

CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday October 5, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Eldred Whitley opened the council meeting at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending council members included Cynthia Frisbie, Chris Ellis, 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 by Mayor Whitley with the pledge of allegiance. Cynthia Frisbee opened the meeting with a prayer. Mayor Eldred requested an executive session for 20 minutes until 6:20 pm. Jake made the motion. Cynthia 2nd. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting resumed 6:20 pm with no action taken. Jake motion to hire Matt Taylor at \$11.00 hr with duties to be split up as city administrator sees fit. Chris 2nd. Motion approved 4-0.

- **City Administrator & Financial Overview:**

Kern updated the Council on the crews being busy with General Pleasanton days last week. She also stated Don George and her talked about the lakes. They will meet late winter to come up with a game plan. The valve was discussed. Don George stated the lake is doing ok at its current level.

Kern talked to Patrick Martin re: the bridge. The paperwork is done but they are waiting on the budget. It will get started in early spring. No issues are foreseen with waiting. Jake suggested we try to put a boat ramp on the side so people can access the lake. Superintendent Whitaker stated it could be done with a backhoe and a couple loads of rock. Jake also suggested we put the business signs at the lakes similar to the ones around town. Don George stated some towns do their signs up very nicely.

Kern spoke with Midwest Striping re: striping and it could be done around the time the county is getting theirs done for around \$1500.00

Kern spoke about the clock that the Sylvester family is donating. They want it to be insured and set on concrete after the community building is near completion. Jake requested that the people donating the clock get the biggest thanks.

Kern attended economic development meeting last week. The money the county is donating is slated for infrastructure. It is in the area of around \$56K.

- **Approve Consent Agenda:**

- Motion by Jake Mattingley to approve consent agenda, 2nd by Tristian Wurtz-Smith. Approved 4-0.

- **Public Speaker:**

Peggy Magee addressed the Council regarding her ditch. She stated she was okay with the ditch being torn up by contractors but now her ditch is holding water and drawing mosquitoes. She stated Erica Kern was reported saying her ditch was OK. Magee stated it is 'Not okay. It's not her ditch, it's mine'. She then stated her lawnmower is not too low and she is not able to mow it anymore. She wants to be able to mow her ditch. Her ditch wasn't touched by the contractors on the follow up recently done. Jake asked if Joe had looked at the ditch. She resides at 603 Sycamore. Joe stated he will go look at it tomorrow.

- **Council Member Discussion:**

None.

- **City Attorney:**

Gary Thompson-none

- **Chief of Police:**

Tanner Ogden - Tristan Snyder present-no report

- **Planning & Zoning:**

- Kern stated three members of P&Z have resigned. Two of the replacements need to reside outside the city limits. Melody Berry and Larry Robinson are the remaining members.

- **Public Works:**

Joe Whitaker addressed the council regarding the sewer at industrial park. He stated they had been working on leaks and will get back out to the sewer tomorrow.

Public works has been busy mowing and weed eating. The new sickle bar mower has been being used. They will address the west lakes. On October 16, 2015, the water tower servicing will be performed as per the contract.

Tristian Wurtz-Smith addressed burning the weeds and vegetation at the lakes. Whitaker asked if the Council if they were familiar with crown vetch. It takes over the weeds and allows the grass to grow. The brush would still have to be killed. It could be put at the end of the dam. There is also an active beaver that has felled two trees at the lake. Jake stated he had a couple friends that could help with that.

Chris asked regarding the street that goes to the water tower on the south side might need a minimum maintenance sign. Whitaker stated he had met with Edginton and Easley months ago regarding closing part of that and making it a viable road. It never went any further. It is too expensive to repair the road with anything. Ellis stated it should be closed. Whitaker stated Dave the barber wants it to remain open. Whitaker stated

there needs to be a new way up if you are going to close it.

Wurtz-Smith addressed the weeds again at the lake. Ellis suggested maybe November or the first part of December. Whitaker stated the weeds and grass need to be dead. Wurtz-Smith stated the walking path is barely usable. Whitaker requested the council entertain putting lime screenings on the path to make it more accessible. Wurtz Smith thought the idea of burning was to get to the roots. Whitaker stated it can be burned and then sprayed with Primetol. Don George stated that certain weed killers are acceptable around the lakes. Whitaker stated that it should be burned in the fall and sprayed in the spring.

Kern stated many residents have want to contribute by cleaning up. She suggested two community clean ups per year. The council felt if we have volunteers, we need to take all the help you can get.

Peggy Magee asked if the city is working on the streets. She stated Sycamore is terrible. She then asked if the city could have a fall clean up. Kern stated that it would fall under the same guidelines as the spring clean-up and would look into it and talk with public works.

Whitaker asked if Gary Thompson had heard anything from CA Curtis. Thompson stated he hadn't but will be following up again.

• **New Business:**

- Motion to approve cancelling warrant checks that are over 2 years old by Jake. 2nd Chris Ellis. 4-0 motion approved.
- Motion to approve closing Main Street from Post office to MeeMaws for Pleasanton High School homecoming on October 10, 2015. Jake motioned to approve. Tristian 2nd. 4-0 motion carried
- Motion to accept resignations of Curtis Fleming, Clinton Baugh and Doug Smith by Jake to accept all 3 resignations, 2nd by Tristian Wurtz-Smith. 4-0 motion carried.
- Discussion on handicap accessible door openers for community building. Jake suggested we get prices.
- Motion to approve renewal of the annual contract with Jayhawk Utility Software in the amount of \$1,100.00 by Jake. Cynthia Frisbee 2nd. 4-0 motion carried.

• **Unfinished Business:**

- Discussion/approve bid from Empire Electric bid to rebuild Lift Station control panel. Kern stated she tried to get another bid. She contacted RE Pedratti and has not gotten a bid to date. She felt we should accept the bid from Empire Electric. After discussion, Chris Ellis motioned to approve \$15,900.00 for control panel and \$3,800.00 for control panel. Frisbee 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.
Discuss Pleasanton Housing Authority letter. Jake stated that what they are asking in the letter is exactly what the Council is asking them to do. Kern stated the Housing Authority wants to meet outside the council meeting. Jake stated he doesn't understand their reasoning. Kern stated she could draft a letter or meet with them stating what we are asking. Kern stated she will handle it any way the council sees fit. The council stated that the Housing Authority needs to be present at the council meeting. Jake stated the relationship is very simple, they should recommend someone and the mayor approves it. Kern stated she will call them.
- Motion to approve bid from Midwest Striping for \$1,500.00 by Tristian Wurtz-Smith. Jake 2nd. 4-0 approved.
- Kern explained the options of changing the single doors to double doors. Jake motioned to approve changing the doors to double doors. After discussion, it was noted the architect should be contacted regarding the change. Motion withdrawn by Jake. Kern will contact the architect regarding the exterior and interior doors.
- Discussion on modifying solicitor's license fees for companies doing regular business in Pleasanton. Gary Thompson will draft an amendment to the current solicitor's rules and present it to the Council.

Reminders:

- None.
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion to adjourn by Jake @ 7: 15 pm., 2nd by Wurtz-Smith. 4-0 motion approved.

Eldred Whitley, Mayor

Teresa Whitaker, City Clerk