

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Steve Rogers
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Deon Giles, Parks Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Wendy Thorpe, City Recorder
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director
Kyler Brower, Assistant to the City Administrator
Keldon Brown, Police Chief
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director

The City Council and staff met in the Community Room, 108 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

Mayor Fugal called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and welcomed those present.

a. Introduction of the Arts Commission.

This matter has been rescheduled to the next meeting.

b. Demonstration by PG Masters Robotics Team

Mayor Fugal introduced the PG Masters Robotics Team, represented by high school students, Jacob, Kyler, and Oliver. The Spokesman, Jacob identified their goal of reaching out to the community and teaching about robotics, the impact on the future, and explaining why it is so important. PG Masters Robotics provides opportunities for members to construct a robot using their understanding and interpretation to do certain specified tasks. They work in teams that compete with other Robotics Teams at in-state and state-by-state competitions. State winners ultimately advance to the world

competition. Last year, Pleasant Grove's team qualified for the world competition held in Houston, Texas which involved 200 teams from 7,000 worldwide contestants. This year, a state competition will be held in Idaho and then Park City and will be followed by the Utah State championship event. The World competition will be held the following April. They have been working on this particular robot since last Fall and plan to continue working, approximately five to ten hours a week, on its' design and construction.

Jacob then activated the robot and described the component parts and maneuverability. He noted that the components of the robot are complicated and built to work together. In competition, the robot is required to grab two objects at once, move to a set point on a field, and launch the picked-up objects to score points. This experience provides members with opportunities to learn and use different engineering principles and apply them to the game to be successful. Involvement in the group also helps build communication skills through opportunities to share the group's activities with the public.

The team was thanked for its presentation by the Council. Photographs were taken.

c. Kim Schroepel Victim Advocate Report.

Mayor Fugal acknowledged Victim Advocate, Kim Schroepel, who recently received an award as part of the Police Department. Ms. Schroepel commented that it is somewhat difficult to be the person following such a good presentation. She has lived in Pleasant Grove for most of her life, knows many people, and was pleased to serve in the City. Her position requires that she report to City Council twice yearly. Her work as a Victim Advocate consists of dealing with trauma and involves crimes including but not limited to, domestic violence, sexual assault, substance abuse, and elder abuse. She also assists in investigations. She reported that there are various categories of assaults including physical assaults (the use of weapons of violence, and attempted homicides), and sexual assaults (those unconnected with domestic violence). She works with both adults and children. She partners with the Children's Justice Center and her involvement with children is more limited. Domestic violence cases also raise issues involving harassment and stalking as well as kidnappings (which can be both custodial and non-custodial). She works on cases regarding identity theft and fraud, violations of protective orders, criminal mischief, and property crimes. Issues pertaining to restitution are also often involved in these cases as are referrals for other services.

The statistics for 2023 service calls reported are as follows:

| TYPE OF SERVICE CALL | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Domestic Violence | 419 | 362 |
| Sex Offenses | 104 | 66 |
| DCFS (Dept. Child & Family Services) | 307 | 299 |
| Harassment | 143 | 128 |
| Overall Services Calls | 6,846 | 5,221 |

35 to 40 Non-Criminal Services (unexpected deaths, suicides) calls are received per year. She did not provide a breakdown for that type of call.

Ms. Schroepel identified the major categories of services provided by victim advocacy to include information and referral services, emotional support and safety, intervention, and other services. She discussed the following points regarding those areas:

- Information is given out about the criminal justice system, victim rights, and how information can be obtained (which is governed by state statute). Material given out includes packets pertaining to domestic violence and sexual assaults.
- Referrals are made to other victim service organizations including the Children's Justice Center, the Shelter, and other community-based services, including police organizations, and churches. They speak with creditors, landlords, employers, or academic institutions when intervening on behalf of their clients and sometimes accompany the person on a medical evaluation or exam.
- For emotional support and safety, they do crisis intervention, which is one of her favorite things to do, and safety planning. Intervention is important and there is a need to have an action plan in place. They have hot-line crisis counseling, which, for her, is no longer a reportable event. She also works with shelters and helps people relocate after being in a shelter.
- Regarding interventions, one of the most time-consuming activities she is involved in is criminal justice and civil assistance. She enjoys this and is very involved in the notification of criminal justice events. She also attends court hearings with her clients to support and advocate for them. She helps write protective order requests and attends hearings.
- She has been studying law, which she has been able to use in her advocacy with the courts. She also speaks with victims about the law to help them better understand what they have been told.
- She has also focused on Spanish-speaking services, as the language requests have increased for this underserved population. She has also taken steps to have documents translated into Spanish.

Ms. Schroepel was thanked for all her valuable work.

d. Staff Business.

Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, reported the following:

- New projects. When a developer with multiple tenants applies for Tenant Improvements ("TI"), the City does not know the identity of the business until a Business License is requested. New Restaurant Business Permits have been requested and will be identified on a list for the Friday meeting.
- The Department has a Rap sheet that is being modified because it is difficult to read. The sheet will now be in a map form that can be accessed to obtain information regarding when permits were applied for and other details.

Fire Chief, Drew Engemann, reported the following:

- A Kickoff Party took place a couple of weeks ago.
- Over the next few weeks, they will be involved in hiring for a full-time position.
- Staffing was going well with full shift coverage.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, reported the following:

- April 23 to 27 will be the Spring Cleanup.
- Taylor has switched to the stormwater area and runs the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (“SWPPP”).
- Rain at Snowbird is above average for this time of year. Last year was record-breaking for rain. They currently are at approximately 25 inches while they were at 37 inches this time last year. The total rain last year was 72 inches. He did not expect any water problems for the City as the reservoirs are full. If rain continues with average amounts, the City should be in good shape. They are a bit below average in the temperature/divide readings, which are less promising; however, with the reservoirs and soils where they are, they are okay.
- Several employees have been certified and a Foreman position has been filled internally.
- On Friday, they will cover the 2023 and 2024 projects and discuss the Road Plan as it pertains to past projects, near projects, and far projects covering three to five years. He noted that they do a lot more than roads.

Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger, reported the following:

- A Super Bowl Showdown will take place at the Recreation Center. They hope to make this an annual event.
- They are doing Punt, Pass, and Kick competitions in the gym for children, which include dance parties, the Brigham Young University (“BYU”) drum line, and other activities all fashioned around football. This is an annual event.
- Junior jazz is nearly over and baseball is right around the corner. Pickleball is a great, growing sport.
- The Recreation Center has been very busy. Ms. Zollinger stated that she has good people and programs and is very proud of what the Recreation Department does for the City.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, reported the following:

- Crews removed all of the Christmas lights last week and will get them stored.
- They are working on getting the batting cages up at Discovery Park.

Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch, reported the following:

- 168 people attended the recent Magic Show.
- She stressed the need for a larger Library.
- Upcoming events include the following:
 - February 10 will be a Lunar New Year Teen Event with karaoke, a band, Dungeons and Dragons, and a photo opportunity.
 - The following day was to be The Best Works of 2022-2023 review.
- Regular activities continued.

Police Chief, Keldon Brown, reported the following:

- Personnel changes were described. Rick Henderson is retiring with an Open House planned for February 14. Derrick Shumway will be promoted to Sergeant. The promotion creates an

opening in Investigations that will result in assignment changes. The hiring process will begin for a part-time Victim Advocate and a New Police Officer with testing to take place next month. A lateral transfer was being considered.

- An Awards Banquet was held last week and was a success.

Finance Director, Denise Roy, reported the following:

- She will report back to the Council on Friday.

Assistant to the City Manager, Kyler Brower, reported on the following:

- There could be a call to action on one of the bills. He will provide information as it is received.

City Attorney, Tina Petersen, reported on the following:

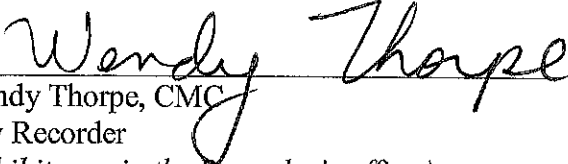
- They were successful in getting the Justice Court recertified for another four years.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported on the following:

- The Awards Gala for the Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Walker Farms.
- The Annual Budget and Planning Meeting is scheduled for Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Fire Department Training Room.
- Public Works is having its Holiday Party next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Fox Hollow.
- He recently posted the date for the Henderson Retirement Open House on the calendar.
- The next City Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 21 rather than on a Tuesday per usual. The agenda is fairly light. The Arts Commission has a presentation, and he believes the Historic Commission will also have an update on their work.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 5:27 p.m. Council Member Williams moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting "Yes".


Wendy Thorpe, CMC
City Recorder
(Exhibits are in the Recorder's office.)