

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
January 21, 2020
4:30 p.m.**

7 Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

9 Council Members: Dianna Andersen
10 Brent Bullock
11 Eric Jensen
12 Cyd LeMone

14 Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
15 Deon Giles, Parks Director
16 Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
17 Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director
18 Kyler Ludwig, HR Director
19 Sheri Britsch, Library Director
20 Britt Smith, Police Captain
21 Dave Thomas, Fire Chief
22 Tina Petersen, City Attorney
23 Denise Roy, Finance Director
24 Tyler Wilkins, Recreation Director
25 Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director

27 Excused: Todd Williams, Council Member

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

32 **4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION**

34 **1) Scout Christian Richards Presentation of a Flag Retirement Case.**

36 Parks Director, Deon Giles introduced Christian Richards who presented his Eagle Scout project.
37 Christian explained that he saw a need to help people understand the appropriate way to retire a
38 flag. His project will help raise awareness and provide a service for people to retire flags correctly.
39 A box will be left at the Community Development Building for people to bring flags that need to
40 be retired. Mayor Fugal and the Council thanked Christian for providing this service.

42 **2) Strawberry Days Committee Report.**

1 Strawberry Days Committee Treasurer, Amy Lundell presented the Financial Report for 2019
2 Strawberry Days. The revenue and expenditures were as follows:

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- 4 • Revenue: \$515,341.81
- 5 • Expenditures: \$394,423.82
- 6 • Net Income: \$120,917.98
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8 Next year will be Pleasant Grove's 100th Anniversary Celebration, so the Committee was saving
9 extra funds for the event. Ms. Lundell listed the organizations and events that the Committee
10 donated to, including the Breast Cancer Foundation, Follow the Flag, and youth scholarships. Last
11 year, they had over 1,700 volunteer hours.

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13 Council Member LeMone noted that the Committee will be holding a contest to choose the theme
14 for next year's event. Citizens were able to submit their proposals and the Committee would select
15 the winning theme. The contest would end on Friday.

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17 **3) Follow-up Report on Recreation Center – Presenter: Director Wilkins.**

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19 Recreation Director, Tyler Wilkins reported on the happenings at the Recreation Center for the
20 past year. Director Wilkins had been part of the recreation program in Pleasant Grove all of his
21 life, but his first year as Director still wasn't what he had expected. One of the first things he did
22 was hire a new Fitness Director to help alleviate other positions that were overworked. They also
23 focused on the social media presence at the Recreation Center and programs. They created
24 benchmark classes, provided additional training for instructors, and started the Annual Fitness Fair.
25 Director Wilkins state that he sought new sources of revenue through field rentals with Utah's
26 Perfect Game, which also boosted their concession sales. They hoped that additional revenue
27 could go back to improving and maintaining the fields.

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29 Director Wilkins addressed the Free Play Pass and the Healthcare Pass, senior fitness classes, and
30 pickleball. Last year they obtained new equipment through the lease program, including the hydro
31 rower. One of the challenges they face was finding seasonal employees in the summer, so they
32 were seeking other ways to post job opportunities. They would be spotlighting employees on the
33 information board as well. The Recreation Department offered more than 50 programs throughout
34 the year, including Jr. Jazz, the Christmas Festival, and the Turkey Burn. One of the upcoming
35 projects was to reconfigure the front desk to provide better customer service. They would also be
36 looking to improve bleacher maintenance and repair.

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38 In response to a question from Council Member LeMone, Director Wilkins stated that the busiest
39 times at the Recreation Center are at 5:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and evenings when they have leagues
40 going on. They were getting close to reaching capacity with some of their fitness classes.

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

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44 Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas presented the first public hearing item on the
45 agenda, which was continued from the previous meeting. The applicant was requesting to increase

1 the allowed number of attached units per building from six units to eight units. He noted that if
2 the amendment were approved, the density would remain unchanged. Staff researched other
3 developments and found six attached units to be customary, but there were many instances of more
4 attached units. He presented images of other developments with more than six attached units. One
5 of staff's concerns was the potential to create small alleyways in the development. The applicant
6 intended to have rear-loaded units and the front setback was only 25 feet. If the units face a
7 neighboring property, it will create a small alleyway in front of the townhomes. To address this,
8 staff suggested including a condition in the Code that requires staggering in this instance. The
9 proposed language was as follows:

- 10 3. For rear-loaded buildings where 7 or 8 dwelling units are attached in a linear
11 pattern, and the front setback faces a neighboring property line, the building
12 shall present staggering setbacks with a minimum of 10 feet difference. The
13 dwellings shall be arranged such that 4 interior units have a 10 feet larger
14 setback than the remaining units on both sides. The setbacks are measured
15 from the outside wall.

16 Staff felt that the proposed language would address the concerns of alleyways and unattractive
17 buildings.

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19 In response to a question from Council Member Andersen, City Attorney, Tina Petersen explained
20 that having more than six attached units per building would be a conditional use. The proposed
21 language would be a condition set forth in the ordinance for this conditional use.

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23 Director Cardenas explained that the applicant would not lose any units if they kept the buildings
24 to six units, but they would have to be smaller than he wanted. If the applicant were allowed to
25 have more units per building, he could do more three and four-bedroom units, which would attract
26 more families to the development. He showed the conceptual site plan.

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28 Mayor Fugal asked how the Planning Commission felt about this issue. Director Cardenas stated
29 that three Commissioners wanted staggering, and four were fine with eight units in a straight row.
30 Staff worked with the applicant to come up with something that would be good for the developer
31 and the City.

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33 Council Member Jensen preferred to see every other unit staggered. Director Cardenas stated that
34 the proposed language would help to create common courtyards for the residents. The applicant
35 only intended to seek this conditional use for one of his parcels.

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37 City Administrator, Scott Darrington presented information regarding the other public hearing on
38 the agenda regarding recycling fees. Prior to the meeting, he sent information to the Council
39 regarding the changes to the recycling industry over the past year. China was taking in most of
40 the world's recycling, but much of it was contaminated and they were sending it to their own
41 landfills. China has now decided to no longer not take outside recycling unless it is less than 1%
42 contaminated. This decision was affecting recycling worldwide.

1 The industry in the United States was trying to come up with solutions to this problem, but until
2 alternatives are found, the cost of recycling will continue to increase. Staff was proposing to
3 increase the rate of recycling by \$0.70 per can per month. This rate had been at \$5.90 for the last
4 10 years and they had not increased the rate since the program was instituted in Pleasant Grove.
5 If residents do not want to pay the increased rate, they had the ability to opt-out. They could stop
6 recycling altogether or pay for a second garbage can. If the Council receives questions from
7 residents about this increased rate or the status of recycling in general, they could get them in touch
8 with Administrator Darrington who would talk them through it. It was noted that the Republic
9 Services website contains information regarding what kinds of recycling they are accepting.

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11 **5) Staff Business.**

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13 **6) Adjournment**

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15 **ACTION:** Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the Work Session at 5:33 p.m. Council
16 Member Bullock seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the
17 Council.

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19 The City Council Work Session Minutes of January 21, 2020, were approved by the City Council
20 on February 18, 2020.

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23 Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
24 City Recorder

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26 *(Exhibits are in the City Council Minutes binders in the Recorder's office.)*