

LETTER TO LEON VALLEY CITIZENS

From Mayor Chris Riley

December 22, 2023

THE LEON VALLEY CITY COUNCIL & STAFF WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Just a reminder, City Hall offices, with the exception of the Police and Fire departments, will be closed from December 22nd through January 1, 2024. The Leon Valley Library will be closed from December 23 through December 26th, reopening on December 27 through December 30, 2023. The Library will reopen on January 2, 2024.

SPECIAL THANKS TO.....

The Leon Valley Fire Department for brightening up our Christmas holiday this week with their **SANTA RUNS** throughout the Leon Valley neighborhoods!

The Leon Valley Police Department for sponsoring another successful **BLUE SANTA** program for families in need at Christmas. The City Manager reported 44 Leon Valley families and 92 Leon Valley children were helped. The department raised \$9,000. To anyone who volunteered their time or money towards this worthwhile cause, we greatly appreciate it.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING at the Library, Community and Conference Center areas will continue shining brightly through New Years Day. The Public Works department is to be commended on their efforts in putting up the lights, tree and other holiday displays, which has brought so much joy and happiness to everyone who visits the area.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING –December 19, 2023

The following are highlights of council actions from the December 19th council meeting which began at 6:00 p.m., due to an executive session at the beginning of the meeting. Council received an update on a pending litigation against the City. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA

Council Considered of an Ordinance for a Zone Change in the 5400 Block of Grissom, adjacent to the U-Haul facility to allow the developer to construct a car wash on 2.32 acres of land. This property is zoned B-2 Retail with Sustainability Overlay, which does not allow car washes. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the change. Council is expected to approve this zone change at the January 16th, 2024 council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Strategic Planning Workshop – City Council decided not to add this to the Town Hall Meeting agenda on January 27th, 2024, but instead to have a separate workshop. **Council chose Saturday, February 3rd, 2024, at 9 am in City Hall chambers**, to review and revise the existing strategic plan and obtain input from citizens. It is recommended that a city's Strategic Plan be updated every 5 years. The last time we reviewed and updated this document was in January, 2018. The strategic plan includes our City's mission and vision statement. Your participation is vital to determine the direction of our city. Please mark your calendar and hope to see you there!

“Pipeline” for the list of pending or tabled items was re-prioritized – Under pending items, fluoride and implementation of the Texas Police Chiefs Association policies were deleted because the issues have been addressed to the satisfaction of Council. Councilors Bradshaw and Orozco requested the Economic and Community Development Advisory committee to review the Sign Ordinance and make recommendations to Council for any changes.

2024 Solid Waste Survey – This survey was discussed by Council after Melinda Mortiz presented it several meetings back. Council considered an updated draft of this survey. The Tiger Sanitation seven year contract will expire at the end of 2024. Garbage pickup is a big issue in Leon Valley. The council would like to hear from citizens on the components of solid waste they want and are willing to pay for. These include the number of pickups per week for trash, paying more for twice a year brush and furniture collection over 8 cubic feet, adding household hazardous waste, and/or an organic waste disposal to a future contract. Participants will be asked to complete the survey at the Town Hall meeting on January 27,

2024. For those citizens/businesses who do not attend the Town Hall meeting, the survey will be mailed out with a deadline to respond. Your voice counts! The survey results will help determine how the Request for Proposal will be written to solicit proposals from Tiger and other waste pickup companies.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Live Xmas Tree pickup by Tiger Sanitation from December 26-January 30th on your regular garbage collection day. Trees must be cut into 4 foot lengths, free of decoration and lights. Artificial trees are not included.

Tiger Sanitation is switching to all electronic billing – Your service may be cut off if you don't pay your bill, so, please call (210) 333-4287 or go to www.tigersanitation.com to set up your portal for payment of services.

Our first regular city council meeting for 2024 is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m.** at city hall. More than likely it will be a longer meeting due to the cancellation of the January 2nd council meeting.

Please stay safe and keep healthy. Hard to believe how fast this year went by. If you need any help with any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or any councilmember. See you next year!

Sincerely, Chris

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