

VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

October 27, 2020

Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 7 p.m. Present were council members Grove, Lewis, Stanzel & Ueckert.

Mayor Smith stated the location of the open meetings act & that one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at this meeting is available for examination or copying.

Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proof of publication was on the council desk.

There were no visitors or correspondence.

Stanzel moved to approve the agenda. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Council member Lewis introduced, read & moved for passage of Resolution No. 2020-46 authorizing Mayor Smith to execute an agreement with Great Plains Communications L.L.C. for the right to install, operate & maintain fiber optic cable within the City and its ETJ's right-of-way. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy is on file at city hall.

Council members discussed wages & benefits survey information, insurance benefits, scheduling, coverage, hiring criteria, call load and wage comparison.

Councilmember Grove suggested building a hiring bracket that will include experience and certification in new hire wages.

Stanzel moved to adjourn in executive session at 7:30 to discuss employee personnel wages & benefits. Lewis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Smith announced the Council will adjourn in executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss employee personnel wages and benefits.

Stanzel moved to reconvene in open session at 8:40 p.m. Lewis seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Lewis made a motion to increase the hourly wage as follows: Officer Deemer \$4.00, Officers Coffey & Dunham \$1.50 each, to raise part time officers beginning wage to \$19.00 per hour, effective immediately. These employees will not be considered for the annual cost of living raises in December. Stanzel seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's report – The water main break at Meigs & West Street last Saturday was repaired quickly, however; there were several "brown water" calls. Public works is preparing for snow season, Ken Grimm is revising the snow removal maps. Black Max will complete all the Valley Shores street crack filling with Cather & Sons Construction agreeing to pay \$3500.00 of the cost.

Stanzel moved to adjourn. Grove seconded. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Carroll L. Smith

Clerk Joan Suhr

