

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
April 9, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Mayor Pro-Tempore: Todd Williams

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Lynn Walker

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Deon Giles, Parks and Recreation Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Mike Roberts, Police Chief
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director
Kyler Ludwig, Assistant City Administrator
Sheri Britsch, Library Director

Excused: Guy L. Fugal, Mayor

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

5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

1) Discussion on Deer Population.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported that one of the items that came up at the Budget and Planning Retreat was concern about the increasing deer population in Pleasant Grove. He sent out an email to other cities requesting information about what they do to control the deer population in their communities, and he received about 20 responses. Those entities have an Urban Deer Control Plan through the Division of Wildlife Resources with either a lethal or a non-lethal plan. The application is simple but requires information such as the current population estimate, a target number, and whether they would prefer a lethal or non-lethal method. Once the plan is approved, it is good for three years before needing to be renewed. Administrator Darrington noted that American Fork gave him an entire packet showing what they did about their deer population, except for the cost. They determined to use a lethal method and hired an individual to do that. Administrator Darrington would be calling this individual to get a cost estimate. He noted that number will need to be reported to the

Division of Wildlife Resources and the City would be charged for disposal. With respect to citizen input, he reported that some cities had an even number of residents who wanted the lethal and non-lethal methods. The problem with trapping and relocating is that the deer eventually make their way back to the City. Most of the cities recommended the lethal method if the residents were willing. He asked for feedback from the Council.

Council Member LeMone commented that there are enough concerned residents that she felt comfortable moving forward with researching costs. She was in favor of having a public hearing before the Council makes a final decision.

Council Member Andersen recognized that residents are for and against the killing of deer. Regardless, there are too many deer in the City. She was also in favor of researching costs, although she had a feeling it would be expensive. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams agreed.

Council Member Walker preferred the lethal method.

Administrator Darrington asked if the Council was morally opposed to the lethal method. He noted that there was a way to have the deer meat donated through the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Council Member Andersen suggested conducting a survey, however, Administrator Darrington did not feel that was necessary. The residents are well aware of the problem and doing a survey would push them out about six months. He recommended pursuing the Deer Control Plan, including cost estimates. If the residents are opposed they would make it known. The Council agreed.

2) Pleasant Grove City Annexation Policy Plan.

Administrator Darrington explained that a property must be included on the City's Annexation Policy Plan in order to be considered for annexation. Currently, there are no unincorporated properties in the plan, because they had all been annexed into the City. The annexation plan was initially adopted in 2002. Staff was bringing the plan before the Council now to determine whether the Plan should include new properties, particularly those on the bench.

City Attorney, Tina Petersen, explained that the State Legislature adopted a statute in 2001 that required municipalities to develop an Annexation Declaration Policy Plan, which included engineering studies and an evaluation of City services. Pleasant Grove's plan was developed after reviewing the geotechnical report that showed shale along the east bench. Engineering had also commented that getting water and sewer services up to those properties would be costly. The properties were excluded from the annexation plan for valid reasons.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams noted that if they extend the boundaries up on the bench, the City would become liable for damages and services.

Administrator Darrington was concerned that a developer could come in and put in their own lift, but eventually the City will own and maintain it. He noted that there are currently no improvements there. They would gain some property tax by annexing the properties in, but it would not cover the cost of services the City would have to deliver.

Council Member LeMone asked if they would take it on a case-by-case basis.

Attorney Petersen said that the current boundary makes sense where it is. Those properties were already evaluated, and staff recommended keeping the boundary unchanged. If someone wants to annex property in to enlarge their back yard, the City could consider that. Staff was opposed to allowing entire developments there. It was noted that some of the properties are currently owned by the County.

Council Member LeMone requested copies of the information used to make the decision in 2002. Staff agreed to forward that information to the Council. Public Works Director, Marty Beaumont, was willing to write an updated evaluation on behalf of the Engineering Department to include in the packet.

The Council was in favor of keeping the current Annexation Policy Plan.

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

Administrator Darrington reviewed the meeting schedule for the following month. He noted that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Police and Courts Building is scheduled for April 20 at 2:00 p.m. Tours will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The next City Council Meeting will take place on April 16, but they would not be meeting on the 23rd or the 30th. They will be starting the May 7th meeting at 5:00 p.m. and then the Council and staff help with the building of Discovery Park. There would be a social gathering with Lindon and American Fork on May 14. Staff also invited Cedar Hills, Alpine, and Highland to participate.

4) Staff Business.

Director Beaumont reported on the snowfall and the anticipated water situation for the summer. He commented that it depends on how fast it gets hot in the spring. If they had a cool spring, they should not have any issues in the summer.

Council Member Andersen stated that there are certain locations in the City that are prone to flooding and Director Beaumont stated that this has more to do with the storm drain system than water runoff. Staff was aware of those areas and it was in their five-year plan to update those sections.

Director Cardenas indicated that he received a submittal for Ice Burg and staff would start reviewing those plans shortly. He recently counted 40 restaurants in the City and was confident that this number would continue to grow. He reported that Evermore Gardens was going to open up to normal activities in May.

Assistant City Administrator, Kyler Ludwig, stated that Pleasant Grove received the TAP Award for 2018. He noted that open enrollment for benefits will begin June 6.

Attorney Petersen reported that she was working on the renewal for the Indigent Defense Grant, and anticipated receiving the same amount as last year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams requested they conduct a study of how much money the City receives in grants annually. He commended staff for their work in obtaining the grants.

Police Chief, Mike Roberts, stated that they were in the process of moving into the new building and were doing their best to prepare for a dispatch changeover. He recently hired two new employees and stated that they are now fully staffed.

Council Member LeMone asked if they will now have a full-time Code Enforcement Officer. Chief Roberts stated that they will once the two employees start work.

Administrator Darrington noted that they will not be fully moved into the New Police and Courts Building for the ceremony on April 20. He asked them to remember that as they take tours on that day.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, reported that his crew spent most of Thursday at Discovery Park. Public Works came out earlier in the day and got about 90% of the demolition done. They anticipated the arrival of the playground equipment for Downtown Park on April 22nd. The pavilions were to arrive on May 3rd.

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

The City Council Minutes of April 9, 2019 Work Session meeting approved by the City Council on May 21, 2019

Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder
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