea: Council Place 1 Martinez, Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco, Council Place 5 Bradshaw

2. **Presentation, Public Hearing, and Discussion to Consider Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing a Zoning Change From R-2 Two Family Dwelling to R-1 Single Family Dwelling District on Two Lots, Being Lots 19 and 20, Blk 8, CB 4432C, Being 0.266 and 0.2204 Acres of Land, in the Grass Valley Subdivision Unit #1, Located at 6602 & 6608 Peachtree (1st Read as Required by City Charter) - M. Teague, Planning and Zoning Director**

Mindy Teague, Planning & Zoning Director presented this item for City Council consideration of an ordinance authorizing a zoning change from R-2 Two Family

Dwelling to R-1 Single Family Dwelling District on two lots, being lots 19 and 20, Block 8, CB 4432C, being 0.266 and 0.2204 acres of land, in the Grass Valley Subdivision Unit #1, located at 6602 & 6608 Peachtree.

Mayor Chris Riley opened the Public Hearing at 8:29 PM. There being no comments, Mayor Riley closed the Public Hearing at 8:29 PM.

City Council asked that this item be placed on the next Consent Agenda for second read.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on An Ordinance to Amend the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Article 1.06 Boards, Commissions, and Committees and Add Sec. 1.06.009 City of Leon Valley Economic and Community Development Policies and Guidelines for Funding (1st Read was Held 03-21-2023) – R. Salinas, Director of Economic Development

Crystal Caldera, City Manager presented the item seeking City Council consideration and amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Article 1.06 Boards, Commissions, and Committees and adding Section 1.06.009 City of Leon Valley Economic and Community Development Policies and Guidelines for Funding.

Roque Salinas, Economic Development Director was also present.

Mayor Chris Riley read an email that was submitted by Evan Bohl (Leon Valley)

A motion was made by Councilor Will Bradshaw to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rey Orozco.

Voting Yea: Council Place 2 Stevens, Council Place 3 Hefner, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Place 4 Orozco, Council Place 5 Bradshaw

Voting Nay: Council Place 1 Martinez

4. Presentation, Discussion and Direction on a Possible Ordinance Prescribing Advisory Committee Procedures under the Open Meetings Act and providing a provision for committee member removal (1st Read as Required by City Charter) - Dr. Caldera, City Manager

Crystal Caldera, City Manager presented an ordinance for City Council consideration prescribing Advisory Committee Procedures under the Texas Open Meetings Act and providing a provision for committee member removal.

Councilor Benny Martinez asked City Manager Caldera to add that agendas are to be posted on the City website.

This item will be brought back on the next Consent Agenda.

Councilor Josh Stevens expressed his opposition to this proposed ordinance.

8. Citizens to be Heard

None

9. Requests from Members of City Council to Add Items to Future Agendas – Per Section 3.10 (A) of the City of Leon Valley’s Code of Ordinances, at a meeting of City Council, a member of City Council may place an item on an agenda by making a motion to place the item on a future agenda and receiving a second. No discussion shall occur at the meeting regarding the placement of the item on a future agenda.

None

10. Adjournment


Mayor Riley announced that the meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley City Council on the 18th of April, 2023.

APPROVED



**CHRIS RILEY
MAYOR**

ATTEST: 

**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY**

