

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

STATE OF TEXAS
BOSQUE COUNTY

Monday

October 9, 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 Bill Lancaster		X
Councilman Larry Turner	X	
Councilman Curtis Wiethorn	X	
City Administrator William Linn	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 31 guests were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Mayor Wittmer led the Pledge of Allegiance for the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.
Ray Bickerstaff gave the opening prayer.

3. Reports

- a. *Police Department* – given by Chief Summers
- b. *Municipal Court* – given by Robin Skinner
- c. *City* – given by Robin Skinner
- d. *Volunteer Fire Department* – given by Larry Turner

4. Updates, Presentations, and Recognitions

- a. *Landscape Yard of the Month* – David Light at 111 N 4th Street
- b. *Present the WINNING Official City of Valley Mills LOGO* – Cathey A Dials, Train LOGO

5. Consent Agenda

- a. *Approval of minutes of previous meeting* – Motion made by Councilman Wiethorn to approve the minutes as written, Seconded by Councilman Turner. All Ayes, Motion Passed.
- b. *Payment of Accounts Payable* – Councilman Turner made a motion to accept the Accounts Payable, Councilman McKain seconded, and Council voted five to zero in favor of the motion.
- c. *Statement of Revenue and Expenses for previous month* - Councilman McKain made a motion to accept the Revenue and Expenses, Councilman Nichols seconded. Council voted, None Opposed.

6. Regular Agenda

- a. **Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution #439 declaring the Valley Mills Progress as the Official Newspaper for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018.** – Councilman Wiethorn made a motion to adopt Resolution #439, Seconded by Councilman Turner, None Opposed.
- b. **Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution #440 designating the Official observed City Paid Holidays and Amending Section 5.03a of the City of Valley Mills Personnel Manual.** – Motion made by Councilman Nichols to adopt Resolution #440, motion was seconded by Councilman Wiethorn. All Ayes, Motion Passed.
- c. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing and granting a variance on Ordinance 418 and permitting Lacy Swearingen and Decker Out Beauty Salon to engage in eyebrow painting, thereby, enabling them to serve those who have permanently lost their eyebrows as a result of chemotherapy and/or other cancer treatments.** – Motion was made by Councilman McKain to accept the variance on Ordinance 418, Councilman Turner seconded the motion, council voted in favor.
- d. **Discussion and possible action on amending the approved 2017/2018 Budget to provide for the annual salary and annual benefits of the City Administrator.** – Motion made by Councilman McKain to amend the budget to include the City Administrator's salary as it stands currently, Seconded by Councilman Wiethorn, Council Voted 5/0 in favor.
- e. **Discussion and possible action on authorizing the finance committee to not renew CD#1015 and to transfer the funds of \$62,417.47 into the reserve account.** – Councilman Wiethorn made a motion to not renew CD #1015 and move those monies to the reserve fund, Seconded by Council McKain, Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- f. **Discussion and possible action on closing Avenue D between Fifth and Sixth Street for:**
 - i. **The Gathering in Santa Fe Park on October 14, 2017**
 - ii. **Christmas in the Park on December 9, 2017**
Councilman Nichols made a motion to approve both requests for the road closures, Councilman Wiethorn seconded the motion, Motion Passed.
- g. **Adjourn into Executive Session at 7:26 pm.**
 - i. **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: regarding Officer Brandon Fitzgerald.
- h. **Reconvene in Regular Session and take action as necessary on items discussed in Executive Session at 7:47 pm.**
 - i. **Consideration and possible action regarding Officer Brandon Fitzgerald.** – Motion made to take no action by Councilman McKain, Councilman Wiethorn seconded, All Agreed, None Opposed.

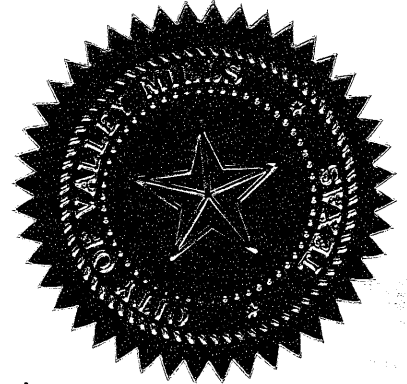
7. Citizen Comments:

- a. **Joe Amodio regarding the Police Department** – Mr. Amodio feels like the Police Department could do a better job at responding to calls and investigating those calls as they come in to the department. And expressed his concern for the Police Department not having 24/7 coverage.

- b. **Bill Wallace regarding Water and Sewer, as well as, Street Signs** – Mr. Wallace addressed the Council asking how they plan to fix the problems with the water and sewer systems and lines now that an increase was passed to this year’s budget. Also he expressed his concerns for how quickly the speed limits drop coming into town and that he feels as if there are not enough warning signs regarding speed limit changes.
- c. **Winn Merghart regarding Town Hall Meetings** - Mr. Merghart addressed Council asking them to look into problems that are addressed and he does not feel like these concerns are not being addressed or fixed as residents bring them to the City’s/Council’s attention.
- d. **Ray Bickerstaff regarding the Police Department** - Mr. Bickerstaff started by thanking the Council, City Administrator, and Police Department for all the hard work they do, stating that people should not believe everything they read on Facebook. And states he does not believe “Valley Mills is a speed trap” and that our City dynamics have changed over the years to a “young community with lots of kids walking and playing around town” and it’s important to have patrol in the school zones since they are on a major highway.

8. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM



Jerry Wittmer Mayor

Mayor, Jerry Wittmer

Robin Skinner

Attested by: City Municipal Clerk, Robin Skinner