

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Tuesday, July 23, 2024
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone (arrived at 4:32 p.m.)
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Keldon Brown, Police Chief
Wendy Thorpe, City Recorder
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director
Kyler Brower, Assistant to the City Administrator
Andrew Engemann, Fire Chief
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director
David Packard, Human Resources Director
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Lauren Langston, Intern
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director
Deon Giles, Parks Director

Excused: Steve Rogers, Council Member
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director

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. Presentation by the Henscheid Family.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, introduced the Henscheid Family who has been invited to speak about the possibility of bringing a Gold-Star Family monument to Pleasant Grove. The family recently visited a monument dedicated to those who served. They will speak about what their monument means, how the concept of honoring those who serve could be expanded, and the steps to be taken forward if it is something the City wants to pursue.

Don Henschied, thanked the City Council for inviting them to speak today. The monument itself is to give honor to those who have served, sacrificed, and strengthened our freedoms. A few days earlier, he spoke with another person about the gold-star family monuments that are being raised around this country and about the possibility of one being placed here. Their presence provides a personal history. Mr. Henschied described his family's strong personal ties to the community and noted that his son and the other two young men who died in service were raised here. A monument honoring individuals who served our Nation and their families would be very personal for them and the community.

It was reported that there are six Gold-Star Family Monuments in Utah. Each is 12 feet tall and built of solid granite. A Gold-Star Family/relative portion is located on the front, and the back is divided into four panels to represent family, homeland, sacrifice, and patriotism. The content of some panels is flexible to allow the community to select content representing community values. The Iwo Jima panel is pretty well fixed. Sandy City just completed its gold-star family monument.

To bring a Gold-Star Family Monument to Pleasant Grove, they are working with Woody Williams Foundation's ("WWF") founder and were present to see if the City will help. Three critical elements are involved including a working committee, obtaining the needed funding, and finding a location. The following details were provided:

- The committee to oversee the process should have three to five members (as recommended by the WWF) which must include the following:
 - A Gold-Star Family member;
 - An experienced construction/detail person (to serve as a liaison for the public and the City);
 - A member of a non-profit organization; and
 - A representative from the City.
- An Advisory Committee Board was also suggested. Jim Adams and Kyle Fox offered to serve on the committee. Both Council Members Jensen and Williams offered to help as well as Administrator Darrington from the City.
- The cost of the monuments in Utah has ranged in price from \$120,000 to \$135,000. The money is usually raised within the community and it takes 1 to 1 ½ years to complete. WWF is available to help throughout the process with the funding, planning, design, and engineering.
- Dusty from the cemetery has given him information on the monument wall.

The family broadly envisions the following occurring:

- Establishing a Gold-Star Family Memorial Monument in Pleasant Grove;
- Establishing a fallen soldier portion on a battlefield cross (which is found all over the nation) in Pleasant Grove; and
- Updating or upgrading the existing Veteran's Memorial Plaza. He notes that for the existing Veteran's Memorial Plaza, the water feature struggles, the names need to be updated space for future names added, and the lighting needs improvement.
- Additionally, there could be a section added for First responders, or pioneer memorials.

Advisors and partners in the past have included Follow the Flag, Kyle Fox, major brands (including Taylor Foundation, Paul Swenson (Colonial Flag), and Randy Edwards (Vice Commander of the American Legion). He recommended himself as someone with a military background. Additionally, he identified Brad Creer who formed a non-profit serving widows of fallen veterans, and Greg Thorne, a local Veteran of Foreign Wars. He appreciated the Council's time and commitment to veterans, the fallen, and their families.

Discussion included contacting Sandy City to see what worked and who was involved. The design of the memorial would be left to the City. Mr. Henschied reported that his son was injured in Afghanistan and later died at Walter Reed Hospital. He noted that the difference in Gold-Star Family designations is based on the service branch involved. The WWF identifies Gold-Star families as belonging to those who died serving the country. The City Council supported the request. Administrator Darrington agreed to meet with Mr. Henschied to get things going.

b. Staff Business.

Police Chief, Keldon Brown, reported on the following:

- The Department is doing well. Their upcoming focus will be to replace Officer Locke, who is leaving. Testing was to begin shortly.
- They are responding to domestic violence issues, fights, and traffic complaints including speeding on 1800 North, and addressing citizen concerns and complaints.
- Upcoming activities include the Department Party in the Park on August 7 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A Retirement Party is also planned for August 1 for Sergeant Cory Fenton.

Fire Chief, Drew Engemann, reported on the following:

- This has been a busy month with local work and providing mutual aid to neighboring communities.
- A recent house fire resulted in two fatalities. The call was received at 1:55 a.m. and they were on scene in six minutes. The first victim was found at 2:10 a.m. and the second seven or eight minutes later. The first victim was transported but the second was unsuccessfully resuscitated on scene. The American Fork Fire Department arrived two minutes after the Pleasant Grove crews arrived. An inspection showed no working smoke alarms on the site.
- 4 ½ hours later a call was received for a birth. Upon arrival, they found that the baby was delivered at home. Mother and baby are fine.
- The department is meeting with Central Dispatch to work out ways to work together for faster response times.
- The department is reviewing candidates for the Lieutenant position with testing to take place this week.
- Firefighters have remained in Southern California and have been asked to stay another two weeks. Two are serving on that crew. Utah will not be sending any other resources.

Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch, reported on the following:

- The Utah Legends and Scavenger Hunt is taking place throughout the City. Legends include Whales and the Great Salt Lake and Monster in the Great Salt Lake. Participants go to various city offices to find their scavenger list items.
- Movies are being screened on Mondays over the summer. This past week *Sandlot* was shown, which features Council Member LeMone at age 14. Typically, 10 to 40 are in attendance.
- This is the last week of the Summer Reading Program, which has been a great success.
- The Preservation Commission held another Historic Walking Tour on Center Street, including the Star Saloon. Approximately 80 participated.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, reported on the following:

- The department has been busy and will complete some smaller projects before seasonal crews are done for the summer.
- They expect to complete the surface playground at Discovery Playground on August 1. Next week, the shade covers will be installed at Discovery Park.

Human Resources Director, David Packard, reported on the following:

- The Annual Summer Employee and Family Party will take place on August 12 at Discovery Park. They will not have a swimming pool but the Fire Department has agreed to bring fire hoses. There will be a lot of food and activities including pickleball, 9-square, cornhole, kickball, and other events.

Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger, reported on the following:

- The Foam Party was held last week and was a great success and will take place again next year.
- The State competition has finished. She appreciated the help of the Parks Department in getting the field ready.
- An outdoor movie night will take place on August 13 at the Recreation Center. They will be showing *Kung Fu Panda 4* and will have popcorn and a Chinese takeout box.
- Andy Linker has taken another position and Kylie Powell, who just returned from maternity leave has decided to stay home with her baby. She leaves at the end of August. Replacements will be sought for both positions. They are in the process of planning a Pickleball Tournament in October.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, reported on the following:

- The City's Traffic Control Plan was presented. It was reported that sometimes roads are closed but stated that he is serious about coordinating all of the aspects involved. The street and road work were done early. 2600 North was opened prior to shutting down the intersection at 1100 North and 600 West.
- There was miscommunication with development on 1800 North and the time frame. Their intent was not to cause confusion with all that is going on. Last February, he predicted there would be a lot happening, which has proven to be the case. He was open to hearing

complaints and stated that good things are happening for the community because of this effort. He commended the efforts of the City Council to get the work funded and completed.

- With regard to employment changes, Gene Ellington has been selected for the Streets and Storm Water Manager position. The selection process was thorough and they are moving in a good direction. There is also an opening for a Water Operator. Salaries were expected to remain competitive to retain valuable employees.
- Work on the Cook Family Park continued. There was discussion about an environmental check and progress on the corner.
- 7,500 secondary water meters are being installed as part of the Water Metering Program as well as chlorinators.

Intern Lauren Langston reported on the following:

- She has been working on several projects including pay compensation with David Packard, revisions in TechNet, a Recreation Comparison Study with Megan Zollinger, helping with budget documents, the Summer Step challenge, and the New Wellness Program that she created.
- Ms. Langston will be with the City through the Fall when she starts back at Brigham Young University (“BYU”). She ultimately plans to obtain a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and plans to marry in one month.

Administrator Darrington reminded all that Sgt. Fenton is retiring, with an Open House scheduled for August 1 between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Public Safety Party is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Summer-Bration is to be held August 8, 2024, starting at 3:00 p.m. until dark.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 5:26 p.m. Council Member Williams moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, and Williams voting “Yes”.



Wendy Thorpe, CMC
City Recorder

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**Pleasant Grove City
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Regular Session
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6:00 p.m.**

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6:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Guy Fugal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Human Resources Director, David Packard.

3) **OPENING REMARKS**

The Opening Remarks were offered by Council Member Jensen.

4) **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

ACTION: Council Member Williams moved to APPROVE the Agenda as written. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, and Williams voting “Yes”.

5) **OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Fugal opened the Open Session.

Nathan Criman thanked the City Council for work being done on roads. He was discouraged by the negative online criticism of the City Council. They moved to Pleasant Grove because of his wife’s roots and because of the people. People have forgotten how to be civil. He thanked them for their efforts. He trusts the City Council to give their very best, which they have done. He thanked Chief Brown and the Fire Department as well as the City Council for their leadership.

Lolly Broadbent, a 32-year resident, indicated that she has had difficulty caring for her yard and has been frustrated with the Public Works Department. She stated that she is not able to run a full cycle on her sprinklers before they plug up. She went out of town over one weekend in June and came back to find her backyard grass dead. She cannot revive it because she cannot get the water to cycle normally. She has been told several times that the City knows there is an issue and they are working on it. She does not even know what that means as she has not seen any work being done. She wants to know what is being done to fix the issue day. Mayor Fugal requested that her information be provided to the Public Works Director for follow-up and report.

There were no further comments. The Open Session was closed.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. **City Council Minutes:
City Council Minutes for the June 24, 2024, Meeting.**
- B. **To Consider for Approval Payment No. 2 to Pronghorn Construction, Inc. for the 2024 C&G and Sidewalk Project.**
- C. **To Consider for Approval Contract Change Order No. 1 to Eagle Environmental, Inc. for the Kindness Park Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Removal Project.**
- D. **To Consider for Approval Payment No.2 to Kilgore Contracting for the Nathaniel Drive Waterline and Roadway Improvements Project.**
- E. **To Consider for Contract Change Order No.1 for Got Dirt? Construction, LLC for the 1160 North Utilities and Roadway Improvements Project.**

- F. To Consider for Approval Payment No.1 to Got Dirt? Construction, LLC for the 1160 North Utilities and Roadway Improvements Project.**
- G. To Consider for Approval Payment No. 10 to Staker Parson Materials and Construction, a CRH Company for the 2600 North Roadway Improvements Project.**
- H. To Consider Approval of Payment Reports for July 11, 2024, and July 12, 2024.**

ACTION: Council Member Jensen moved to APPROVE the Consent Item. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, and Williams voting “Yes”.

7) BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

8) PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

9) PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing to Consider for Adoption an Ordinance (2024-018) amending the Moderate-Income Housing Plan Chapter from the Pleasant Grove City General Plan; including one new strategy and new benchmarks for the already adopted strategies to meet future affordable housing needs; and providing an effective date. Presenter: Attorney Petersen.**

City Attorney, Tina Petersen, presented the item on behalf of Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, who was not present. A few years ago, the Utah State Legislature mandated that all municipalities include a section in the General Land Use Plan to address strategies to both develop and facilitate development for moderate-income housing. After describing the legal definition of moderate-income housing, Attorney Petersen stated that Pleasant Grove City identified five of those strategies from a list of strategies offered by the State. The strategies selected show Pleasant Grove’s effectiveness in seeking ways to provide moderate-income housing. Pleasant Grove was one of the first municipalities in the State to adopt the flag lot rules and to introduce Accessory Dwelling Units (“ADU”) which increase the availability of moderate-income housing. Further, benchmarks must now be included to evaluate effectiveness. Strategy F, in the original plan to increase the housing density in various commercial and mixed-use zones, is being replaced with Strategy J, which addresses implementing incentives for new moderate-income housing projects.

Council Member Jensen asked if this requirement involves a rating system and matching funds. Attorney Petersen stated that the City’s response, which is due by August 1, 2024, is important as it qualifies them for state transportation funds and identifies where the City is placed on the state

funding priority list. Pleasant Grove chose five strategies instead of the minimum required three so that they would be positioned higher on the priority list. They did get a good rating.

Council Member Williams asked about the incentives for moderate income for new developments. Attorney Petersen reported that a committee made up of City Council and Planning Commission Members will study and identify areas for new residential development and residential re-development and propose a list of developer incentives to encourage moderate-income housing developments. Director Cardenas identified examples of possible incentive options to include smaller setbacks or parking requirement changes. Council Member Williams stated that he struggles with the term “moderate income” when faced with the impact of inflation and rising interest rates. When he began serving on the City Council, rents were \$600 per month. They are now \$1,800 per month. Council Member Jensen added that they are looking for attainable housing. Attorney Petersen stated that Director Cardenas seeking ways to measure whether the state mandates work. If they do not work, the strategy should be changed.

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

ACTION: Council Member Williams moved to ADOPT Ordinance 2024-018 amending the Moderate-Income Housing Plan Chapter from the Pleasant Grove City General Plan including one new strategy and new benchmarks for the already adopted strategies to meet future affordable housing needs; and providing an effective date. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, and Williams voting “Yes”.

10) **ACTION ITEMS READY FOR VOTE**

- A. To Consider for Adoption a Resolution (2024-033) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Interlocal Agreement between Pleasant Grove City, Utah County Department of Health, and Communities that Care for Substance Misuse Prevention; and providing an effective date. Presenter: Attorney Petersen.**

Attorney Petersen reported that the above Resolution authorizes an Interlocal Agreement between Pleasant Grove and the County to assist with substance misuse prevention in our community. The annual agreement involves a grant that supports the program, Communities that Care. The grant allocation has been increased to \$40,000 (\$20,000 to build capacity within the communities’ coalition and \$20,000 to provide staff). Pleasant Grove’s program has one full-time and one half-time staff. The City matches \$10,000 of the funds, making the total funding \$50,000. The program has done a marvelous job with outreach, helping teens and adults with substance abuse prevention, addressing mental health issues, and providing related programs.

ACTION: Council Member Andersen moved to ADOPT Resolution 2024-033 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between Pleasant Grove City, Utah County Department of Health, and Communities that Care for Substance Misuse Prevention; and providing an effective date. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, and Williams voting “Yes”.

11) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Continued items from the Work Session, if Needed.

12) **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE AUGUST 6, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

13) **MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

It was reported that the City Offices would be closed the following day in commemoration of Pioneer Day.


14) **SIGNING OF PLATS**

15) **REVIEW CALENDAR**

16) **ADJOURN**

ACTION: At 6:23 p.m. Council Member Jensen moved to ADJOURN the meeting. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, and Williams voting “Yes”.

The City Council minutes of July 23, 2024, were approved by the City Council on August 20, 2024.



Wendy Thorpe, CMC
City Recorder

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