

**CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The Commissioners of the City of Valley Springs met in regular session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the VS American Legion. Mayor Carl Moss presided. Answering roll call were Commissioners Brian Staeffler, Dean Helgeson, Sandy Severtson and Lynn Schmidt. Also present was City Maintenance Blaine Eilts, Finance Officer Ginger Miller and outgoing Finance Officer Linda Hunnel, City Attorney Patrick Glover, City Engineer Gabe Laber, and Jill Meier with the BV Journal. Motion by Helgeson to approve the agenda as posted. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Staeffler to approve the July 13, 2021 Minutes as presented.

Severtson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Motion by Helgeson to approve the July Claims in the amount of \$312,583.10. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Commission reviewed the July Financial Reports. Motion by Staeffler, second by Helgeson, to approve the July 2021 Proof of Cash Report. Motion carried, all voting aye. Motion by Severtson, second by Schmidt, to approve the July YTD Budget Report. Motion carried, all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several residents of Valley Springs voiced concern over an increase in reckless driving on Broadway. A citizen has been doing burnouts on Broadway with cars and motorcycles, which is a hazard to children and pedestrians. The sheriff was called 8 times in July concerning this. Commission Staeffler requested an invitation be sent to the new Patrol Commander, Capt. Zishka to attend the next board meeting. Ardell Johnson said there are many sidewalks in town that are not accessible due to the construction. City ordinance states vehicles can't block the sidewalks.

ENGINEER REPORT

City Engineer Gabe Laber spoke of the construction project's progress. The sewer main installation is done on Cliff Ave. Project completion should be early September. Laber requested an SRF Loan Reimbursement pay request. Motion by Helgeson, second by Severtson to approve the SRF Loan Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$221,591.26: \$33,112 payable to HDR, \$188,479.26 payable to ASCO. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Fence Drainage Easement Issue

Jennifer Kielman of Dakota Circle was again present to ask the Commission to consider allowing her to cut six inches from the bottom of her fence to allow drainage rather than removing the fence. Some neighboring property owners expressed concern over the possible buildup of ice and snow restricting water flow. Ms. Kielman contacted her title company, who takes no responsibility or liability concerning the drainage easement notification. The commissioners

agreed to allow her to cut 6” off the bottom of her fence to allow drainage. The issue will be revisited in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Schoenfish Audit Report. Miller said the annual audit was a clean audit and requested a motion for approval. Schmidt made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Municipal Audit, second by Staeffler. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DOT – Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) Grant Resolution 2021-07. Severtson motioned to approve, second by Helgeson. Motion carried, all voting aye. This phase is for the shared use path to be constructed from Southside Avenue to Skyline Drive.

Volunteer Painting Project – Scott Wentler of Mad Tatter volunteered to paint the Legion Baseball Park Dugouts and the southern Valley Springs Welcome Sign. He will be invited to the September board meeting to present his design ideas. Citizen Mike Herding offered to provide the paint.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

City Maintenance Supervisor Blaine Eilts gave his monthly maintenance report. Items included: exercised hydrant isolation valves on water mains, tractor and bucket truck repair, hauled road millings and graded Olson Street. After construction, Eilts will contract with a company to jet sewer mains for designated streets. Who is responsible for mowing the waterway behind Park Drive and the trailer court was discussed. Eilts will determine responsible parties by GIS mapping.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

Due to a CD maturing August 15, 2021, a motion was made by Staeffler to cash it in and shop for better interest rates. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting aye. The Serbian Church’s small fireworks display was confirmed for January 6, 2022 at 6PM. Miller said the My Town Text alert system is live and being used for city alerts. Citizens are urged to sign up. A link will be provided on the city website. 120 residents have signed up for text alerts to date.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT- City Attorney, Patrick Glover is waiting for the Department of Health’s decision on medical cannabis regulations.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS –Commissioner Helgeson inquired into train whistle warnings at intersections. City Attorney Glover will research the requirements of this.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Commission, Helgeson made a motion to adjourn at 7:23, Staeffler seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye. The next regular meeting of the Valley Springs City Commission will be **September 14, 2021** at 6 PM in the Valley Springs American Legion, 615 Broadway Avenue.

Ginger L. Miller, Finance Officer

Carl Moss, Mayor

CITY OF VALLEY SPRINGS	10-Aug-21	COMMENTS
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	\$27.14	JULY NATURAL GAS
SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY	\$4,598.75	JULY ELECTRICAL
MARV'S SANITARY, INC.	\$83.00	JULY SERVICE
ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOP	\$236.00	JULY PHONE SERVICE
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$92.90	JULY CELL PHONE
ASCO	\$268,599.61	SRF LOAN REIMB
BOBS LOCK & KEY SHOP	\$14.97	CITY MAINTENANCE
BRANDON ACE HARDWARE	\$70.95	CITY MAINTENANCE
BRANDON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$98.79	JULY FUEL PURCHASE
BV JOURNAL	\$156.88	JULY PUBLICATIONS
CORE & MAIN LP	\$675.00	WATER MAINT
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$351.51	JULY MAINT PURCHASES
GEOTEK ENGINEER & TESTING INC	\$1,320.50	CONSTR PROJECT TESTING
GOODWILL OF THE GREAT PLAINS	\$39.00	SHREDDING SERVICE
GOVOFFICE	\$570.00	HOSTING FEE 2022
HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT	\$10.00	WATER PURIFICATION SUPP
HDR ENGINEERING INC	\$26,311.97	SRF LOAN REIMB
HEIMAN, INC	\$54.00	FIRE EXT INSPECTION
JANITOR'S CLOSET	\$62.00	PARK SUPPLIES
MENARDS	\$254.16	STREET SUPPLIES
ONE CALL SYSTEMS, INC	\$100.80	LOCATES APR-JUN
PERFORMANCE PRESS, INC	\$385.31	FINANCE OFFICE SUPPLIES
POMPS TIRE	\$812.00	DUMP TRUCK TIRE
RUNNINGS	\$5.85	PARK SUPPLIES
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	\$1,808.01	STREET SWEEPER REPAIR
SD PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$28.00	WATER LAB TESTS
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$790.54	SHARED USE PATH
SIOUX FALLS HUMANE SOCIETY	\$59.24	JULY SERVICES
STURDEVANT'S AUTO PARTS	\$78.18	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
DAVID A. SWIER	\$1,225.00	BUILDING INSPECTIONS
THOMPSON	\$214.28	SIREN REPAIR
TRAFFIC LOGIX CORPORATION	\$2,635.88	TRAFFIC SIGN POST
VALLEY SPRINGS COMMUNITY CLUB	\$500.00	DONATION FIREWORKD
VALLEY SPRINGS FARMERS COOP	\$312.88	JULY FUEL PURCHASE
	<u>\$312,583.10</u>	

