

CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday Jul 20, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Eldred Whitley opened the council meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending council members included Cynthia Frisbie, Brandon Johnson, Tristian Wurtz-Smith and Jake Mattingley. Absent council members were Chris Ellis. Also present were City Counselor Gary Thompson, City Administrator Erica Kern, Interim City Clerk Nancy Dodson, City Clerk Teresa Whitaker and Amber Coulter of *Linn County News*.

1. Mayor's Comments/Executive Session Requests:

- Erica requested a 15 minute executive session for personnel. Motion by Mattingley, 2nd. by Johnson, approved 4-0. No action taken.

2. City Administrator & Financial Overview:

- Erica Kern stated that budget preparations were beginning next week with herself, Nancy and Teresa. It was indicated that there would be an initial increase in wages, fuel and utilities of 3% and a 5% increase in insurance to start and then adjustments could be made after that. Gary Thompson indicated that only decreases in budgets can be made after publication. Wurtz-Smith made a motion to hold a workshop on August 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Mattingley 2nd. approved 4-0.
- Erica Kern shared that she and Councilman Johnson will meet with grant coordinator Susan Gaelmore on Friday to discuss the community center purchases up to this point as well as the project finances. Kern stated there were approximately 9 months of time sheets missing dating back to 2014 for the community center. Mike Page and Kern met with Louis Anderson on Monday to go over plans and Anderson seems to think it will be ok. Also it was noted we need to make sure plumbing is ready for dishwasher and icemaker.
- The upper West lake spillway has been having issues. DBH cleared weeds so it could be viewed for inspection. Kern will set up time for Dept. of Water Resources to inspect and see what can be done to resolve the issue.
- Dave Davenport, regarding sewer lines for new pharmacy, is out of town. Kern will talk to him when he gets back.
- Tara Carpenter requested the pool be kept open until September 6th rather than close on August 16, 2015 this year since we have had so much rain. The council agreed this would be a good idea.
- Scrap metal that was picked up brought \$3720.00. Chief Tanner Odgen requested that the surplus police car be listed on www.purplewave.com. He inquired about the car the fire department used in training. Mattingley wants to hold off on that for now.
- Kern relayed that Russell Purdy and Eldred Whitley requested additional help at the compactor as there is no consistency in the schedule. The council approved running an ad for part time help in the paper.
- Kern stated the sidewalk grant was approved. The city needs to match 10% of the grant of 350,000. The engineers report was high so the lights were not considered as part of the grant. The primary focus will be on Main Street and a change order is possible to move to other locations after a portion of the work is complete. The engineer's report has been paid. We will have 9 months to award contract. Kern stated we probably do not have enough money to cover our portion. Mattingley suggested the Chamber could help with part of the cost. ½ of the money raised by them at General Pleasanton Days fundraiser could be donated.
- Financials were presented. The general fund is at about 60% of the budgeted amount and should be at about 54%. Kern mentioned finances are looking very tight this year. Special Cap Fund has \$12,000.00 that needs to be transferred for Mr. Walker and that would leave only one payment. The \$12,000.00 will be transferred to the general account for payment. There has also been a significant adjustment to insurance and amounts were not in the appropriate accounts. All these changes will be done prior to budget.

3. Approve Consent Agenda:

- Motion by Johnson to approve consent agenda, 2nd. by Mattingley, approved 4-0. Councilman Johnson asked how long the city has to pay for health insurance. Nancy Dodson stated they typically require payments a month in advance but they credit your next bill. She then stated we would receive a credit for overpayment.

4. Public Speaker:

5. Council Member Discussion:

- Councilwoman Wurtz-Smith asked if we should be flying flags at half-mast due to the recent shootings. Police Chief Ogden stated there has been no such order. Wurtz-Smith then asked that special attention be paid to the condition of the flags and whether they need to be replaced.
- Jake Mattingley addressed Public Works employees Dave Cox and Chris Wurtz in the audience. Mattingley stated he has been hearing a lot of bad things about the water and he wanted to discuss some of the issues.

Mattingley first wanted to know why the pool had so many issues lately. Dave stated that the low Ph was the problem and a portion of the issue could be contributed to all the rain lately. He said he treated the low Ph with soda ash and, as a result, the pool can become cloudy. Cox stated he had a chemical company come out and they changed some of the chemicals. The company also showed Cox how to apply them. Mattingley inquired as to why the water was brown again due to manganese issues. Cox stated the alarm on his phone came late at night in the form of a text. It wasn't until the next morning that he saw the alarm. By then, the levels were high. It took approximately 2 days to get it under control because it was so severe. The council suggested changing the settings on his phone. Cox stated that Damon from Empire Electric will come to change the alert system to phone and also address a valve issue at the plant. He will also do a final punch list on the improvements at the water plant.

- Mattingley stated that millions of dollars have been spent in the last couple years to get people to come here and simple things like not keeping the pool straight and keeping the water from turning brown reflects poorly on us. Cox stated that not all issues were a result of the manganese issue but were attributed to the contractor tie-ins.
- Mattingley then stated that the council counts on Public Works. He then stated that Pleasanton pays well so we want production. If we have issues, Council will work to the common goal to fix the issues.
- Mayor Whitley stated he had complaints regarding the lights at the boat ramp and the pump at the East Lake.

6. City Attorney:

- No reports

7. Chief of Police:

Chief Ogden stated the theft of the trailer was reported and resolved within a few hours, thanks to a local business. He then suggested seizing the truck used in the theft. Ogden then stated he didn't know how else to relay the message 'If you sell dope or steal from businesses in this town, we're going to take it right back from you.'

Chief Ogden said the sign up sheets for the citizen academy patrol were ready and there has been a lot of interest.

Chief Ogden requested permission to put the white Pontiac Firebird that is impounded up for bid. Thompson stated it could be advertised with minimum bids or the right to reject any and all bids. Mattingley motioned the car be put up for bid with the right to reject any bid. Wurtz-Smith 2nd. Approve 4-0.

Ogden stated condemnation of the house on Walnut will start soon. There will be pictures taken tomorrow and then will proceed from there.

8. Planning & Zoning:

- Erica stated the Conditional Use Permit is set for July 30th for Heartland Propane.
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9. Public Works:

- Erica stated that public works is working on getting caught up but have been delayed due to sewer issues. She then stated that this should be the last month the meters will be read as the new radio meters are nearly all in place.
- Kern stated the Dodge transmission is shot but it doesn't seem like this is a good time to purchase a truck from Cox Motors. Kern stated she would contact Seacrest at Cox Motors and let him know.

10. New Business:

- Joe Schmelzle of the KRWA spoke after the Public Works report and gave his update on the community center. Some of his concerns were the sheeting and doors and windows. Councilman Johnson said he felt both the doors and windows are here. Schmelzle stated the contract is 18 months and we are at 16 months. He stated the progress was slowed due to rain and felt that another extension may be possible. Kern stated the missing time sheets will be reconstructed. Schmelzle warned against allowing volunteers to buy things without bids whether they are phone bids, written bids or sealed bids. Schmelzle also suggested the lumber be moved inside. He asked about the walk in cooler and suggested the slab be poured at the same time as the porch. Masons are needed for the porch. The end truss needs to be moved 1" to the north. He suggested we get closer the end before we request an additional extension. Nancy stated that the city has paid \$28,444.00 to date.
- Motion by Mattingley to approve Loan Resolution for issuance of bonds in the principal amount of \$3,782,000.00. Johnson 2nd Approved 4-0.
- Motion by Mattingley to approve Ordinance #2012 authorizing and providing for the issuance of GO Bond series 2015 for \$3,782,000.00. Johnson 2nd. Approve 4-0.

- Motion by Mattingley to approve Resolution #299 authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of GO Bond series 2015 for \$3,782,000.00 2nd. by Johnson, approved 4-0
- Motion by Mattingley to approve request for payment of CDBG funds in the amount of \$4,654.81-Miami Lumber. Johnson 2nd. Approved 4-0
- Motion by Frisbee to approve signature authorization on KanStep Grant (CDBG). Mattingley 2nd. Approved 4-0
- Council reviewed a request for approval of the appointment of Joe Victor to the Pleasanton Housing Authority. No motion made. Mattingley stated they know the protocol but are not following it. Frisbee stated they have had this discussion before.
- Motion made by Wurtz-Smith to approve the appointment of Erica Kerns to represent Pleasanton on the Linn County Emergency Planning Committee. Frisbee 2nd. Approved 4-0.

11. Unfinished Business:

- Erica stated she had gone by the property at 1355 Locust Street to look at the location of the shed. It is suitable for demolition. Johnson motioned the council accept the request for demolition. Mattingley 2nd. Approved 4-0

Reminders:

- Mayor Whitley reminded the council that volunteers are needed at the community center on Saturdays anytime from 9:00 a.m until done. Come for an hour or come for a day.

12. Adjourn

- Motion by Mattingley to adjourn @ 7:30 p.m., 2nd.by Wurtz-Smith approved 4-0

Eldred Whitley, Mayor

Teresa Whitaker, City Clerk