



MINUTES

City of Pleasant Valley

Tuesday, June 15, 2021
COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- VVFD Report

Hotel/Motel Contributions – Funding Requests

- Funding Requests - None

City Business Review

- Drainage and Road Work Updates
- Recreational Complex Updates
- Key News - Announcements/Plans & Planning/Upcoming Events/Initiatives

Closing Items

- Council updates
- Citizen comments, questions, concerns
- Other business
- Adjournment (motion)

JUNE 15, 2021 - COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS: Mayor Emily Haddix welcomed Council and community to the City of Pleasant Valley Council Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Council.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: At 7:05 p.m., Mayor Haddix announced the feed to Facebook is running live at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpy> and called the meeting to order. Council present - Ed Aberegg; Emily Haddix; Erin Henderson; Chuck Ledsome; Chip Phillips; Gary Timms; and Mike Walls. City Attorney, John Funkhouser and City Clerk, Sherry Roof also present. Absent: VVFD Rep; Code Enforcement Officer, John Miller. Community Attendance: Ruth Kramer; Donna Swisher; Judy Brooks; Matt Heston.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Haddix presented a draft of the minutes from the May 18, 2021, Work Session & Council Meeting and asked for a review by all and comments, if any. Mayor Haddix requested motion to approve the minutes as drafted.

- *Gary Timms made a motion to approve minutes as drafted; Erin Henderson seconded; all approved.*

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: The May 2021, City of Pleasant Valley Financial Report and Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements as prepared and presented by Certified Public Accountant H. Allen Farcin was shared by Mayor Haddix to be reviewed by all.

- ***Mike Walls made motion to approve as prepared; Ed Aberegg seconded; all approved.***

REVIEW OF VVFD (VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT) REPORT: No one attended from the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department and no activity report submitted.

HOTEL/MOTEL CONTRIBUTIONS – FUNDING REQUESTS: None submitted.

CITY BUSINESS REVIEW:

- Drainage and Road Work Updates – Mayor Haddix and Council reminded that the largest part of the American Rescue Plan funds expected by the City of Pleasant Valley is still expected to go towards stormwater runoff issues and the related repairs to our roads. Mayor Haddix passed along some news developing from the Governor’s Office that certain parts of West Virginia may be declared and designated as a State of Emergency and as such be eligible for special relief in response to the recent series of heavy storms. As a city, we are encouraging citizens to report areas of drainage and stormwater runoff concerns. Mayor Haddix provided news and some basic instructions for using the new [Storm Water Damage Report](#) form linked to our city website at [City Forms & Ordinances - Welcome! \(cityofpleasantvalley.com\)](#). Mayor Haddix developed this process in a effort to gather real-time storm damage information and to better organize and document issues surrounding recurring stormwater runoff, maintenance, and management. This new form will also be posted to both our PV Community and Official City of Pleasant Valley Facebook pages. Mayor Haddix reminded citizens to watch for other updates to our official website at [www.cityofpleasantvalley.com](#).
- No new news to report regarding work on the Interstate expansion project. Council Chip Phillips has been taking the lead in working closely with the WV Department of Transportation/Division of Highways (DOH) in attempting to communicate concerns with traffic control and potential re-routing anticipated once the Interstate project gets underway. Mr. Phillips reiterated that our local DOH is not receiving regular timely updates from the DOT headquarters but will try and keep us up to date in as much as they know. Mr. Phillips, the Mayor, and other Council reminded citizens that we (as the City of Pleasant Valley), do *not* have any authority and as a City, we will not be authorized to put up signs and re-route traffic, etc. for State owned roadways. All we can do as a City, Council, and citizens is to be vigilant in identifying potential areas of concern and pass these concerns along to the State to address.

RECREATIONAL COMPLEX UPDATES:

- The City is continuing to work on issues with the lower field of our City Municipal Park involving stormwater runoff and other maintenance (refurbishing). It is a work in progress.

KEY NEWS - ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLANS & PLANNING/UPCOMING EVENTS/INITIATIVES:

- Mayor Haddix announced an idea for a Movie In The Park special event, which she is looking into for overall costs and planning.
- Mayor Haddix put out the call for a return of our Annual City Summer Celebration to be scheduled later this summer. The Mayor and Council need citizen volunteers to step forward to help make this event a reality. We need volunteers for the event planning and to take spots (assignments) to help with set-up, game hosting, food, clean-up, etc. on the day of the event. The City could invite a number of local area food trucks in conjunction with this potential event and could also open our ballfield/park concession stand during to any groups interested in using it to sell hot dogs, drinks, etc. Anyone interested in pushing this end to

summer citywide celebration event forward is encouraged to contact us to volunteer. Email: contact@cityofpleasantvalley.com. We would need the help of many citizens to make this event successful.

- Mayor Haddix also announced a second city-wide yard sale weekend has been set for July 22, 23, & 24.
- A new community share library box has been built and installed next to our City Municipal Park playground by a local community girl scout troop and is ready for sharing books – look for the little read box. Thanks to our community volunteers!
- Wrap-up from the CPR training event where the City of Pleasant Valley coordinated with Marion County Rescue to provide “free” CPR training and certification to residence was well attended. The City of Pleasant Valley and Marion County Rescue are in talks to coordinate additional training, possibly as early as this fall.
- The Mayor announced that she is in close coordination with state, county and other local disaster relief agencies concerning recent storm damage and clean-up issues throughout our community and any outside assistance that may be available.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Review of Ordinance #13 - Liquor Tax Retail License and #14 - Electing Officers – No changes needed.

CLOSING ITEMS:

- Citizen Comments, Questions, Concerns:
 - Council Chuck Ledsome asked to speak on behalf of his nephew. Mr. Ledsome indicated to Council and the citizens that he invited his nephew, Matt Heston, to attend the meeting to speak on behalf of a personal dispute he is having with the City of Fairmont over waterlines and a previous request to extend and/or expand waterlines on Serene Drive to accommodate a new home Mr. Heston hopes to build at the end of the street. Council Ledsome and Mr. Heston spoke of the fact that the City of Fairmont had previously approved his nephew’s new property for water availability and hook up for the home he plans to build but say the City of Fairmont Water Department has since reneged (withdrawn) their approval for water access and hookup. Mr. Heston asked to also speak on behalf of himself, laying out the circumstances of the City of Fairmont’s prior approval for water access to his new home, and reported the City of Fairmont Water Department has now withdrawn. Mr. Heston is asking the City of Pleasant Valley for ideas on how to proceed. Several Council reminded Mr. Heston as well as Council person Chuck Ledsome of the potential for a conflict of personal interest in this situation and otherwise offered the suggestion that Mr. Heston could try contacting the Public Service Commission directly to lodge a complaint of personal interest involving the City of Fairmont Water Department. Council concluded the discussion with a pledge as well as reminder that while we are here to work on behalf of *all* our citizens to improve infrastructure services and servicing, we also agreed to attempt to reach out to City of Fairmont on behalf of one our citizens to see if we could get an update on the situation, and potentially help to bring any continuing disagreement between Mr. Heston and the City of Fairmont Water Department to an agreeable conclusion. Council again advised Mr. Heston to pursue a personal complaint with the Public Service Commission if in fact he is not able to arrive at a workable solution to services from the City of Fairmont Water Department.
- Other Business - None.
- Adjournment - At 7:35 pm, Mayor Haddix called for motion to adjourn.
 - ***Mike Walls made motion to adjourn; Gary Timms seconded; all agreed.***

~~ Next Work Session/Council Meeting July 20, 2021 ~~