**Pleasant Grove City**
**City Council Meeting Minutes**
**Regular Session**
**March 2, 2021**
**6:00 p.m.**

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| Mayor: | Guy L. Fugal |
| Council Members: | Dianna Andersen<br>Brent Bullock<br>Eric Jensen<br>Cyd LeMone<br>Todd Williams |
| Staff Present: | Scott Darrington, City Administrator<br>Deon Giles, Parks Director<br>Aaron Wilson, City Engineer<br>Kyler Ludwig, HR Director<br>Mike Roberts, Police Chief<br>Drew Engemann, Fire Chief<br>Denise Roy, Finance Director<br>Sheri Britsch, Library Director<br>Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director<br>Kathy Kresser, City Recorder |
| Excused: | Tina Petersen, City Attorney<br>Tyler Wilkins, Recreation Director<br>Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director |

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

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## 6:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Guy Fugal called the meeting to order and stated that all Council Members were present.

### 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief, Mike Roberts.

## 3) OPENING REMARKS

The opening remarks were offered by Council Member Brent Bullock.

## 4) APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**ACTION:** Council Member Jensen moved to APPROVE the agenda and discuss 8(A) first. Council Member Bullock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Bullock, Jensen, LeMone, and Williams voting "Aye".

## 5) OPEN SESSION

Mayor Fugal opened the Open Session. There were no public comments. The Open Session was closed.

## 6) CONSENT ITEMS

a. **City Council Minutes:**
   **City Council Minutes for the February 16, 2021 meeting.**
b. **To Consider Approval of Pay Request No. 1 to Silver Spur Construction for the Mill Ditch Project.**
c. **To Consider Approval of Payment Approval Reports for February 25, 2021.**

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to APPROVE the Consent Items. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Bullock, Jensen, LeMone, and Williams voting "Aye".

## 7) BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

## 8) PRESENTATIONS

a. **Recognition of PGHS State Wrestling Champions.**

Zeke Kelly, one of the State Champion Wrestlers thanked the City Council for having them and stated that they were honored to represent the Pleasant Grove Wrestling Team. The other team members were introduced. The City Council presented the team with a certificate.

Council Member LeMone reported that she wore the Viking helmet the entire day during the state finals. She thanked the team for their work and effort.

Council Member Andersen stated that most people do not understand the effort put in by the team. Because of Pleasant Grove's history with wrestling, there is an energy that supports all of the sacrifices. Council Member Bullock commended the team for their efforts.

Council Member Williams congratulated the team and encouraged them to continue the legacy. He inquired about the cowboy hats and cowboy boots. One of the team members stated that they have to make a statement when they show up. When asked about the antlers, he explained that one of the teammates carved the wrestlers' mission into it and it was signed by all of the State qualifiers.

## 9) PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

## 10) ACTION ITEMS READY FOR VOTE

## 11) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### A) Continued Items from the Work Session, If Needed.

**Discussion of the Broadband.**

Council Member Andersen stated that she sees cities that own their utilities and the revenues they are collecting. They have their cable channel and staff that support that. She also asked what the revenue cost per home would be without it. Administrator Darrington stated that the cost does not change because they have a cable TV charge on top of their broadband charge so it is separate. He further explained that Spanish Fork is able to retail as the Internet Service Provider ("ISP"). When they did that the State Legislature prohibited other cities from retailing internet services under that model.

Council Member Williams reported that he served on the Committee and the $75 for the one gig is split between the network provider and the ISP. He explained that it is a combined total. Administrator Darrington stated that with UTOPIA, $30 out of the $65 pays for the bonds and operations. The remaining portion goes to the ISP.

Council Member Jensen thanked the Committee and appreciated their insight. He further stated that both companies are great. He recommended UTOPIA because it is turnkey and ready to go. The City does not have to worry about the funding and the feasibility study.

Administrator Darrington reported that the stimulus package being debated by Congress is earmarking money for cities and towns. A portion of that money could be earmarked for broadband services for cities.

Council Member Bullock was concerned that bonding would mean using all of their bonding authority. Mayor Fugal inquired about the bonding capacity and how much the City could bond for. Administrator Darrington stated that there are different bonding capacities based on the revenues. Council Member Andersen stated that she would like to know what that number is. Administrator Darrington pointed out that if they have to backstop the bonds it could chew up a portion of the capacity.

Council Member Williams had heard both companies and supported STRATA Networks because of the capabilities and flexibility. Unfortunately, it is a serious commitment and includes delays. It is also more expensive and gives the City control. He felt that the City would be best served by the

UTOPIA model as the take rates could be easily captured. It would be a no-brainer for him if he could get the 1 gig for $75 or $80.

Council Member Bullock was also in support of UTOPIA. He stated that the only difference would be to own or not.

Council Member Jensen pointed out that UTOPIA is willing to work with the City. Administrator Darrington stated that negotiations will take place with UTOPIA for the city facilities to help the City with internal operations.

Council Member Andersen supported the idea of having the ability to provide affordable internet. She stated that based on the survey many citizens need it.

Council Member Andersen was terrified of the financial burden. She was concerned about what the funding will look like for 20 years and how it will impact the City's bond rating. She asked if funds will be available to run the City in the event of an emergency. She liked the idea of owning it but recognized that the money might not be enough to hire additional personnel.

Administrator Darrington reiterated that if the financial commitment is an issue they should reconsider and wait for the private sector to take action.

Council Member LeMone expressed support for UTOPIA.

Mayor Fugal reported that he had worked closely with CenturyLink and they no longer wish to be a local phone company. They want to be an internet provider but will not spend money in Pleasant Grove. Mayor Fugal felt that UTOPIA was the best alternative.

Council Member Williams inquired about the timing. Administrator Darrington explained that after discussions with UTOPIA, the matter will come back to the Council for approval. It was estimated that it could take two months to finalize a contract.

## 12) STAFF BUSINESS

Police Chief, Mike Roberts, reported that he addressed a search warrant at the last meeting. The officers made a few traffic stops and were able to get some drugs out of those stops. They tied it to a residence in Strawberry Point and ended up serving another warrant that produced some good seizures.

He also reported that a man tried to take his life in Grove Creek Trail last week. The 911 call went to American Fork first but they were unable to pinpoint his location. Pleasant Grove Police found him and transported him to Utah Valley. His mother called the Police Department earlier in the day and spoke with the supervisor on duty. She reported that he was expected to make a full recovery and asked the officers to go and speak with him.

Chief Roberts also reported that they recently purchased a training program called OnStar Solutions. It is a web-based training program and will provide 28 officers with 200 hours of training.

Library Director, Sheri Britsch, reported that they are preparing for the Summer Reading Program and operating it from the parks this time rather than the Library.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, reported that it is warming up but the trail is still closed. They were in the process of getting it ready to go. Illegal trail riders caused damage this winter. Some maintenance was also to be done.

Director Giles stated that a significant portion of the City has been aerated and was ongoing. He further reported that the Pickleball courts are moving forward. Council Member Williams confirmed that they are on track for a June 1 opening. Administrator Darrington reported that the ribbon cutting for the Pickleball courts will take place during Strawberry Days.

Recreation Director, Tyler Wilkins, reported that they recently finished Junior Jazz basketball and are getting ready for baseball, softball, and volleyball in the Rec Center. It is a busy time and the facility has been well used. New equipment had been purchased for the weight training class. A fitness class for high school-age students was set to begin in March.

Fire Chief, Drew Engemann, reported that they received a call from the mother spoken of by Chief Roberts earlier. She was very appreciative of what the officers and the EMTs did. Chief Engemann reported that they would be conducting Battalion Chief interviews the following day. Lieutenants' tests were to close the following day as well. They hoped to fill the position for Lieutenants by the following week. They were slowly filling in spots and were expected to be back to full staffing over the next few weeks.

Chief Engemann reported that the new ambulance is expected to arrive in July. Employees were currently taking CPR classes. They planned to begin offering the classes to the public in the near future.

Administrator Darrington reported that they are putting together a committee for the Fox Hollow situation. Each city will have three representatives for a total of nine members. They were to begin looking at proposals the following week. Mayor Fugal, Administrator Darrington, and Council Member Andersen would be representing Pleasant Grove.

Administrator Darrington reported that in two weeks, the majority of the work session will be spent on the budget. They will review the capital projects, health insurance, and salaries. At the April 13 meeting, they will address utility rates. Public Works out of the pipe plant and a funding plan were to also be discussed.

Administrator Darrington reported that they will be awarding a bid on the tennis courts in two weeks. The Interlocal Agreement was with Utah County to run the municipal elections. The issues were to be discussed as part of the budget.

There is a lease out at the pipe plant to the group that the City purchased it from. They want to extend the lease with a 90-day out. The City will be required to provide a 90-day notice in order to develop that portion of the pipe plant.

There are Franchise Agreements in place as well for a group that wants to use the City's right-of-way. Administrator Darrington reported that building and development have slowed down but were expected to increase soon.

Council Member Williams asked if the bid for the tennis courts is being paid for with CARE tax Administrator Darrington confirmed that it was.

City Engineer, Aaron Wilson, reported that yesterday the contractor was given notice to proceed with the North Union ditch piping. It was expected to be completed and ready for water by April 15. Mill ditch piping was also progressing well.

**13) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE MARCH 16, 2021, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**14) MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

Council Member Jensen reported that the Crust Club will be redoing their groundbreaking.

Mayor Fugal indicated that Strawberry Days Rodeo tickets are available for purchase. A huge celebration was planned for the 100th year.

Administrator Darrington stated that the Strawberry Days organization will work with the Utah County Health Department on precautions.

Mayor Fugal reported that the old Walmart in American Fork will serve as a Johnson & Johnson vaccine location on Monday.

**15) SIGNING OF PLATS.**

**16) REVIEW CALENDAR.**

**17) ADJOURN.**

Council Member Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Council Member Bullock seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council minutes of March 2, 2021, were approved by the City Council on March 30, 2021.

Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder
*(Exhibits are in the City Council Minutes binders in the Recorder's office.)*

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