



MINUTES

City of Pleasant Valley

Tuesday, July 20, 2021
Work Session

Work Session Agenda

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Haddix called the session to order at 6:10 pm. Full Council was in attendance.

DRAINAGE AND ROAD WORK:

- Drainage and Road Work – Councilperson, Gary Timms reported numerous citizen complaints over excessive rainwater washout areas on Pleasant Valley Road, to which as a city, we have passed along to the WVDOT/Dept. of Highways. This is a state highway area for which the City of Pleasant Valley does not have jurisdiction for making changes, improvements, or fixes.
- Council discussed the status and ongoing plan(s) for road improvement and fixes, which is (loosely) – to assess and respond to the worse problem areas first, and next, to continue as time, funding, and contracted resources will allow, and to work as efficiently as possible, as well as continue to collaborate and coordinate with each of our local area utility companies and with State Department of Transportation authorities.
- Council discussed reasons for and ideas that might make it necessary and reasonable to initiate a comprehensive engineering study to address some our areas biggest recurring drainage and stormwater runoff problems.

RECREATIONAL COMPLEX UPDATES:

- Park drainage work is mostly done, except for new culverts that are still needed. Also considering adding some fencing around walking trail.
- Councilperson Gary Timms suggested we earmark money in our park budget to purchase and install up to three AED units strategically throughout the City Municipal Park grounds as well as City Hall.

ORDINANCE REVIEW:

- Review of Ordinance #17, 17A, 17B, 17C – Annexation, Ordinance #20 – Floodplain – No changes needed.
 - Zoning & Code Enforcement Office, John Miller reminded Council that our #20 Floodplain ordinance is required to remain in compliance with FEMA rules. Mr. Miller volunteered to review and monitor the current ordinance for any updates as may be needed to assure consistency and compliance with current FEMA standards.

CITIZEN CONCERNS:

- Councilperson Matt Heston invited his nephew to attend the Work Session for an update on his issue concerning the Fairmont Water Department. Council offered Mr. Matt Heston the floor for an update on his

situation. Mr. Heston reported that he had been in communication with the WV Public Service Commission regarding his complaint with the Fairmont Water Department and they have been helpful in working to coordinate new communication between Mr. Heston and the Water Department and all are hopeful in working towards an agreeable solution to allow for access to water service to Mr. Heston's new home construction project. Mayor Haddix surveyed full Council as to if anyone else was aware of any personal or greater issues throughout our city regarding the Fairmont water services company and suggested that we combine any/all potential issues (if any) and approach the Fairmont Water Department on a more universal basis on behalf of and to serve best in advocating for our citizen residents as a whole and suggested that if we find there are some global water service issues affecting our city residents, we could look at applying some American Rescue Fund allocations to citywide upgrades, fixes, and/or enhancements. Council noted that the Fairmont Water Department is already in the process of repairing and upgrading numerous areas of lines already within our city (which is also affecting some of the timelines and priority attention to our road improvement initiatives). Council also noted that regular testing is being done for fluoride levels.

- Jeff Strange, Legal Counsel for Valley Fire Department, requested to address City Council to discuss questions surrounding funding of the city's volunteer fire department. As a public entity, the City of Pleasant Valley Council voted and approved \$20,000 to this year's budget as projected funding to the fire department. Council addressed Mr. Strange questioning concerning the reduction from previous years to which Council reminded Mr. Strange of the newly passed and recently implemented county-wide special levy specific to volunteer fire department that was just passed and is as another and new resource now available to the fire department that will keep their budget on par to previous years. The new County levy is an additional tax to our citizens. Council also discussed and recommended to the fire department that additional funding could be requested on an as needed basis.

Work session adjourned at 7:10 pm.