

LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
09/10/2021

SEPTEMBER 7TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Brief highlights of the City Council action from this meeting are:

- Adopted a total property tax rate of \$0.534099 for both Maintenance and Operations and Interest Sinking (debt service) for Fiscal year 2022. The rate was reduced from last year but the average home will have a \$71 increase due to increased appraisals;
- Presented Sandra Morgan with a clock for 37 years of service as the Leon Valley Elementary School crossing guard (and still going strong);
- The Capital Facilities Oversight Committee recommended splitting the Public Works facility upgrade into two parts: 1) building a new personnel building for \$1.3 million, plus a \$30,000 storage facility and \$16,000 for truck ports to protect equipment; and 2) rehabilitate existing buildings/grounds over time with funding allocated each fiscal year. The previous plan to do both parts was estimated to cost \$3.1 million;
- Directed staff to address citizen concerns regarding bulk pick up issues, looking at expanded or unlimited brush pickup and other suggested remedies with related costs to the city;
- Directed staff to remove all sign requirements from all overlay districts from the Zoning Code and forward to Planning & Zoning Commission for recommendations;

The next scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 21st at 6:00 pm unless there is an executive session, which is at 5:30 pm. Visit www.leonvalleytexas.gov, Mayor & City Council, Council Agendas & Minutes, to check the agenda and packet for September 21st. If you have a comment you would like to share with the council, please email your public comments to citizenstobeheard@lenvalleytexas.gov. If you want to attend a council meeting, we are strongly encouraging mask wearing and social distancing in seating. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW

- **Google Fiber** is beginning to lay cable by a micro-trenching technique in our city, as indicated by the street markers and No Parking signs. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Google Fiber at 1-877-454-6959.

- **Northwest Senior Citizens**, which meets Monday – Friday from 9 am to 2 pm at the Leon Valley Community Center, will host an **OPEN HOUSE** on September 13, 14 & 15th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, seeking new members. Any senior interested in the daily exercise program or in playing **BINGO** on Wednesday at 1:00 pm, please come by next week. The Northwest Senior Citizens host a monthly luncheon and have sponsored trips to Kickapoo Casino and to New Mexico for the hot air balloon festival. There is no charge next week to participate in these activities, but if you are interested in becoming a member, there is a nominal (\$10) annual fee.

- **Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)** held a virtual Technical Advisory meeting on August 31st and reported that the long term options for the Bandera Road corridor have been narrowed to the *boulevard* and *parkway* concepts, which will be studied further.

- **Coronavirus Delta Variant**, the highly contagious

mutation of the COVID-19 virus, continues to spread in our community. This week, Judge Wolff reported that since August 18th there have been a total of 51,904 students who self-reported positive with the virus. 85% of COVID patients in hospitals are unvaccinated. As of September 7th, the positivity rate was at 7.6%, down from the high of 21.4% in early August. Also as of September 9th, there were 25 children in area hospitals with COVID, and 1,159 others in hospitals, with 21 deaths. A total of 4,017 people in Bexar County have died of COVID since March, 2020. The City of Leon Valley strongly encourages mask wearing at our city facilities, as well as social distancing and proper hygiene. To protect yourself, family and community, it is highly recommended to receive the vaccination shots or get tested on a weekly basis.

Thank you to John Marshall High School and American Legion Audie L. Murphy Post 336 for hosting 9-11 Remembrance Ceremonies today and tomorrow in honor of the 20th Anniversary. Stay safe.

Sincerely, Chris
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