

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
January 7, 2020
4:30 p.m.**

Council Members: Todd Williams – Mayor Pro-Tempore
Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Lynn Walker

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Deon Giles, Parks Director
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
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Tyler Wilkins, Recreation Director

Excused: Mayor Guy Fugal

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

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

In the absence of Mayor Fugal, Mayor Pro-Tem, Todd Williams called the meeting to order. City Administrator, Scott Darrington presented the Work Session agenda and noted that the Administration of the Oath of Office would be moved to the Regular Session immediately following the opening remarks.

1) Presentation to Lynn Walker – Presenter: Mayor Pro-Tem Williams.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williams addressed the first time he met Lynn Walker and how much he was able to get to know him over the past three years. Lynn Walker and his wife had spent years serving Pleasant Grove City, and they both deserved recognition. Mayor Pro-Tem Williams presented Lynn Walker with a gift, a plaque and a card from the Council.

2) Follow Up Report on Police Department – Presenter: Chief Roberts.

Police Chief, Mike Roberts reported that he was asked to give a report on what had taken place in the Police Department over the last year under his leadership. The first thing Chief Roberts did as active chief was to change the grooming policy, which boosted morale and helped increase officer retention. The biggest obstacle Chief Roberts faced was to remain operational while the department and dispatch were moved to the new building. They were still dealing with the evidence process. He thanked all who helped in that effort.

Chief Roberts stated that he was able to secure a grant for new handguns for the department. The handguns they had were six years old, while the lifespan was supposed to be four years. With the grant, the cost to the Department was only \$11,000 out of pocket to replace all of the handguns. Chief Roberts recently finished an Officer Wellness Policy that outlined the responsibilities of supervisors and employees and requires mandatory visits to the Employee Assistance Program. He hoped to begin working with a new program called Freedom Counseling, which they may use instead of the Employee Assistance Program. Freedom Counseling specializes in police and fire PTSD. Chief Roberts also changed the uniform policy to allow outer carriers.

Chief Roberts reported on the Citizens Academy and stated that the intent was to start RAD training, quarterly meetings, and secure funding for new dash cameras. The most significant part of his job was handling the day-to-day operations of the department.

Council Member LeMone asked about the status of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Chief Roberts reported that they had plans to continue with it. A more detailed report was to be provided. It was noted that the quarterly meetings will not replace the Meet and Greets. He planned to do both. Chief Roberts thanked the Council for their support.

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

The agenda for the Regular Session was briefly reviewed. Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas gave an overview of the public hearing and decision items. There was discussion regarding the two Code amendment proposals.

4) Staff Business.

Library Director, Sheri Britsch reported that the Library, through the State, included access to a website called Creative Bug. She addressed other resources the Library offers including downloadable audio books. She remarked that many residents do not know about these resources.

Recreation Director, Tyler Wilkins reported that they have been very busy at the Recreation Center. A Fitness Fair was scheduled for the following Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They were currently selling discounted passes.

Parks Director, Deon Giles reported that his team will be taking down the Christmas lights.

Fire Chief, Dave Thomas stated that their Kickoff event is scheduled for Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Roberts was aware of the gates being broken at the police station and he submitted a Work Order to get them repaired.

City Attorney, Tina Petersen reported that the new Prosecutor will start work on Monday.

Administrator Darrington reviewed a few calendaring items, including Local Officials Day on January 29 at the State Legislature, an upcoming event for Utah League of Cities and Towns, and the City's Award Ceremony on February 12.

Assistant City Administrator, Kyler Ludwig reported that nominations for employee awards were due by January 15. The position for Communities that Care would be posted later in the week.

Council Member LeMone expressed her enthusiasm for the New Year.

Council Member Andersen thanked Director Giles and the Parks Department for the Christmas lights.

Council Member Walker expressed appreciation to the City Council and staff. He stated that he would continue to be involved in the community.

5) **Adjournment.**

ACTION: Council Member Andersen moved to adjourn the work session at 5:24 p.m. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Work Session Minutes of January 7, 2020 were approved by the City Council on January 21, 2020.

Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

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