

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

City Hall – 1608 Laurel

Monday, January 5, 2026 – 6:00pm

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Young called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council members present: Schreckhise, Stark, Wills, and Haynes. One vacant position. Other city officials present: City Attorney Jacklyn Paletta, Chief of Police Tristan Snyder, Fire Chief Jeff Wisdom, Code Officer Morgan Watts, Student Council Representative Erin Bowley, and City Administrator/Clerk Becky Hegwald.

PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

All speakers must approach the podium and state their name and address for the record. Presentation will be limited to five (5) minutes. No action will be taken by council at this time unless deemed appropriate.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mathew Young

Appoint councilmember to fill vacant position

Mayor Young appointed Ron Miller to fill the vacant position on the council. Motion was made by Schreckhise, seconded by Stark, to have the city attorney prepare a resolution regarding Ron Miller being unfit or unqualified to fill the council seat on the grounds of being biased. Motion carried unanimously.

Job descriptions

In hopes of clarifying the code officer's job, Mayor Young read part of the official job description of the code officer that lists job duties.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve December 22, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

Accounts Payable Disbursements - \$40,858.50

Payroll Disbursements - \$26,070.08

Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Wills, to approve the consent agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Becky Hegwald

Hegwald answered Schreckhise's question from last month regarding whether NAPA gives the city a discount. NAPA does give a discount based on what is purchased and the amount purchased.

Hegwald also announced that the annual city audit is scheduled for February 9th – February 12th.

Chief Snyder gave an update on the case load through December 2025.

Snyder requested permission to get a drug dog. He has found a grant that provides the dog and the dog handler training at no cost to the city. The dog is located in Texas, and the city would be out the cost of \$60 per night lodging for 10 nights and meals for the officer while he is at the training. Motion was made Stark, seconded by Wills, to allow Chief Snyder to proceed with getting the drug dog. In the discussion that followed Snyder said that between the Opioid Settlement Fund and the Forfeiture and Seizure Fund the dogfood and veterinary checkups would not come out of the main police budget for 2026. He also planned to use a kennel the first year and plan to get a cage for the police car in the future. He also explained that the county has a drug dog and if the city gets one then both agencies would have a dog available more. Motion tied with Stark and Wills voting yes and Schreckhise and Haynes voting no. Mayor Young cast the deciding vote of yes and the motion passed.

Fire Chief Wisdom discussed a recent structure fire in town and the department assisting in searching for a missing person. Other items discussed included the plan to be submitted to ISO, putting the washer in the public works part of the building to prevent from having to run plumbing into the fire department, upcoming training, inspecting fire extinguishers, fit testing for SCBA masks, and what is covered under the Automatic Aid Agreement with Linn County Rural Fire District. Mayor Young requested a copy of the Automatic Aid Agreement be sent to council, so they are aware of the benefits of the agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dam repair at Stegge Lake – BG Consultants Contract

Motion was made by Stark, seconded by Haynes, to sign the engineering agreement with BG Consultants to provide the bid specifications for repairing the spillway at Stegge Lake. Motion carried unanimously.

Light fixture update

Motion was made by Wills to purchase \$1,000 worth of light fixture upgrades and have public works install them. The upgrades are through an EVERGY grant program that would save the city \$7,000 a year. Motion died for lack of a second.

Street projects

Different options on equipment needed for the street department to start repairs were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Resolution Number 467

Resolution Number 467 was presented for approval; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO SIGN CHECKS AND WARRANTS AT FARMERS STATE BANK AND LABETTE BANK AND TO ACCESS THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT FARMERS STATE BANK FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS.

Hegwald explained that it removes prior President of the Council Portmann from the accounts and adds current President of the Council Schreckhise. City checks require three signatures. Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Stark, to approve Resolution Number 467 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Set work session dates

A work session to discuss what council would like to see happen in Pleasanton was set for Monday, January 12th, from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Adopt Ordinance changing council meeting dates

Ordinance Number 2066 was presented for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-203(a) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO THE DATES AND TIMES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Motion was made by Stark, seconded by Wills, to adopt Ordinance Number 2066 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Representative Bowley gave an update on The Simple Sanctuary program that she has developed. Pending school board approval, the launch date is February 9.

It was the consensus of the council to have Hegwald contact another contractor to see about writing bid specifications to repair the roof at the water plant.

CITY ATTORNEY

Paletta requested an executive session. Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Schreckhise, to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney/client privilege to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:33pm to reconvene to the council room at 7:43pm.

Council reconvened to the council room at 7:43pm with no action taken.

COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION

Haynes had nothing at this time.

Stark requested that purchasing street repair equipment be put on the next agenda.

Wills had nothing at this time.

Schreckhise wanted to know when the new outside light at the community center would be installed and who paid for the light. She also voiced her opinion on nothing getting done. She requested a report from the mayor on what he does on a daily basis for the city.

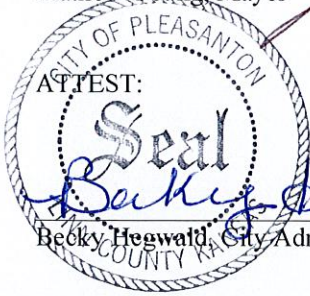
REMINDERS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Schreckhise, seconded by Wills, to adjourn. Motion carried and council adjourned at 7:50pm.



Mathew Young, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Hegwald, City Administrator/Clerk

Approved January 20, 2026