



MINUTES

City of Pleasant Valley

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Work Session

Work Session Agenda

- Call to Order
- Drainage and Road Work
- Recreational Complex Updates (focus on lower field activity)
- Ordinance Review

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Haddix called the session to order at 6:00 pm. Council in attendance were Ed Aberegg, Chip Phillips, Gary Timms, Chuck Ledsoe, and Mike Walls. Erin Henderson was excused.

DRAINAGE AND ROAD WORK:

- Council reported that a huge drainage improvement project on Garner Street has been completed by Richard Earle Construction and that many other local road projects are already in progress or near starting.
- In the Pleasant Valley community, Williams, Betty Ann, Betty, and Sunnyside are all underway for fixes and upgrades, to include being paved.
- Session members commended that Stickley Inc. and Miller Paving for doing a great job on City projects.
- Chip Phillips notified Session members about changes in the priority of some local road projects due to waterline upgrades, State permitting timelines, and a variety of other matters that arise as we continue this massive road improvement initiative.
- Mayor Haddix reported to Session members that funds helping to pay for the many projects and initiatives that are happening right now are coming from the Federal American Rescue Plan/Recovery Act that is part of President Biden's Stimulus Package.
- Session members commented and uniformly remarked that our little community has lots of skilled workers and some great companies right here within our greater city area that have a good deal of experience and have been doing a fabulous job on some very complex projects.
- Session members noted that every Pleasant Valley area road is being assessed and will be undertaken for upgrades and fixes. A lot of activity is already going on and more will be taking place soon.
- It was agreed that the city needs more signs and other traffic control devices at the Kingmont/Pleasant Valley intersection just off the Interstate. The Mayor and Council are working with DOT/DOH to address current and future needs.
- There are some issues developing with improper drainage around our Municipal Park walking trail and several ideas being considered to try and minimize issues and water drainage to the trail area. However, some initial estimated costs will likely make some ideas for fixes and upgrades to be prohibitive.
- The area behind home plate of the ball field near the walking trail is in the most need of a new drain.
- We now have a general "guestimate" on a timeline for drainage fixes and upgrades to the lower soccer field/walking trail area of our Municipal Park, which may be as early as this Fall 2021.
- The City has a new mowing contract with Logan Landscaping that calls for mowing to be done approximately biweekly; more times can be added on a "as need" cost per cut basis. Logan Landscaping will also be doing the mowing around signage areas for our local communities and on Pump Station Road as needed.
- We are asking the community and local leaders for possible road expansion ideas to try and give the Millersville community another in/our access point.

RECREATIONAL COMPLEX UPDATES:

- Stickley Inc. has completed work to expand the overall surface area of our Municipal Park basketball court.
- Council has been reviewing ideas and options for replacing the Municipal Park largest storage shed (nearest ballfield). Community member, Robert E. West provided information on the assessed value of an existing storage shed (garage) in the area to be at \$9,500. Gary Timms reported that a typical or average price of a new stick-built shed is usually around \$16,000. Discussion was to pursue more information about the possible acquisition of this or another existing building and pursue a decision depending on final or acquisition project costs. Session members discussed if it should be our Building Commission to be charged with this and other property acquisition projects.

ORDINANCE REVIEW:

- Council Erin Henderson stated that the Planning Commission is working on reviewing and potentially updating/adjusting our current Ordinance #7 – Public Signs and Signals/Sign Ordinance. Gary Timms said most signs are in State of West Virginia right-of-way and as such, the State takes precedence. City Attorney, John Funkhouser stated that a local sign ordinance could be beneficial. Chuck Ledsome and Mayor Haddix suggested input from John Miller would be helpful.
- With regards to Ordinance #8 – City Planning Commission, the order would be for our City Planning Session to review and propose any amendments, if needed. Session members suggested that property acquisition activities be part of the new Building Commission efforts. In addition, the Building Commission could be charged with addressing FEMA documentation and issues specific to our river front property.
- Ordinance #9 will remain as is.
- Ordinance #11 will remain as is.
- Ordinance #12 will remain as is.
- A community member reported that Boy Scout Troop #7 did a nice job and deserve recognition for cleaning up debris around the off-ramp exit area of Pleasant Valley Road.
- Girl Scouts are building a Little Library, community book share box near our Municipal Park playground.

Work session adjourned at 7:00 pm.