

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
July 5, 2022
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Brent Bullock
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director
Deon Giles, Parks Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director
Mike Roberts, Police Chief
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director
Shawn Whitaker, Assistant Recreation Director

Excused: Council Member Todd Williams

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

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

Mayor Guy Fugal called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Assistant Recreation Director, Shawn Whitaker, reported that Pleasant Grove belongs to the Central Utah Recreation and Parks Association, which annually presents an Outstanding Volunteer Citizen award for each city in its area. This year, Pleasant Grove's award was given to Gene Dennison, a volunteer who has been very involved in senior fitness activities for the past six years. Mr. Dennison stated that if he sees something that needs to be done, he does it. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Dennison for his continued support of the Recreation Center.

a. Library Board Update.

Library Board Members Emily Hammerstad, Camille Davis, and Barry Lund commented on why they joined and/or support the Library Board. Chair Hammerstad stated that the Library is a valuable resource for the community. She shared an experience where a Librarian assisted her in finding a cherished childhood book that she had been unable to locate. This incident deeply moved her. Board Member Lund was a new Board Member and had become interested in serving after hearing a university presentation on the significance libraries have on towns across America. He noted that libraries are considered “second responders” in terms of importance. As a result of the presentation, he explored Library Board membership and joined. He also noted that libraries are personally important to him as he has grandchildren who are avid readers.

b. Staff Business.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, reported that the hot and dry weather has resulted in more water being used by residents. This makes it a critical time for the city. Increased use triggered a transition from using runoff to reservoir water to keep the ponds full. The increased use also triggered enforcement involvement in locating those who are using water incorrectly. He noted that some residents are not amenable to the contacts, which resulted in discussions about fines versus warnings. He acknowledged that most residents were receptive to their contact. He stated that with the advent of metering they will be better able to evaluate the system.

Director Winterton stated that the Boulevard well was progressing with test pumping expected to go forward over the next few weeks. Everything to date showed that the well would be a good one. He further advised that the concrete work on the tennis courts at Discovery Park was finished and that the other work will continue. When asked if he had contacted the County regarding 100 East, he stated that he sent two messages but had not received a response. Mayor Fugal stated that he has a contact on the County Commission Board, he would approach the matter from that perspective.

Police Chief, Mike Roberts, reported that they received a lot of calls on the Fourth of July and confiscated some illegal fireworks. He also noted that they received calls from upset dog owners about the noise.

Chief Roberts noted that July 9 will be the last shift for Sergeant James Oliver. They will be working on filling that position.

Grove Station will conduct a public Q&A period on Tuesday, July 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They will work on planning between the City Parks and the Fire Department. They will also hold a Citizen Academy beginning on July 27. All of the activities were posted on Facebook.

Fire Chief, Drew Engemann, reported that his department had been busy with accidents and had already received six calls today. They monitored the fireworks displays to ensure that nothing untoward happened. He noted that they remain short-staffed but received 32 to 35 applications with some having engine boss experience. He hoped to be at full staff within the next few months.

He reported that they responded to a bicycle accident with fatalities the previous Sunday. He briefly discussed the location of where the accident occurred.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, it was a good weekend and even though there was signage at the parks about fireworks people still set them off. The cement for the tennis courts was poured this morning. There had been some concern with the cement company about getting staff in on Tuesday, July 5 so they didn't pour until 9:00 a.m., however the next pour will be at 5:00 a.m. In response to a question raised, he stated that they had several reservations this past weekend with only one cancellation. He also noted that the pool has been very busy.

Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, reported on a recent Historic Commission Meeting and stated that he was working on some issues with them. The Commission meets once per month, and he plans to attend their meetings every other month. He stated that the Planning Commission had 15 items scheduled for this month. He also noted that they were working to schedule a joint meeting with the City Council and Planning Commission to hear from the Consultants about the public comments received as part of the General Plan revision work. At that joint session, they will present a direction for the City to consider.

Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch, reported they are actively involved with the summer programs which average 12 per week. Currently, the Arts Commission is presenting a program teaching ukulele lessons. She noted that program attendance has not increased since COVID, and they are evaluating that issue. Council Member Andersen stated she was told by a teacher that the Kindergarten to Third Grade children are about two years behind in school due to COVID. She asked about activities that could help them get caught up.

Finance Director, Denise Roy, stated that the budget is in place.

City Attorney, Tina Petersen, reported that she recently had 70 boxes of legal files shredded.

Council Member Andersen was grateful for the City's Fourth of July Celebration and noted that other communities have not fared as well. She reported that an eight-year-old girl was struck and killed by a vehicle in the Kaysville parade. Centerville was also forced to evacuate 100 homes due to fires that were started by fireworks. She recently attended Follow the Flag, which was inspiring. She noted that four individuals told their stories about good things that had been done in Pleasant Grove and there was a flyover.

Council Member LeMone was glad to be back in the United States. Mayor Fugal stated that traveling outside the U.S. makes one grateful for the many blessings we enjoy. There was general discussion about the Fourth of July celebration and parking at the Grove Creek trailhead for the Follow the Flag events.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reviewed the agenda for the upcoming City Council Meeting on July 19, which was to include a Work Session with the joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission to discuss the committee's findings regarding the General Plan amendment. He stated that the meeting would be held to get feedback from Council and Planning Commission before any drafting on the General Plan amendment begins. Council Member Andersen indicated

that she would not be present during that time but wanted to be involved. Administrator Darrington stated that they could Zoom her in. During the regular meeting, he reported that they would be addressing the boundary adjustment and adoption of Bylaws for the Local Building Authority. They would also discuss the Parameters Resolution, which was the first step in bonding for Hale Center Theater. He noted that the Financial Consultant would be present for that discussion. A public hearing would ultimately be required. He also stated that a Contractor and Architect had already been selected for the project and expected their first show to be in the late summer of 2024. He noted that he and the Mayor were part of the committee working on that project.

Administrator Darrington stated that on July 26 there will be a two-hour Mid-Year Retreat Lunch for the annual review of what has been accomplished by the Council and identify the status of various projects. That evening there was to be an Open House for citizens from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the tax proposal. The meeting would be led by staff and the Consulting firm. The City Council Members were welcome to attend.

Administrator Darrington stated that August 2 will have the public hearing on the Truth in Taxation process, which is required by law. The intention was that the public hearing be listed as the only agenda item. He also stated that on August 16, if the Council chooses to follow through with the taxation process, approval of the property tax would be voted on. The Council next discussed the items on tonight's agenda and noted that none are public hearings.

Director Cardenas presented Item 10A and identified the location of the proposed Hee Haw development in the Grove Zone on an aerial map displayed. The proposed building is a multi-use building, with a restaurant in one of the silos, a retail store in the other silo, and an event center in the middle of the building. Parking was limited to approximately 30 spaces. On the site plan Director Cardenas identified another area that will be developed in the future to allow for additional parking. He described the access and landscaping and showed pictures of what the building will look like. He noted that the building is to have an old farm appearance. The design of the building was similar to others in the area. The Planning Commission approved the site and considered the building and its proposed use.

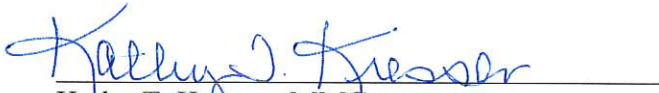
Director Giles addressed Item 10B and stated that a few years earlier the State mandated that cemeteries be platted. The work was completed prior to the expansion project and the item was related to a continuation of that State-mandated process. He noted they no longer report to the State. The area from 100 East to 100 West included Plats A through D. The other section included Plats E and F. The expansion would be labeled later.

Attorney Petersen addressed Item 10C, involving an Interlocal Agreement between Pleasant Grove City and Utah County that would allow the City to install a camera to provide monitoring of the ballot drop box on the northeast corner of City Hall. The cameras will be paid for by the County. With regard to Item 10D, she stated that this Item was a request for consent to have a single event permit to sell alcohol at an upcoming Bridge Investment Group corporate event at Evermore Park. She noted that they will sell different types of alcohol in packages. This type of activity requires the consent of the City. She also described the various methods by which the alcohol would be sold.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Jensen moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Bullock, Jensen, and LeMone voting “Aye”.

The City Council minutes of July 5, 2022, were approved by the City Council on July 19, 2022.



Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

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