

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
City Council Chambers
505 Avenue D
Valley Mills, Texas 76689**

**STATE OF TEXAS
BOSQUE COUNTY**

Thursday

November 2, 2017

6:00 PM

Mayor Wittmer called meeting to order.

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call:

	Present	Not Present
Mayor Jerry Wittmer	X	
Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Nichols	X	
Councilman Bill McKain	X	
Councilman Wesley Lewis	X	
Councilman Larry Turner	X	
Councilman Curtis Wiethorn	X	
Municipal Clerk Robin Skinner	X	
Police Chief Bob Summers		X
Fire Chief David Fisk		X

Mayor Jerry Wittmer called roll and established a quorum. Approximately 3 guests were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Mayor Wittmer led the Pledge of Allegiance for the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag as well as led in Prayer.

3. Regular Agenda

- a. **Discussion and consideration of an appointment to fill the vacancy on the City Council created by the resignation of Councilmember Lancaster.** – Mayor made the recommendations to consider Wesley Lewis, Chris Hillin and Brittany Scaramucci. Councilman McKain made a motion to consider Wesley Lewis for the open seat, Councilman Wiethorn seconded the motion. Council voted four to zero in favor of appointing Wesley Lewis to the open council seat.
 - i. **Swore in Wesley Lewis.**
- b. **Discussion and consideration of appointing Robin Skinner as City Secretary of the City.** – Motion made by Councilman Wiethorn to appoint Robin Skinner as City Secretary, seconded by Councilman Nichols. Council voted five to zero in favor.
- c. **Discussion and possible consideration of changing the November regular meeting date from Monday, November 13, 2017 to Thursday, November 16, 2017.** – Mayor explain the that we are wanting to addressing the zoning committees recommendations so we need to push back the meeting to allow for enough time for the notice to be posted. Motion was made by Councilman McKain to change the date, Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

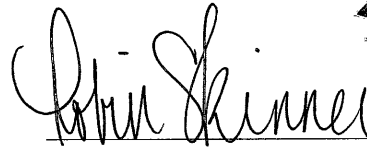
- d. **Adjourn into Executive Session at 6:12 pm for Consultation with attorney at pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(2) to consult with the City's attorney regarding: William Linn, specifically, legal issues surrounding his resignation and/or termination of employment; the Offer Letter dated December 15, 2015, his claim for severance pay or consultant fees, and discussion of his actions and use of City funds while serving as City Administrator.**
- e. **Reconvene in Regular Session at 6:50 pm and take action as necessary on the items listed above and discussed in Executive Session.**
 - i. Motion was made by Councilman Rodney Nichols to accept the proposed \$29,531.12 pay in exchange for the return of all city properties and passwords, Councilman Turner seconded. Motion passed five to zero.

4. **Adjourn:**

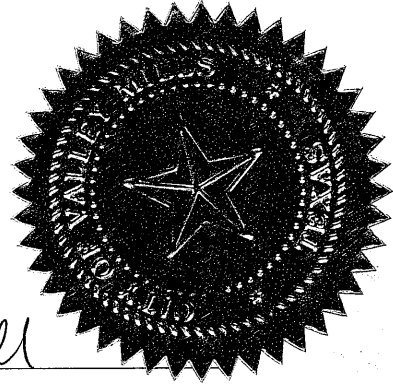
- a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM



Mayor, Jerry Wittmer



Attested by: City Secretary, Robin Skinner



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
City Council Chambers
505 Avenue D
Valley Mills, Texas 76689

STATE OF TEXAS
BOSQUE COUNTY

Monday

November 16, 2017

7:00 PM

Mayor Wittmer called meeting to order.

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call:

	Present	Not Present
Mayor Jerry Wittmer	X	
Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Nichols	X	
Councilman Bill McKain	X	
Councilman Wesley Lewis	X	
Councilman Larry Turner	X	
Councilman Curtis Wiethorn	X	
Municipal Clerk Robin Skinner	X	
Police Chief Bob Summers	X	
Fire Chief David Fisk		X

Mayor Jerry Wittmer called roll and established a quorum. Approximately 16 guests were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Mayor Wittmer led the Pledge of Allegiance for the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.
Prayer was given by Chief Bob Summers.

3. Reports

- a. *Police Department* – given by Chief Summers
- b. *Municipal Court* – given by Robin Skinner
- c. *City* – none given.
- d. *Volunteer Fire Department* – none given.

4. Updates, Presentations, and Recognitions

- a. *Landscape Yard of the Month* – 204 Avenue G, Kimberly Jones
- b. *Recognize and Congratulate the Cross Country Team and Marching Band on their accomplishments.*

5. Consent Agenda


- a. *Approval of minutes of previous meeting* – Motion was made by Councilman Nichols to accept the previous meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. Motion passed.
- b. *Payment of Accounts Payable* – Motion was made by Councilman Wiethorn to accept the Accounts Payable, Seconded by Councilman McKain, all voted in favor of the motion.
- c. *Statement of Revenue and Expenses for previous month* – Motion was made by Councilman McKain to accept Revenue and Expenses, Councilman Lewis seconded the motion. Council voted five to zero, motion passed.

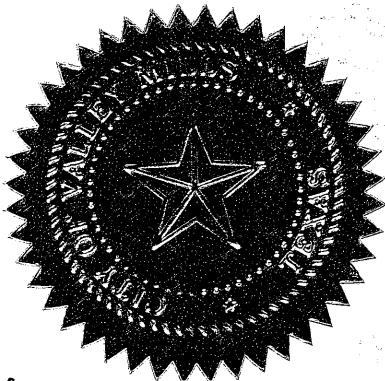
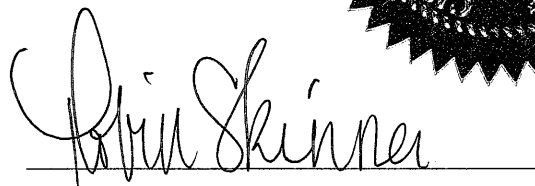
6. Regular Agenda

- a. Adjourn into Executive Session: at 7:12 pm**
- i. Consultation with Attorney:** Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071(1) to consult with the City's attorney on pending or contemplated litigation: William Chrisman and Darrin Troxell v. City of Valley Mills, Cause No. 2017-3342-5 in the District Court, McLennan County, Texas.
 - ii. Personnel Matters:** Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074(a) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: specifically regarding appropriate pay increase for City Secretary due to promotion from Municipal Clerk.
 - iii. Personnel Matters:** Conduct an executive session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074(a) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: specifically complaint filed against the Chief of Police.
- b. Reconvene in Regular Session and take action as necessary on items discussed in Executive Session.**
- i. Consultation with Attorney:** regarding pending or contemplated litigation: William Chrisman and Darrin Troxell v. City of Valley Mills, Cause No. 2017-3342-5 in the District Court, McLennan County, Texas.
 - i.** On the advice of our Assistant City Attorney we are not going to take action on the grievances filed by Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Troxell. We were unable to hold previous meetings to hear the grievances due to insufficient quorums. Since a lawsuit has now been filed we will allow the matters to be resolved through the court.
 - ii. Personnel Matters:** regarding appropriate pay increase for City Secretary due to promotion from Municipal Clerk.
 - i.** Councilman McKain made a motion to increase the City Secretary's hourly rate to \$22 an hour, plus review in again in 6 months for the possibility of addition raise or benefits. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Council voted five to zero in favor of the motion.
 - iii. Personnel Matters:** regarding complaint filed against the Chief of Police.
 - i.** No action taken
- c. Presentation of the City's Fiscal year 2014-2015 annual audit by Donald L Allman, CPA, PC; approval of audit by the City Council; and discussion of upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year audit. – stricken from agenda due to Donald L Allman being ill.**
- d. Discussion and possible action on approving redesigned 'Welcome to Valley Mills' painting of the embankment on Highway 6 to include the new Valley Mills LOGO. – Motion was made to approve the redesign by Councilman Nichols, and was seconded by Councilman Wiethorn, Motion Passed.**
- e. Discussion and possible action on increasing Old City Hall and Park Rental fees, as well as, including a deposit for park rentals to be returned provided that it is left in clean condition. – Motion was made by Councilman McKain to increase the Park Rental Fees to also include deposits to be returned provided the rental is left in clean: Old City Hall Rental \$75 per day + \$50 deposit, Santa Fe Park Rental \$50 per day + \$50 deposit, Boy Scouts Park Rental \$150 per day + \$150 deposit + the Renter is responsible for the cost of port-a-pots, Boy Scout Park Pavilion only \$50 Rental per day + \$50 deposit. Also if renting the whole Boy Scouts Park for the weekend or large event the Renter must as permission from the Council. Councilman Lewis seconded the motion. Council voted five to zero in favor of the motion.**
- f. Discussion and possible action on building metal stalls in the Santa Fe Park bathrooms. – Motion to explore final cost of adding stalls and reinforcing the stalls that were donated to the city was made by Councilman McKain, Seconded by Councilman Turner. Motion passed.**
- g. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Chris Sprole's proposal to the City of Valley Mills regarding water line from the corner of Nutt to the end of Avenue E, curb and gutter work, replacing drain horns, and possibly moving a water meter. – Table this issue Wiethorn to get more information**

and bring back to next meeting, Nichols seconded. 5/0

- h. Discussion of David Eden's request to possibly annex the property at 14606 N. Lonestar Parkway (FM 317) into the City of Valley Mills and provide water to that property.** – Mr. Eden asked the if the City would be willing to run water from the 'end of the current water' to the corner of their property, who would have the primary cost, and is there a way to get an estimate for that? They all discussed where the current water line is and what it would take to run the water line. Council suggested for him to look into surrounding water companies that are outside the city limits. Councilman Nichols made a motion to table this item until further information is gathered, Council McKain seconded the motion. Motion Tabled.
- i. Update Council on:**
- i. Basketball Court** – Mayor informed the council that we have donated monies for concrete work and basketball goals as well as scoreboards, also that we have a company that is willing to pour the concrete at a reduced rate. Councilman Wiethorn made a motion to giving permission to the Mayor to get the basketball court done and complete, Councilman Lewis seconded the motion. Council voted, none opposed.
 - ii. Sewer Plant**
 - iii. Poultry Trades Days at Boy Scouts Park**
- j. Discussion, consideration and possible action on an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2017-02-13 to allow the use of Facebook for all the City of Valley Mills departments to communicate with the public regarding city matters.** – Councilman Lewis made a motion to accept the ordinance as written, Councilman Turner seconded the motion, Council voted in favor of the motion.
- k. Discussion, consideration and possible action on the Library's request to amend the approved 2017-2018 Budget regarding line item 5501** – The Valley Mills Public Library asked the Council to increase their approved budgeted amount to reflect their desired proposed budget amount. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Wiethorn to amend the budget increase line item 5501 by \$2,000 to a total of \$15,000. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. Council voted five to zero in favor.
- l. Consideration and action on updating signatories at First National Bank of Bosque County to provide that Mayor, Jerry Wittmer; Mayor Pro Tem, Rodney Nichols; Councilman, Bill McKain; Councilman Curtis Wiethorn; Councilman, Larry Turner; Councilman, Wesley Lewis; and City Secretary, Robin Skinner are signatories for the City.** – Councilman Turner made a motion to update the signatories at the bank, Councilman Nichols seconded the motion. Motion Passed.
- m. Consideration and action on allowing either the Mayor or City Secretary, to authorize create, edit, and release ACH transactions, deposits, and withdrawals between, into or out of bank accounts via internet banking at the First National Bank of Bosque County.** – Motion made by Councilman Wiethorn to authorize the Mayor, City Secretary or Mayor Pro-Tem, Motion was seconded by Councilman Lewis. Motion passed five to zero.
- 7. Citizen Comments:**
- a. None.
- 8. Adjourn:**
- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM


Mayor, Jerry Wittmer



Attested by: City Secretary, Robin Skinner