

CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday October 19, 2015

6:00 p.m.

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

- **Mayor's Comments/Executive Session Requests:**

The meeting opened at [6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **City Administrator & Financial Overview:**

- Kern updated the Council regarding speaking to Scott Day for a new health insurance plan. She and Teresa Whitaker will meet with him tomorrow to research more competitive rates.
- Kern stated the beaver issue at the lake is ongoing. Mattingley has an acquaintance that would be willing to do the job and the gentleman was wondering what it would pay. Kern felt that the lake should be closed while the traps were in place. The council agreed. Kern will post it on Facebook. Kern felt safety is important to our residents. The police will also patrol the area while the trapping is occurring.
- Kern updated the Council on the business directory on the City website. Basic business directory would be free and a more enhanced listing could have a minimal charge. Tristian mentioned the Chamber was doing a similar project and maybe the City of Pleasanton could link to their website. Kern will follow up.
- Robert Larkin and Jordan Whit met with Kern regarding a 457 b retirement plan for the employees. The cost is free to the city unless the Council would approve paying the \$35.00 yearly fee per each employee. The payroll deductions would be done internally. This is in addition to KPERS. Wurtz-Smith felt it was a great idea. It is an optional plan that can be deducted pre-tax or post tax. The Council asked how many employees we have. Without pool employees, there are approximately 20. Cynthia Frisbee motioned the 457 (b) be allowed and the City will pay the \$35.00 per year fee for each employee. Tristian Wurtz-Smith 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.
- Kern stated we are sitting pretty good with our budget. Next month we will have an additional budget cash report.
- **Approve Consent Agenda:**
 - Motion by Jake to approve the consent agenda. Tristian Wurtz Smith 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.

- **Public Speaker:**

None

- **Council Member Discussion:**

- Jake asked how Matt Taylor was doing. Kern stated he is doing very well. He is being trained by the police department. Kern showed him around and told him about some of the yards that are in need of attention.
- Wurtz-Smith mentioned there was a lady in town that kept her yard in great shape but her neighbors were not. Smith said she will talk to Kern about that at a later date.
- Smith then asked regarding the burning at the lake. Whitaker stated the grass is pretty green still but has talked with his crew regarding the areas to burn. Wurtz-Smith asked if Whitaker was at the lake to see the weeds and thorns and Whitaker said he knows to what she was referring.
- Wurtz asked when the lines down Main Street were going to be done. Kern stated it should be done in the next couple weeks.
- Mattingley asked Kern if she was familiar with the group Project 17. Kern stated she was very familiar with the group and she has a goal to be in contact with them and have a representative from them. Mattingley stated they offer a lot of knowledge and expertise.
- Tristian Wurtz Smith mentioned there will be a health fair in Mound City on Thursday October 22 at the Linn County Fairgrounds from 10 am to 1 pm.

- **City Attorney:**

Gary Thompson mentioned Council will need to look into the Ordinance regarding the election. He is currently working on the ordinance. Thompson also stated that the Council was interested in the research from the past regarding the annexation that he had previously worked on. He is going to meet with Kern to give her what he already has.

- **Chief of Police:**

Tanner Ogden - no report

- **Planning & Zoning:**

The Council discussed recommendations for Planning and Zoning committee replacements. Wurtz asked if there were any suggestions on replacements. Mattingley stated Tim Staton would be a good person that is qualified and experienced. Thompson stated the Mayor makes the appointment and the Council either affirms or rejects it. Kern hasn't spoken to any members out of town. Kern also mentioned Ethan Sabine would be interested in doing it. Since Mayor Whitley was not present, the appointments were tabled.

- **Public Works:**

Joe Whitaker told the Council that the water tower was emptied last Friday for a check-up. The tank was in great shape. The only touch up that was needed was at the bottom. The paint on the outside of the water tower is needing some attention. Whitaker stated we need to start budgeting for painting it and estimated the cost to be around 20K.

The sewer is nearly done for the Pharmacy. It should be finished this week.

He then stated he will be working at Stegge lake to get ready for the flowable fill. They will then go to the house on Park and Holly to connect them to sewer as he has never been hooked up to it. Whitaker then stated that he called Lathrop regarding a leak on Park and 14th that he felt belonged to them. It was not their leak but they helped complete the repair. Whitaker was unsure if they would bill for the service.

Mattingley asked if the Pharmacy was on rural water and then asked Attorney Thompson how water rights work. Thompson explained they have the obligation to provide the water. Jake asked how long it would take us to provide the water. Thompson explained that an agreement would have to be drawn up first. The house across the street isn't on City water either and would like to be. Gary explained when the contract was initially drawn, he thought it included the house across the street but it didn't. Mattingley felt that we should reach out to Rural Water 2 and let them know we would be happy to provide the water to the Pharmacy as it would be expensive for Rural Water 2 to put the water in. Jake stated that the Pharmacy owners want to be on City water. Kern will contact RW2 regarding this.

- **New Business:**

- Discuss/Approve to allow vendors to purchase a yearly permit to expire on 12/31 regardless of when it was purchased. If the permit is allowed but calls were received regarding the permit holders being a nuisance, the police could ask them to leave. Thompson explained that the 'Green river ordinance' is no longer in effect. Mattingley motioned to approve ordinance 2013. Wurtz Smith 2nd. Approved 3-0
- Approve Charter Ordinance 2014 exempting the City of Pleasanton relating to filling the governing body vacancies. Thompson explained the reasoning behind the ordinance. He then stated this is a Charter ordinance and should be numbered accordingly. If the ordinance is passed, it must be published twice and have a 4 vote support. Then, we must wait 61 days before it takes effect. Wurtz Smith motioned to approve the charter ordinance to be numbered later. Frisbee 2nd. Approved 4-0 with Brandon Johnson voting.
- Mattingley asked if Hettinger and Lathrop were done. Whitaker stated that the job is basically done but there may be a couple things that pop up. Whitaker stated that he also looked at Peggy MacGee's property that was discussed at the last Council meeting. He stated Kern's assessment of the property was correct but they will help get her property in shape.
- Mattingley motioned to approve the final payments to Hettinger and Lathrop. Wurtz 2nd. Approved 3-0.
- Mattingley motioned to approve the 2016 holiday schedule. Frisbee 2nd. 3-0 approved.
- Approve Resolution 301 allowing the opening of an account at Farmers Bank under the City of Pleasanton's tax ID # with certain individuals signing and with the city clerk overseeing the account. Jake motioned to approve. Cynthia 2nd. Approved 3-0

- **Unfinished Business:**

- Al Winters property demolition was discussed. Whitaker stated that the scales should be removed before the work starts. He also stated it should take about 2 days. Jake motioned to approve the contract for demolition for the sum of \$500.00 with the conditions of the contract as written. Wurtz Smith 2nd. Approved 3-0
- Kern stated she has talked to the architect regarding changing the single doors on the community building to double doors. Smith motioned to approve the bid for the interior door. Jake 2nd. Approved 3-0.
- The exterior door bid was discussed. There were two bids presented. The mechanics of the door were discussed and it was agreed the concealed rods were the best option. Jake motioned the \$1349.00 option with the 2 inch frame be installed. Frisbee 2nd. 3-0 carried.
- Mattingley stated the Joe Victor appointment will not be approved if the Housing Authority Board isn't willing to meet with the Council.

Reminders:

- Volunteers needed Saturday and Sunday anytime from 9:00 am till done.
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion to adjourn by Jake. 2nd by Cynthia. 7:00 pm. Adjourn.

Eldred Whitley, Mayor

Teresa Whitaker, City Clerk