Regular Council Meeting
Town of Valier Town Council
Valier Civic Center
June 8, 2015

Mayor Bob Miller presided

1. Council Members present: Velda Loch, Steve Nelson, Dave Widhalm and Jessie Wunderlich.
   Town Staff present: Leo Malinak, Public Works, and Jackie Sheble, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Bob Miller brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Mayor Miller called for a motion to approve the May 11, 2015 regular council meeting minutes. Alderman Loch moved to approve the May 11, 2015 regular council meeting minutes; Alderman Nelson seconded. Mayor Miller called for any corrections or addition to the May 11, 2015 minutes. Mayor Miller called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment.
   None

5. Jim Stone – Union Representative – Employee Raises.
   A letter dated February 4, 2015 was received from the Teamsters Union Local No. 2. This letter served as official notice of the Union's intent to open the existing Agreement by and between Teamsters Local #2 and the Town of Valier employees in accordance with Article 24. The Union's proposals are as follows: 2 year agreement; effective 7-1-15 $.50 per hour increase for the clerk and public works; effective 7-1-16 $.50 per hour increase for the clerk and public works.
   A response letter was sent from Mayor Miller on March 3, 2015 offering a two year agreement effective 7-1-15 and 7-1-16 to include increases equal to the Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) as determined by the US Social Security Administration and provided by the Social Security Act. The COLA for 2015 was announced in October, 2014 of 1.7 percent of current wages. 1.7% increase equates to $.30 per hour for public works and $.24 per hour for the clerk.
   A letter was received from Teamsters Local #2 dated March 16, 2015 to Mayor Miller. The Union would counter that offer with forty cents ($.40) per year for all classification. The $.40 per hour would include additional monies to help the employees pay for Health Insurance/deductibles. The Town does not provide Insurance and could no longer provide the Flex Savings Account.
   $.40 cents per hour would be approximately a 2.25% increase for public works and a 2.78% for the clerk. It was discussed that with the cost of health care increasing at a much higher rate than the COLA, and with the additional monitoring of the wastewater system due to federal and state regulations, $.40 cents per hour was fair. A $.35 cents per hour with a one year contract was discussed. A $.35 cents per hour would be approximately 1.98% increase for public works and a 2.43% increase for the clerk.
   Mayor Miller called for a motion on the wage increase. Alderman Wunderlich moved to table the raise increase for employees until the next meeting, Alderman Loch seconded. Mayor Miller called for any more discussion. None heard. Mayor Miller called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mariah Sheble – Website.
   The new Town of Valier Website is up and running. You can check it out at www.townofvalier.com. The town's Facebook page is linked to the website. Abbie Boumans is in charge of both the website and Facebook page. The Town of Valier is not just the Mayor, Council and employees, it is also all the residents. Any website and Facebook improvements or suggestions on content or changes are welcome.

7. Resolution #148 – Budget Amendment Resolution.

RESOLUTION #148
BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

WHEREAS, the Town of Valier, Montana adopted the Budget for the Fiscal Year of 2014-2015 by Resolution No. 146 on September 8, 2014; and
WHEREAS, the Street Light Assessment Fund # 2480 object code 340 allocation budget was set at $24,100 to pay for the electricity expenses for the Town of Valier; and
WHEREAS, electrical costs have increased; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Valier hereby appropriates an additional $3,000 and directs the Town Clerk to allocate the said amount to the following program activities:

FUND 2480 – Street Light Assessment

ACCOUNT 430263 – Light District Assessment

340 Utilities – Gas, Electric & Telephone 3,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above appropriate shall become effective on June 8, 2015.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Valier, Montana, and approved by the Mayor of said Town this 8th day of June 2015.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to adopt Resolution #148. Alderman Loch moved to adopt Resolution #148, Alderman Widhalm seconded. Mayor Miller called for discussion. None heard. Mayor Miller called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Works Report.
Leo Malinak gave the following report. These are highlights for the Public Works Department for the month of May 2015. The Town pumped 3,002,200 gallons of water for the month, for an average of 96,845 gallons per day. Bulk water sold 43,480 gallons and Hydrant sales were 191,954 gallons for the month. The water sample was good for the month. The water levels in the wells are fine for this time of the year. Construction on Pump House #1 Replacement Project is to start up the week of June 15, 2015. Our Wastewater Treatment Facility sample results for the month had no violations under the AOC limits. We would have had no violations without the OAC. The Wastewater project is winding down. We had a final start up on the blowers on May 29, 2015. We are working on the operation of the new system with this project. A concern was raised about the growing weed problem, especially white top. Leo is in progress of spraying weeds when the weather and wind permit.

9. Law Enforcement Report.
None

10. Consent Items.
(A) Permission to Build:
Ray and Norma Bukoveckas at 423 Illinois Avenue is requesting to cover over existing concrete front porch with a wood and Trex 8’X8’ front porch and build a 10’x12’ storage shed. The application was reviewed and approved by the zoning board.

The First Baptist Church of Valier at 725 Montana Street would like to put up an internal illumination monument sign. The application was reviewed and approved by the zoning board.

Shannon Gabbard at 301 Dupuyer Avenue would like to build a fence on his property line. The application was reviewed and approved by the zoning board.

Steve and Leslie Nelson at 309 Dupuyer would like to build an 8'x10' storage shed. The application was reviewed and approved by the zoning board.

SMCS, LLC at 504 Teton Avenue would like to build a fence along Teton Avenue, 5th Street and between their yard and the One Stop, LLC. The application was reviewed and approved by the zoning board.

Bruce and Linda Stull at 310 1st Street would like to expand the existing 4'x7' deck to 6'x17'. The application was reviewed and approved by the zoning board.

Troy VandenBos at 518 2nd Street would like to build a 12'x24' storage shed. The application was reviewed and approved by the zoning board.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to approve the permission to build for all of the above applications. Alderman Nelson moved to approve all the permission to build applications, Alderman Wunderlich seconded. Mayor Miller called for discussion. None heard. Mayor Miller called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(B) (C) (D) Claims:
Mayor Miller called for a motion to pay the bills consent items B, C, and D. Alderman Nelson moved to pay the bills, Alderman Wunderlich seconded. Mayor Miller called for discussion. None heard. Mayor Miller called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Announcements.
Next meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Valier Civic Center.

Mayor Miller announced that materials will be purchased and volunteers have been gathered to build some new picnic tables for the recreation area campground. Conrad Building Center and DeVoe's Builders Service submitted estimates for materials. Mayor Miller did not see the estimate from Conrad Building Center until the start of tonight's meeting. DeVoe's Builder Service was the lowest estimate. The cost for new picnic tables was already included in the current budget.

12. Adjourn.
There being no more business to come before the Town Council, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Bob Miller, Mayor Jacalyn G. Sheble, Clerk/Treasurer