

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
August 2, 2022
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Brent Bullock
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Todd Williams

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
DaSheek Akwenye, Recreation Director
Assistant Recreation Director, Shawn Whitaker

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.

a. Strawberry Days Committee Update.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, announced that the Strawberry Days Committee's update would be presented in September.

b. Discussion on Pool Closure.

Administrator Darrington provided an update regarding the impact of the swimming pool closure. He stated that the intent was to close the swimming pool for leak repairs on August 15, 2022. Because the pool was to be closed for an estimated three weeks, a few residents objected because

they have year-long passes that they could no longer use. The closure time, however, increased to five weeks.

Administrator Darrington reported that within the last week, multiple issues occurred that led to a longer pool closing. One week earlier, the insurance company notified the City that they would no longer cover their most popular water feature, the Wibit, because it is considered an inflatable. The insurance company planned to find someone to insure it but later reversed its position and covered the pool feature. They indicated that although it contains air, it is tethered. The following Saturday night or Sunday morning, a part on the pool water heater broke. Because the part was difficult to locate, the decision was made to close the pool for the rest of the year to repair leaks, correct ground settling issues, and repair the boiler. Some of the work involved engineering input. He noted that \$300,000 was budgeted to repair the leak and for settling repairs. Work was to begin as soon as possible, once approved. The Council would also be notified of the cost to operate the pool for the next few years.

Council Member LeMone asked if all of the proposed repairs could be done in time for the pool to open next year. Administrator Darrington thought they may be able to bring the contractor in earlier than previously contemplated.

Administrator Darrington reported that the more pressing issue for the Council to address was how to reimburse residents who already paid for one year's worth of pool access. He suggested two or three possible ways of addressing the issue. Staff contacted Lindon City regarding allowing Pleasant Grove pass holders to use their pool and reimburse Lindon for the cost. He stated that Lindon's pool access times differ from Pleasant Grove's in that during the school year Lindon's pool is open only on Saturdays. The Pleasant Grove pool is open during the school week as well, which creates a gap in service. Administrator Darrington indicated that a second alternative would be to look at the costs expended and refund the residents for the unused portion. To date, the pool has been closed for five weeks, which would require \$34,000 to be refunded. He also noted that because the pool will no longer be open, they will not incur \$28,000 in salaries.

During the pool closure, staff continued to pay the lifeguards for two weeks to help with cleanup and reduce the impact of the closure on employees. Assistant Recreation Director, Shawn Whitaker, reported that the Supervisors and Managers identified projects that could be completed. They were able to clean the pool carpets and would be able to get the outside storage areas cleaned, check on the status of older equipment, swap out the box chairs, store items/equipment for the winter, do pressure washing, and renovate the interior lobby area.

Assistant Director Whitaker reported that a few staff members were expected to leave the City's employ. Off-season work would likely include the interior lobby and locker room repairs, moving the front desk, installing new tile in the locker room, and updating showers. He noted that they are painting the locker room, the first-aid room, and the concession stand and installing a new fence near the slide pool pumps, and creating new storage.

There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of contracting with Lindon City to allow access to Pleasant Grove residents and what a possible refund system would look like. Council Member Williams suggested sending a survey to pass holders of potential options. Other options were

discussed such as credits for next year or a combination of the alternatives such as a refund and allowing residents to make use of Lindon's facility. The Council decided to refund yearly pass holders for the five-week period the pool was closed and cover the use of the Lindon City pool for the remainder of the season. Residents were to be notified of the decision in writing.

c. Staff Business.

Fire Chief, Drew Engemann, reported that the department was in the process of interviewing applicants. Of 40 applicants, they interviewed 20 and would be reviewing 12 more. None of the applicants have Paramedic training. He discussed the brush truck. In response to a question raised by Council Member Andersen, Chief Engemann described the process of advancing from an EMT to a Paramedic.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, commented that the recent rain has resulted in flooding, which the Public Works responded to quickly. He reported that there is still a vacancy in the Water Department that was in the process of being filled.

Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, reported that they continue to work on Code-related issues at 200 South and State Street. He commented that there are always issues with Code Enforcement. Council Member Jensen asked about the status of the Hancock Property to the west and the Jackman Electronic Property that faces Main Street. Director Cardenas reported that staff received a proposed site plan for the Hancock Property, which will require some work. He stated that the second property is mainly on Center Street but he had no information on it.

Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch, reported that the Library continues to be busy. They currently have one full-time position that needs to be filled. Earlier in the week, the Utah Children's Choir came to the Library to sing. In addition, the Library will have a used book sale between August 8 and 13. They will also have a "Handmade at the Library" program where adults can make Library book tote bags. She noted they are currently between seasons.

Police Chief, Mike Roberts, reported that Cory Fenton passed his exam and was promoted to Sergeant. He had been serving as Acting Sergeant for some time. They would be conducting Staff Replacement Interviews for four individuals and conducting trainings. The Fall Citizen Academy was scheduled to begin the following evening. They were also working with Lindon City to capture some homicide suspects.

Recreation Director, DaSheek Akwenye, reported that Flag Football and Softball signups were underway with Soccer starting this week. Staff updated and painted the Cycling Room as well. Director Akwenye reported that they will be promoting a Senior Walkathon beginning on August 17. The Fall events were to begin after Labor Day weekend. He commented that finding staff has been difficult. Council Member Andersen relayed a suggestion about obtaining more fees. Council Member LeMone asked about professional cleaning crews. Director Akwenye reported that currently, the staff is doing the cleaning.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, stated that some grass was torn up by an ATV at Manilla Creek last weekend. He noted that three parks get vandalized often with most being minor damage. In this

case, no one reported the damage. He stated that the mow strip project on 900 West was completed and a few trees were removed that were creating safety issues. One tennis court was tensioned and the pickleball courts were to be poured on Friday. He stated that the following week they would be starting to install fencing. Mayor Fugal asked about cameras to reduce vandalism. Administrator Darrington reported they met with UTOPIA regarding camera placement. He noted that UTOPIA was also working with Public Works on the wells.

Finance Director, Denise Roy, was working on the Audit and end-of-year issues. She was also conducting interviews for four positions and assisting with Human Resources work.

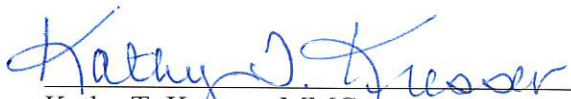
City Attorney, Tina Petersen, was helping with interviews and working on the Hale Theater matter.

Administrator Darrington reported that a few members of staff would be taking a field trip the following day to visit an indoor composting facility near Mariposa, California. He reviewed the format for tonight's public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 5:28 p.m. Council Member Jensen moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Bullock seconded the motion. Council Members vote: Dianna Andersen, Yes; Brent Bullock, Yes; Eric Jensen, Yes; and Todd Williams, Yes. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Council Work Session minutes of August 2, 2022, were approved by the City Council on August 16, 2022.


Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

