



MINUTES
City of Pleasant Valley

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 (*rescheduled from January 21*)
COUNCIL MEETING

Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Review/Approval of Current Financial Report
- Sharing of VVFD Report

Hotel/Motel Contributions – Funding Requests

- Fairmont Woman’s Club (\$2,000 request)
- Three Rivers Festival (\$1,000 request)
- Woodlawn Cemetery Company (\$2,000 request) - *new*

City Business Review

- Building Commission update
- Drainage flooding and road work update
- Ordinance review
- DuraEdge quote
- Filling Office Assistant position
- Office computers

Closing Items

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

Next Work Session/Council Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2021.

“RESCHEDULED” JANUARY 26, 2021 - COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS: Mayor Emily Haddix, welcomed Council and community to the City of Pleasant Valley Council Meeting that due to the ongoing pandemic, City Council would be attempting its first-ever virtual meeting. Mayor Haddix provided a reading (overview) and presentation of the agenda as posted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Postponed due to virtual nature of meeting.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: After some tweaks to the virtual technology, at 7:15 p.m., Mayor Haddix 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 present. Absent: VVFD Rep; Code Enforcement Officer, John Miller. Community Attendance: None.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from December 8, 2020 Work Session and December 15, 2020 Council Meeting presented by Mayor Haddix, reviewed by all, and approved. Mayor Haddix requested motion to approve.

- ***Mike Walls motioned to approve minutes as presented; Erin Henderson seconded; Council majority approved; Chuck Ledsome requested one correction to the Work Session minutes and opposed motion to approve as drafted; motion for approval of both minutes was approved by the majority.***

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT: December 2020 City of Pleasant Valley Financial Report presented by Mayor Haddix, reviewed by all, and approved as drafted. Mayor Haddix requested motion to approve.

- ***Gary Timms motioned to approve as presented; Ed Aberegg seconded; all approved.***

REVIEW OF VVFD (VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT) REPORT: Absent/No Report.

HOTEL/MOTEL CONTRIBUTIONS – FUNDING REQUESTS:

- Fairmont Woman’s Club (\$2,000 request)
- Three Rivers Festival (\$1,000 request)
- Woodlawn Cemetery Company (\$2,000 request) – *new*

Council discussed past discussions and the understanding of decisions from previous Council meetings and in particular, the meeting of May 2020, whereby as a city, Council held discussion and agreed to *not* entertain requests from outside of the city boundaries. Council Chip Phillips read directly from the minutes recorded from the May 2020 Council Meeting, to which, for the record, reflect that the May 2020 meeting concluded that all Council present at that time agreed to a motion that the City of Pleasant Valley *not* continue to entertain funding requests from groups outside of the city boundaries.

- ***Chuck Ledsome motioned to table current discussion until we can revisit the May 2020 discussion and decision specific to handling requests to the city for funding events and organizations from outside the city; Erin Henderson seconded the motion to table any further discussion until Council can revisit previous discussions and decisions; all approved.***

CITY BUSINESS REVIEW:

- Building Commission update - John Funkhouser reported that a first draft of bylaws for the city’s new Building Commission are almost ready and should be forwarding that draft to the Mayor for a first look in about one week.
- Drainage flooding and road work update

Council members Chip Phillips, Chuck Ledsome, and Ed Aberegg Council members Chip Phillips, Chuck Ledsome, and Ed Aberegg Council members Chip Phillips, Chuck Ledsome, and Ed Aberegg reported the following:

- Water break on Betty Street was repaired.
- Potholes at end of Dawn Drive were repaired.
- Chuck Ledsome and Ed Aberegg proposed to put new gravel down on all community streets with the priority order of Benton's Ferry, Millersville, Kingmont, and then the Pleasant Valley community. They proposed splitting the total project initiative into three different events for a total estimated project cost of \$73,000; with each re-graveling event expected to stay under \$25,000.
 - ***Gary Timms motioned to approve the total re-graveling initiative up to \$60,000; Mike Walls seconded; all approved.***

Council member Erin Henderson opened a discussion adding additional areas of road concerns, and how best to proceed? Ms. Henderson named just a few examples of new areas popping up needing work, such as some new deep potholes at top of Kingmont, just up from the City Hall building, just before highway overpass and several more trouble spots on Pleasant Valley Road. Chip Phillips volunteered to head up the spring fix-up list and as such, will be developing an itemized list of potholes and other road repair issues for Spring 2021. Council and citizens can contact Mr. Phillips to get specific areas of concern added to the spring repair list.

Gary Timms asked for an update on continuing sidewalk expansion initiative. Mayor Haddix provided an outline, overview, and update of the proposed schedule, which will resume activity once weather permits.

- Ordinance review - Mayor Haddix asked for a motion to table the planned ordinance review of #7 and #8 to focus more time and attention during this meeting to immediate essential services and activities.
 - ***Erin Henderson motioned to approve diverting time and attendance to the ongoing ordinance review initiative until a future meeting; Chip Phillips seconded; all approved.***
- DuraEdge quote - Mayor Haddix reported information learned about options we have for maintaining our city athletic field surfaces. She reported on a process offered by DuraEdge engineered products by where they provide a top layer conditioning process that is a permanent solution to traditional field surface wear issues. DuraEdge presented the City with a project outline and a formal bid. They stated that our entire upgrade project could be completed within two weeks. The project includes revamping the entire ballfield area and will address any current and future drainage issues.
 - ***Ed Aberegg motioned to approve the initiative to move forwarding in addressing the ballfield maintenance issues by pursuing the DuraEdge engineered products as a permanent solution; Gary Timms seconded; all approved.***
- Filling Office Assistant position
 - ***Erin Henderson motioned to table any discussion about filling the Office Assistant position until further discussion can happen in an upcoming work session; Chuck Ledsome seconded; all agreed.***
- Office computers - Council member Gary Timms opened the discussion by sharing information that he's researched and discussed with a local consultant regarding updating the City Hall computer(s). Mr. Timms proposed a new idea of securing city issued tablets (portable computers) for all council members to use during and throughout their election period and that could then be passed along to the next person(s) to use throughout their elected term(s). Council continued to discuss personal and/or business experiences with various computer supply and support companies to which all agreed they would like to try and award

the contract locally. Several Council discussed a previous and positive partnership with Fairmont Computer Repair, located on Locust Ave., in Fairmont.

- ***Chuck Ledsome motioned to agree to focus on the products and services of Fairmont Computer Repair, but to table further discussions until additional details of the current bids and this new information can all be considered together; Gary Timms seconded; all agreed.***

CLOSING ITEMS:

- Council updates

Council member Chuck Ledsome opened the updates discussion by sharing information he gathered about additional street light outage and other street light malfunctioning issues and indicated that he would be passing along specific areas of street light concerns to City Hall. Mr. Ledsome also voiced his public support for the upcoming City Hall partnering event with the American Red Cross for a Pleasant Valley area blood drive event. Council person Ledsome and Mayor Haddix reminded the public of all the steps that we and the Red Cross are taking to support the blood drive will maintain social distancing during this event and will adhere to all safety protocol during this ongoing pandemic. Mayor Haddix announced that in conjunction with the blood drive event, City Hall would be hosting its own “stock the pantry” event and initiating a small donation drive to support our “Little Food Pantry” that is now part of our community outreach services. Mayor Haddix also announced that we have invited and “The Lunchbox” and “Mr. Taco” food trucks to set up in our City Hall parking lot on Monday, February 8, the same day of the blood drive and our little pantry donation drive events. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the special food truck event even if they aren’t able to donate blood on that day.

Gary Timms asked for an update on the current initiative to make some electrical fixes, updates, and upgrades to the City Hall building. After some discussion, Council agreed that we would like more detailed information from the potential contractors.

- ***Mike Walls motioned to table further discussions until additional details could be highlighted in the current bids received; Ed Aberegg seconded; all agreed.***

Ed Aberegg wanted to thank fellow Council and everyone for approving the gravel roads re-paving project.

Mayor Haddix again wanted to remind everyone to continue to support our “Little Food Pantry” services, to come out and participate in the special pantry donation event happening at the City Hall in conjunction with American Red Cross Blood Drive on February 8th.

- Citizen Comments, Questions, Concerns - None heard.
- Other Business - None.
- Adjournment - At 8:30 pm, Mayor Haddix called for motion to adjourn.
 - ***Chuck Ledsome motioned to adjourn; Erin Ledsome seconded; all agreed.***

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