

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
June 25, 2019
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

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

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

The City Council and staff met in the Community Room, 106 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

1) Discussion on Recycling.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington introduced Reece DeMille from Republic Services. The first item of discussion was the cost of recycling and the City's contract with Republic Services. Due to worldwide recycling issues, tipping fees have increased exponentially. Recently, the fees increased from \$50 per ton to \$95 per ton, and that fee was continuing to increase every month. The future of recycling was uncertain. The contract with Republic Services would be up in one year, so now was the time to negotiate the fees and discuss an extension. Administrator Darrington felt that the best situation was to charge the residents the rate it costs to recycle, and allow them to opt out of the program if they choose to. However, the recycling costs would continue to increase if a few hundred residents decide to opt out.

In response to a question from Council Member Williams, Mr. DeMille said that there are currently 4,850 participating residents in Pleasant Grove. Typically, residents are enrolled in the recycling program automatically.

Council Member LeMone wasn't comfortable using taxpayer money for a private organization to subsidize the recycling program.

Council Member Williams explained that the problem wasn't something they could have foreseen. If the City doesn't renegotiate now, they could be in real trouble one year from now. He recommended they work with Republic Services now. He also did not see this as being pushed back onto the taxpayers. This was the cost of recycling, and the residents can choose to be involved or not.

There was a brief discussion about the cost of garbage cans. Staff confirmed that the first can costs \$11 and the second \$8.29.

Council Member Williams did not anticipate that the City would want to leave the recycling program. They should work with Republic Services, in good faith, and come up with a rate that is responsible, equitable, and fair.

Administrator Darrington explained that they may be able to meet in the middle on the fee. Staff would negotiate with Republic Services and come back to the City Council for a final decision. If they cannot come to an acceptable agreement, the City could go out to bid next year.

Mr. DeMille explained that the recycling material is still going to a manufacturing plant, and there are four domestic plants being built in the next few years. Republic Services was still exploring different markets for the recycling material. When they began the program 10 years ago, the company was making money on the recycling material. Soon, they broke even. Now, they are paying for the recycling. For some time, they were absorbing the cost of tipping fees, but they simply cannot do that any longer. If they decide to stop the program, he was not sure it will come back. Mr. DeMille reported on what other cities were doing in response to the recycling concerns.

Council Member LeMone suggested a survey be sent out to the residents regarding this issue. Council Member Andersen remarked that the residents should be educated on the problems they are facing.

2) Discussion on CARE Tax Logo.

Administrator Darrington stated that the City has already funded two major projects with the CARE Tax money, and they want to erect signage with a CARE Tax logo in those locations.

Council Member Jensen presented several logo options, and the Council discussed the ones they liked the best. They gave Council Member Jensen feedback and he agreed to come back with three revised options.

3) Discussion on Community Room Use.

Administrator Darrington explained that staff received inquiries about renting the Community Room, and staff was concerned about allowing that. Their concerns included potential damages, security issues, and allowing uses that are not sponsored by the City. They could limit the room use to “City functions only” or they could allow other uses but require City staff to be present. There are other rooms in the City buildings that could be rented out as well.

The City Council discussed appropriate uses for the space. City Attorney, Tina Petersen stated that they could set up a policy to distinguish appropriate uses for the Community Rooms, as long as it is not discriminatory. The Council was worried about allowing use of the room for campaigning. They directed staff to write a policy for the Council to review.

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

5) Staff Business.

6) ADJOURN

ACTION: Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the work session at 5:25 p.m. Council Member LeMone seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of June 25, 2019 were approved by the City Council on July 16, 2019

Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

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