

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
May 21, 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 Director
Tyler Wilkins, Recreation Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Mike Roberts, Police Chief
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director
Kyler Ludwig, Assistant City Administrator
Sheri Britsch, Library Director

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

5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION

Council Member Andersen reported that the Strawberry Days Rodeo was named “The Best Of...” from Utah Valley Magazine. They Council took a picture with the award, and Mayor Fugal requested that the award be included in the Strawberry Days magazine.

1) New Employee Introduction.

There were no employees to introduce.

2) TSSD Presentation.

Council Member Walker introduced Richard Mickelson, the new Manager of TSSD. There were also a few other members of TSSD present.

Richard Mickelson reported that he had been managing the District since August of last year, but he had worked with several other cities. The waste treatment plant provides services for the 10 northernmost cities in Utah County and they process about 20 million gallons of waste per day from the water waste system. In the process, they remove 98% or more of the waste that comes into the facility. The State of Utah places restrictions on TSSD regarding the cleanliness of the water, and they had had no violations in 10 years. Mr. Mickelson presented a handout showing the annual costs, including personnel, power, and chemicals.

Mr. Mickelson reported on the state of Utah Lake and the phosphorous and algae growing there. Several studies were being conducted by several entities to see what could be done to clean it up. He suggested conducting a study that would show how they could help the lake recover, if it were possible. Mr. Mickelson also addressed compost green waste, and other options to reduce biosolids. He invited the Council to call with questions or to take a tour of the facility.

Council Member Andersen asked if dredging the lake would be effective. Mr. Mickelson stated that making the lake deeper would help the water stay cooler. Cooler results in less chance of algae growing. He didn't think dredging would negatively affect the current studies.

3) Discussion on Engineering Concerns on Hillside Development in Pleasant Grove.

Public Works Director, Marty Beaumont, stated that there had been discussion about potential development on the hillside, and staff wanted to address their concerns with the Council. He presented a map of Pleasant Grove and identified the City boundary along the bench. He also identified the privately-owned property above the City boundary that could be developed. Director Beaumont explained that the current boundary was also their pressure boundary for culinary water. The State requires the City to maintain a minimum level of 40 PSI, and if they had to provide water to developments above the current line, they would start losing their ability to provide that level of service. In order to provide culinary services to this area, they would need to create an upper pressure zone, including a new water tank located high enough on the mountainside to provide the minimum pressures required. They would also need a booster pump station. He did not recommend privatizing those items, because it would make the citizen responsible for keeping State standards. There were also concerns about over-saturating the areas along the fault line.

Director Beaumont addressed concerns regarding the PI system. He wasn't sure it made sense for the City to provide PI service above the current boundary, but if they did it would probably be through the culinary system. This would pull from the current water needs. With regard to storm drain, staff would have to redo most of the current plan to accommodate additional storm water from these areas. Development there would also require a network of roads to provide access, and the slopes were a concern. Privately-owned developments can become a political issue in the future. Director Beaumont said there had not been a formal annexation request, but staff has heard that there is an interest in development in that area.

Council Member LeMone asked who would be liable if a landslide were to occur. City Attorney, Tina Petersen, stated that the developer would be gone by that time, so it would be the City's responsibility.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, stated that past Councils have not supported developing above the current boundary, and staff wanted to know how the current Council felt. Staff recommended keeping the boundary as-is.

Council Member Jensen commented that the cost to the City would be great in the long run if the boundary was moved.

Council Member Williams was concerned about the liability to the City. Other cities had experienced issues with their development on the benches. He was in favor of keeping the boundary in its current location. Council Member Walker agreed.

Council Member Andersen was concerned that utility rates for other residents would go up to accommodate such development, and the cost of maintaining the infrastructure for those services was very high.

Council Member Jensen was also concerned about the cost to the City and the residents. There was also a huge risk for future liabilities. Council Member LeMone agreed.

4) Discussion on Water Features on I-15 Off-Ramp and Pleasant Grove Boulevard.

This item was discussed in the regular meeting.

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

6) Staff Business.

ACTION: Council Member Williams moved to adjourn the work session at 5:50 p.m. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of May 21, 2019 were approved by the City Council on June 4, 2019.

Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

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