

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

City Hall – 1608 Laurel

Monday, June 9, 2025 – 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: Portmann, Herring, Schreckhise, Skipper, and Randall. Other city officials present: City Attorney Jacklyn Paletta, Chief of Police Tristan Snyder, Pleasanton Fire Chief Jimmy Watts, and City Administrator/Clerk Becky Hegwald.

PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dean Johnson – Police Department budget

Dean Johnson, 211 E 2nd Street, voiced his concerns regarding the streets and police department budgets, and vegetation at the East Lake.

Jack Emmerson – Dog barking

Jack Emmerson, 316 W 13th Street, was following up on a complaint he had made regarding barking dogs.

Jake Mattingley – Fire Department

Jake Mattingley, 604 W 14th Street, listed his qualifications regarding the fire department positions and asked why he had not been given an interview.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mathew Young

Appointment of Pleasanton Firefighters

Mayor Young asked for council consent to appoint the following firefighters on the recommendation of Fire Chief Watts:

Mayor Young appointed Tanner Edwards to the fire department. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to consent to the appointment of Edwards. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Young appointed Jeffrey Wisdom to the fire department. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Schreckhise, to consent to the appointment of Wisdom. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Young appointed Michael Coen to the fire department. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Schreckhise, to consent to the appointment of Coen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Young appointed Donald Bertram to the fire department. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to consent to the appointment of Bertram. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Young appointed Renea Marshall to the fire department. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to consent to the appointment of Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve May 27, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Disbursements - \$11,961.49

Payroll Disbursements - \$31,722.78

Mandatory Disbursements –\$61,400.86

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Becky Hegwald

Randall read highlights of the police department report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

East Lake vegetation

Discussion was held on different options to help treat the vegetation at the East Lake. It was the consensus of the council to start treating the lake with previously purchased copper sulfate in small areas and continue to look into different chemicals to treat with. The option of putting more grass carp into the lake was discussed. Council agreed that the option of using or purchasing a mechanical mower was not cost-effective for a temporary fix.

Ordinance on nudity

Ordinance Number 2063 regarding public nudity was presented for adoption. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Herring, to adopt Ordinance Number 2063 as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Two bids were received for the heating work at community center:

Myrick Mechanical	\$6,070.00
Webber Heating & Cooling	\$2,885.00

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Skipper, to award the bid to Webber Heating & Cooling. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for letter of support to Linn County to waive dumping fees for demolition at 751 Sycamore

A letter was received from Janis Grady, the owner of 751 Sycamore Street requesting a letter of support from the council so that she can request a waiver of dump fees from the Linn County Commissioners for the demolition debris from 751 Sycamore. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to write a letter of support as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Set date for budget workshop

It was the consensus of the council to set a budget workshop for Monday, June 16th, from 5:15pm-8:00pm.

Additional fish food purchase

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Schreckhise, to purchase four pallets of fish food from Mound City Ag for \$5,040.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to advertise/interview/hire seasonal mower

Hegwald informed council that the recently hired seasonal employee had not worked out. She asked for permission to advertise/interview/hire a seasonal mower. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to advertise/interview/hire a seasonal mower as soon as possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Dumping trees from Cedar Street Sewer Project

Motion was made by Skipper, to allow A2Z Plumbing to dump the trees at the city landfill.

Alex Wills of A2Z Plumbing informed council that he would haul the brush to the landfill at Prescott. Skipper withdrew his motion.

CITY ATTORNEY

Paletta presented Resolution Number 641 for approval; A RESOLUTION FOR AUTOMATIC AID FOR FIRE PROTECTION BETWEEN LINN COUNTY, AN THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS.

Paletta explained parts of the resolution to the council. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to approve Resolution Number 641 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION

Portmann asked the mayor questions concerning his appointments to the fire department. Portmann excused himself from the meeting at 7:09pm.

Herring asked if we have estimates from First Net on switching the city cell phones. Hegwald to have the information for the next meeting. Herring also requested that Jimmy Watts check into the cost of a sickle type mower for the piers at the lake.

Herring asked the newspaper to correct the motion in the paper on appointing Fire Chief Watts at the last meeting. The motion carried three to two with Randall, Skipper, and Herring (by Zoom) voting yes and Portmann and Schreckhise voting no.

Schreckhise also complained on the weeds around the lake and asked questions on the fire department appointments.

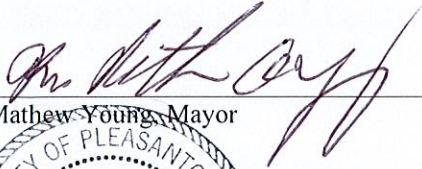
Skipper had nothing at this time.

Randall addressed the public regarding hiring procedures.

REMINDERS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Herring, seconded by Randall, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:20pm.



Mathew Young, Mayor



Becky Hegwald, City Administrator/Clerk

Approved June 23, 2025