

**LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 14, 2010**

MEETING OPENED: by Vice President Bill Elliott at 7 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Waters, Larry Tyler, Chuck Fluharty and Bill Elliott

MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzy Love

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Motion to approve Minutes for the May meeting made by Larry Tyler, seconded by Chuck Fluharty, approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was read by Mike Waters. He noted that the Officers' and Directors' Insurance and the Post Office Box rental had been paid. Motion to accept the report made by Larry Tyler, seconded by Chuck Fluharty, approved by voice vote.

AGENDA:

PRESIDENT COMMENTS: As acting President, Bill Elliott thanked LVIA for this year's Cherry Parade noting he had a great time. The results are all up on the Town Council website, as well as requests for feedback and volunteers for next year. There are links to the appropriate sites. Bill also noted that the Cherry Parade got more hits than anything else all year. Contact information will be forwarded for the yoga and karate classes to be added to the LVIA page. Jan Clark presented information about a Sertoma Fundraiser for July 17. It is to be a night at the Jethawks vs. Bakersfield Braves game with the first person buying five tickets getting to throw out the first ball at the game.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Juanita Kirkpatrick presented an agreement letter, to be approved and signed by the Town Council, to release Leona Heritage Museum funds held in a Sertoma account. These funds will go to the West Antelope Valley Historical Society now that the project has been turned over to it. The motion to accept the "To close of the Heritage Park account and turn funds over to the West Antelope Valley Historical Society for Museum building costs" was made by Mike Waters, seconded by Larry Tyler, approved by voice vote. John Seymour and Karl Percy spoke about the Museum project and urged folks to volunteer to help organize and run the Museum. All local groups will be asked to donate items for inclusion in the building's contents. Deputy Bob Sneider mentioned a recent burglary at the Reitano's property. He asked for residents to watch for and report odd folks hanging about or unusual happenings. A brief mention was made of a recent marijuana field removal from the National Forest. It is an ongoing investigation with no suspects to date. Questioned about ongoing vandalism in the Green Valley area the deputy suggested that it is the work of kids out of school now. He mentioned that kids seen out and about after hours are being questioned. John Allday, representing the Valley Vineyards project, asked to be put on next month's agenda to present an update on the proposed development. Larry Tyler made mention of the 20th annual Family Music Festival sponsored by Supervisor Mike Antonovich for June 27 in San Dimas. He also noted that the Town Council had received a letter from the IRS asking for June 31, 2009, tax forms. He and Anne Bright replied and also sent copies of the request that the year end date be changed to comply with the Town Council Charter Year End of November 30.

ELIZABETH LAKE ROAD CONCERNS: Juanita Kirkpatrick referred to a month-old article that she had read which indicated that Elizabeth Lake Road was to be finished to Godde Hill Road in the near future. She suggested that members re-read the Ritter Ranch Settlement Agreement to determine whether the suggested expansion was valid and send a letter to Palmdale City, which has control of the road, reiterating the agreement's facts and also having the city correct the drainage system on the newly-completed roadway as it becomes a river during heavy rains. Larry Tyler mentioned speaking to Bob Barjam, of SunCal, who stated that there were no plans for more work on the road until the economy changes and more houses are built. Karl Percy suggested that the Agreement should be read by new board members each year.

WATER RATE HIKE COMMITTEE REPORT: Chuck Fluharty noted that nothing has changed since his May report. There were some concerns about interpretation of the Settlement Meeting results which the committee still had to review and would then write a letter to the Administrative Law Judge handling the hearings to stress what the group felt was agreed to.

CSD: County planners are hoping to get together with residents in September or October to present their version of the CSD report. Anne Bright noted that the calendar for availability of the building during those months was filling up.

TOWN AND COUNTRY MEETING, DEVELOPMENT REPORTS: Mike Waters, Bill Elliott and Richard Thomas attended the last of the 20-year Antelope Valley County Plan Revision "Town and Country" meetings. Bill reported that all input seemed to be being consolidated well and the process was very open. He noted that all the reports reflecting the proposals can be accessed on the Internet by links from the Town Council website. Bill also went briefly over a land division proposal by Allan Copeland which has been changed to four ten-plus acre parcels from 10 parcels mainly due to county proposed improvement costs.

OLD BUSINESS: The Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT) Protocol can now be accessed from the Town Council website. This describes the process to be followed to call out a NAT team. Larry Tyler addressed concerns about Call Station #140 which

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serves Leona Valley. There are only two volunteers certified to operate the engines. He has written a letter to try to get the County Fire Department to organize Operator Academies to get personnel certified for our (and other) areas. John Grimm said he still needs volunteers to man the station as there is a constant turnover of personnel. He mentioned that academies to train and certify firefighters and operators are being planned and the manual for Call Firefighters is being reviewed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Moved by Bill Elliot, seconded by Larry Tyler, approved by voice vote at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Christine Stoddard

Revisions to minutes: _____

Motion to approve by: __Larry Tyler Seconded by: _____Chuck Fluharty

Approved: _____Voice Vote Date: _____07/13/10