

CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday November 2, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Johnson opened the council meeting at 6:11 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending council members included Jake Mattingley, Cynthia Frisbie (arrived at 6:40 pm), Tristian Wurtz-Smith, Chris Ellis, and Brandon Johnson. 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. Motion made by Jake Mattingley for an executive session for non-elected personnel for 30 minutes until 6:40 p.m. 2nd by Chris Ellis. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 6:43 p.m. No action taken. Jake Mattingley made a motion for a 2nd executive session for 30 minutes to 7:15. Chris 2nd. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting resumed at 7:17 pm. No action taken.

- **City Administrator & Financial Overview:**

Kern has been spending a lot of time on the community building in the last two weeks. The progress is good. Erica then stated she attended the meeting of the mayors again. She then presented a packet to the Council that showed the funds Pleasanton and all other counties will receive from the unexpected excess valuations in Linn County.

Rural Water District 2 and Erica have been in contact. RW2 stated they have the water to the Pharmacy under control.

The employees met last week with Larkin-Witt and the experience was positive. They will meet again in early December to get employees signed up.

- **Approve Consent Agenda:**

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

- **Public Speaker:**

Scott Day – Day Insurance was present to answer questions about a potential new health insurance policy for the City of Pleasanton. Erica and Teresa have been reviewing new plans. The employees are interested in having co-pays and eliminating the guesswork with doctor visits. The plans presented are from United Health Care. Scott Day discussed the advantages of switching and the savings for the employees and the City of Pleasanton. Teresa Whitaker explained the current plan is called a Self-Funded plan and with this plan, there is a possibility of getting a return of premiums assuming there are no large claims. Mr. Johnson asked what the expected rate increase would be with United Health Care. Scott Day stated rate increases are based on the state of Kansas as a whole but should be in the neighborhood of 10%. Chris Ellis motioned to accept Option 3 (for a yearly premium of approximately \$47,102.27 based on calculations). Cynthia Frisbie 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Peggy Magee was here to discuss her ditch. She stated that she has been in City Hall every week to check on the progress. She has spoken to Nancy Hayes several times. Superintendent Joe Whitaker stated it would be done within 2 weeks.

- **Council Member Discussion:**

Chris Ellis asked about the manhole by the Christian Church. Joe Whitaker stated they need to saw it out and replace the ring.

- **City Attorney:**

Gary Thompson-no report

- **Chief of Police:**

Tanner Ogden stated they have had a very successful year battling drugs in the county. The police department is over budget slightly due to all the activity but it has been worth it. His CI stated they have been unable to find any meth in the county. Ogden then mentioned that the City of Goddard donated 4 body cameras to the City of Pleasanton at a value of around \$200.00 each. He then stated they will soon be mandatory. A thank you letter has been sent.

- **Planning & Zoning:**

The recommendations for P&Z are still needed. Tristian Wurtz-Smith stated she knows someone that would be interested in being on Planning and Zoning committee. Gary Thompson stated that in the absence of the mayor, we would need to hold off or the Mayor could write a letter recommending people for the committee.

- **Public Works:**

Joe said there were 6 beavers caught and it is suspected they are all gone. Also the spillway has been repaired and it looks good. There still needs some backfilling but otherwise it is done. The beavers did a lot of damage under the bank. That area was repaired.

There has been rock laid on the East lake road. Tomorrow, the sewer will be done at Mr. Mayes residence. After that is all done, public works will address Peggy Magee's ditch.

- **New Business:**

- Discuss/Approve moving Erica Kern from temporary City Administrator to permanent City Administrator. Cynthia asked if it could be discussed in executive session to discuss salary. She then made a motion to go to executive session until 8:10 pm for non-elected personnel. Chris Ellis 2nd. Motion carried 4-0. At 8:10, Brandon Johnson called the meeting back to order. No action taken. Cynthia made a motion to go back into executive session for non-elected personnel to include Erica Kern for 10 minutes until 8:20. Tristian 2nd. Motion carried 4-0. 8:22 pm Brandon called meeting to order. No action taken. Cynthia Frisbie made a motion to move Erica Kern to permanent position with a salary of \$50,000. Jake 2nd. Motion carried

Discuss Nancy Hayes being moved to Deputy City Clerk with a pay of \$12.00 per hour. Chris motioned to increase Nancy Hayes to \$12.00 per hour. Jake 2nd. Motion carried.

Discuss 6 month pay adjustment for Humberto Lopez. Jake made the motion to give Humberto a \$1.00 per hour raise. Cynthia 2nd. Motion carried.

Discuss security camera options. Kern discussed that we have had some issues in the past with unruly visitors and currently our water plant has no video cameras. The systems were discussed and the council asked questions and asked if we could discuss it again at a later meeting. Gary Thompson requested that his tech guy look at the options also and we could get a better idea of what is needed.

- **Unfinished Business:**

Table the appointment of Joe Victor to the Pleasanton Housing Authority. Jake asked the Mayor had made the appointment and if HUD was going to come here to a meeting. Erica stated there was no indication they would.

Reminders:

- Volunteers needed Saturday and Sunday anytime from 9:00 am till done.

- **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Adjourn by Cynthia Frisbie. Jake 2nd. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Brandon Johnson, Pro-tem Mayor

Teresa Whitaker, City Clerk