



MINUTES

City of Pleasant Valley

Tuesday, August 24, 2021
Council Meeting

Council Meeting Agenda

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

Hotel/Motel Contributions

- Funding Requests – None

Business Review

- Drainage and Road Work – Updates
- Law Enforcement Services
 - Area speeding
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Grant Award Allocation
- Ordinance Review – Continuation
 - [Ordinance #21 – Precinct Setting](#) (go to link to view)
 - [Ordinance #22 – Moving Modular/Mobile Homes](#)
- Car Show & 'Saturday At The Park Family Celebration' – September 4, 2021; 10 am – 3 pm
- Benton's Ferry Land Parcel
- Roundtable Council Member Updates
- Citizen concerns
- Adjournment (motion)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Haddix called the session to order at 7:06 pm. Full Council was in attendance. City Attorney, John Funkhouser was not present.

Council reviewed draft presented of previous Work Session & Council Meeting minutes with no changes noted/recommend.

- Mike Walls made motion to approve as drafted; Erin Henderson seconded; all approved.

Council reviewed the monthly financial status report prepared with no questions.

- Chip Phillips made motion to approve as presented; Ed Aberegg seconded; all approved.

Valley Fire Department was absent from the meeting and no report provided.

No requests for funding.

DRAINAGE AND ROAD WORK:

- Council announced to the public that work will be starting up again soon in the Millersville community. Councilperson Mike Walls highlighted some work necessary in the Brick Hill area with waterlines that will affect schedules and timing.
- Councilperson, Gary Timms presented a summary of a 2000 floodwater study. Citing area growth, Mr. Timms suggested looking costs and options for a professional update; with an additional need to look at 100-year storm patterns, instead of the 10-year standard applied to the 2000 floodwater study.
- Mayor Haddix reported a few residents having concerns about recurring water pressure issues. She invited Council and residents to report any persistent issues so we can look at the issue or potential issue as a whole and then decide upon the nature of our involvement as a city.

RECREATIONAL COMPLEX UPDATES:

- Council discussed continuing issues with the city's current lawn maintenance service and talked about a serious need for improvement around the City Municipal Building/Park grounds.
- Council also discussed and agreed upon the need for drafting a resolution about park hours and will work to notify residents of the rules by posting signs. Consensus was to implement a dusk until dawn policy for quiet hours/closed times for the City of Pleasant Valley Municipal Park. This resolution and the park rules sign should also specifically include a reference to maintenance equipment as well as individuals or persons.

ORDINANCE REVIEW:

- Ordinance Review – Continuation
 - [Ordinance #21 – Precinct Setting](#) – No change.
 - [Ordinance #22 – Moving Modular/Mobile Homes](#) – Reminder that we do need to continue to coordinate for communication reasons with the County 911 Center regarding wide-load equipment movements.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Council will be “tabling” the Benton’s Ferry land parcel discussion until further communication with City Attorney John Funkhouser.
- Mayor Haddix announced consensus by Council in the Work Session to move forward as a priority to review options for law enforcement coverage as a dedicated service to our citizens of Pleasant Valley and the City. She read from a report citing 1,500 calls in our immediate area for fire and police, and 500 of those were law enforcement specific. Mayor Haddix reported having several positive and very informative meetings with area groups and individuals regarding the interest and desire to move forward with a plan for dedicated law enforcement services to the City of Pleasant Valley. Mayor Haddix outlined and summarized several key talking points. She also supplied Council with a current report of actual calls for service to citizens within the City of Pleasant Valley. Reading directly from the report to the numbers and highlight the wide variety of calls, Council all agreed there is a factual need for services to the City of Pleasant Valley, and the time has come to move forward in developing a plan for a dedicated local police presence. Talks with the Town of White
- Mayor Haddix announced that the City has received the first installment of American Rescue Funds, with the second expected summer of 2022. Council discussed the American Rescue Fund and a plan that includes developing a citizen-wide survey for direct input on spending ideas, needs, and suggestions. Mayor Haddix said that she would be moving forward in putting together a citizen newsletter and survey process to include a direct mailing to everyone.

- Car Show/Family Weekend in The Park: Mayor Haddix updated Council on the initiative to support and partner with McCutchen's Heating & Cooling to help coordinate and support this first annual event that will have all proceeds go directly to the East Fairmont High School Foundation
- Councilperson Chuck Ledsome reported that he has made a formal request with MonPower to review locations for additional street lighting for portions of Riverview Drive, Earl Drive, and Schaffer Lane. MonPower could not estimate or promise any specific timeline. Mr. Ledsome also reported working to try and replace/repair several street signs in his community that citizens reported missing or damaged.
- Councilperson Chip Phillips announced road improvement projects will be ramping up again soon; continuing with the original intentions to address the worse road first, but efficiency of equipment, weather, funding, and coordination with area utilities as well as the WV Division of Highways can and will ultimately dictate priority as well as progress. Plan remains, however, to get at paving for all City of Pleasant Valley roads as part of this massive initiative.
- Councilperson Gary Timms asked for an update on the status of the sidewalk initiative. Mayor Haddix reported that a meeting is scheduled with the Division of Highways to discuss current options after we received three different bids for our sidewalk projects, but all three bids came in significantly high priced that what we anticipated. We will have to look at our options and then discuss.
- Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer John Miller request support from City Attorney John Funkhouser regarding a damage complaint by a local contractor to our portions of our city owned sidewalk system.
- Mayor Haddix announced a fall city-wide clean up event has been scheduled and once again the City will be using Smallwood as the lowest bidder and in conjunction, Conner's Trucking will also be providing a "free" tire disposal day. Mayor Haddix also reported that as a city, we continue to budget funds and hire special services under our own initiative to supplement the State's efforts concerning a wide variety of maintenance issues for our streets and highways, such as brush and weed cutbacks, drainage issues, etc.

Several citizens took the floor to speak about a variety of issues, everything from law enforcement needs to water run off needs. Mayor Haddix and Council listened and provided updates. Council and the Mayor took turns in thanking the citizens for their input and engagement.

Mike Walls made motion for adjournment; Erin Henderson seconded; all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.