Pleasant Grove City  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Work Session  
January 8, 2019  
5:00 p.m.

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members:  Dianna Andersen  
Eric Jensen  
Cyd LeMone  
Lynn Walker  
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator  
Denise Roy, Finance Director  
Deon Giles, Parks and Recreation Director  
Josh Motsinger, Police Lieutenant  
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief  
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder  
Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director  
Tina Petersen, City Attorney  
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director  
Kyler Ludwig, Assistant City Administrator

The City Council and staff met in the Library, Main Level, at 30 East Center Street.

5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

1) Recognition of Pleasant Grove City Employee.

Mayor Fugal recognized Staff Engineer, Shaun Hilton, for going above and beyond when serving citizens of the City. He was given a gift certificate in recognition of his service.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported that staff was working on a program to recognize employees, such as Shaun Hilton, when the City receives positive comments from the public.

2) “Sew Much Hope” Presentation.

Library Director, Sheri Britsch, explained that Sharon Mortson, a Pleasant Grove resident, approached her a few months earlier asking if the Library would be interested in having some sewing machines donated. Director Britsch was eager to accept the offer, but they were in the middle of remodeling. She now felt that the time was right to accept the donation.
Gina Barney and Moana Virgis, from Sew Much Hope, described their background and introduced their organization. The purpose is to provide a place for people to learn sewing skills and help them make a living doing it.

3) Discussion on Detention Pond in Downtown Park.

Administrator Darrington described the difference between a retention and a detention pond. He explained that a retention pond holds water until it seeps into the ground, while a detention pond includes outlet structures that release the water slowly. With the new Public Safety Buildings, the City was required to detain water on site, and it had been determined that the water would be detained on the park property adjacent to the Fire Station. The hole for the detention pond had been dug, but it was clear that this option would not work. The hole was deep, and they would lose function of the park in that area. Administrator Darrington noted that they originally went with this option because it was the least expensive.

Council Member Williams asked about the depth of the hole. Public Works Director, Marty Beaumont, stated that it is three feet deep with a four-foot slope.

Administrator Darrington reported that it would be fine for children to play in the pond, but it would not be ideal for things like Strawberry Days.

Director Beaumont stated that there were two other options for detaining water while keeping the ground relatively flat. The first was to create a berm along the south edge of the area, which would be about 2.5 feet tall and adjacent to the sidewalk. Part of the park would need to be regraded to accomplish this, but there had been discussion about redoing the park soon anyway. If the City pursues this option, they would need to install a gate to manage the water. With the gate, they could open it so that the basin would not detain any water if there happened to be an event there. He noted that the detention basin needs to accommodate at least a 10-year storm.

Director Beaumont explained that the second option was to install an underground system in the existing hole. This would be about six inches in elevation rather than a few feet. The cost would be roughly $75,000 to $80,000. Public Works was not concerned about putting small facilities on top of the drainage system, but they may need to access the largest pipe for maintenance at some point.

Council Member LeMone commented that the park was not large to begin with, and the Council told the public that they would not change the landscape of the park. She thought it would be worth the investment to make sure this detention pond was done well. The space should still be useful.

Council Member Williams commented that they would still be spending at least $40,000 for the first option, but he felt that they had to do something to keep the ground usable.

Director Beaumont commented that either option would be easy for Public Works to maintain.
Parks and Recreation Director, Deon Giles, preferred the second option. It would cost more but would be the best way to utilize the park. He also thought that it would be the best choice in the long-run.

Administrator Darrington stated that staff would put together a small presentation outlining costs to be presented at the February budget meeting.

4) **City Council and Staff will Review and Discuss Items on the Agenda.**

Administrator Darrington briefly addressed the items on the agenda and stated that there were three Decision Items for the Larry Myler project. There was also a resolution regarding the intent of Pleasant Grove City to annex some unincorporated property. He noted that the agenda would need to be amended to include a closed session.

5) **Staff Business.**

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to adjourn the work session at 5:51 p.m. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of January 8, 2019 meeting were approved by the City Council on February 5, 2019.

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Kathy T. Kresser, City Recorder, MMC

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