

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

Community Center – 819 Main
Monday, May 12, 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, Police Sargent Zach Ross, Police Officer Kartman Highley, Public Works Josh Ralle, Public Works Jimmy Watts, Code Enforcement Officer Morgan Watts, Fire Chief Rob Dent, and City Administrator/Clerk Becky Hegwald.

PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

School Reunion Alumni Board – No representative present

Linda Dudley – Closing Compactor Easter Sunday

Linda Dudley, 911 Palm, requested the city consider closing the compactor on Easter Sunday to allow employees time to spend with their families.

Rosalea De Mott, 755 Maple, voiced concerns regarding handicap parking at city facilities, the condition of the streets, the fire department, and the fire department's reserve account.

Roberta Selvy, 601 W 14th, voiced concerns regarding handicap parking at the swimming pool and community center, the waterway on West 14th needing cleaned out, the condition of the streets, and the fire department.

Jake Mattingley, 604 W 14th, presented Mayor Young with a folder of recommendation letters to re-appoint Pleasanton Fire Chief Rob Dent.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mathew Young

Mayor Appointments

Mayor Young appointed the following council members to be on the same committees as last year:

Streets – Aaron Portmann

Parks, Lakes, & Pool – Rochelle Schreckhise

Water & Wastewater – Bill Skipper

City Beautification & Economic Development – Kimberly Herring

Public Safety – Angie Randall

Elect President of the Council

Randall nominated Herring for the President of the Council position. Motion died for lack of a second.

Skipper nominated Portmann for the President of the Council position. Motion was seconded by Randall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Young appointed Candy Houtman as Deputy City Clerk/Court Clerk. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to approve the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Young appointed Morgan Watts as Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portman, to approve the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Young re-appointed Becky Hegwald as City Administrator/City Clerk, Tristan Snyder as Chief of Police, Zach Ross as Police Sargent, Kartman Highley as Police Officer, Jacklyn Paletta as City Attorney, and John Purvis as Municipal Judge. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to approve the re-appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Young announced that he would appoint the Fire Chief and any new Firefighters at the next meeting.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve April 28, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Disbursements - \$14,878.18

Payroll Disbursements - \$26,994.07

Mandatory Disbursements - \$24,325.18

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Becky Hegwald
Hegwald announced that the city had received an insurance dividend payment from EMC in the amount of \$9,244.69.

Randall read the highlights of the police department report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pleasanton Fire Department

After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Herring, not to dissolve the Pleasanton Fire Department at this point and to ask the Linn County Commissioners for an automatic aid agreement for one-year. At the end of the year, council would re-examine rather to continue with the city department or to dissolve the Pleasanton Fire Department and request Linn County to cover the city. Motion carried with Randall voting no. Paletta to negotiate with the commissioners.

Fire Hydrant Repair Update

Public Works employees Josh Ralle and Jimmy Watts updated council on the repair of the fire hydrants in town. All the hydrants except for one on Magnolia and one in the Southview Addition are operable. Watts and Ralle to get prices on what it would cost to replace those hydrants. Skipper informed council that public works would be routinely inspecting the hydrants and flushing all hydrants at least twice a year.

Motion was made by Herring, seconded by Schreckhise, to recess for 10 minutes. Motion carried unanimously and council recessed, to reconvene at 7:10pm

The meeting was called back to order at 7:10pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance on nudity

Randall provided samples of different options for a nudity ordinance. It was the consensus of the council to have Paletta prepare an ordinance to be adopted at the next meeting.

Streets Repair Update

Mayor Young informed the public that a plan to start repairing the streets is being worked on. It was discussed in a work session held prior to the council meeting. He hopes to have more information available soon.

Hire Seasonal Public Works Employee

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to hire Gauge Cowan as the public works seasonal employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Sound System for Community Center

Different options were presented for a sound system at the community center. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Herring, to purchase the sound system not to exceed \$600.00. This is to include materials needed to contain the system in a locked box. Motion carried unanimously. An extra deposit will be required to use the sound system.

Microphones for Council Room

Young asked council which microphones they would prefer for the council room to enable the public to be able to hear the meeting proceedings better. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Herring, to purchase the Pyle 8 Channel Wireless Microphone System for \$219.99. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to waive swim fees for SEK Mental Health Summer Program

Hegwald presented a request from Southeast Kansas Mental Health Care to waive the swim fees for their summer program. The waiver would be for approximately 10 kids and seven staff members to use the pool on Thursdays from 1:00pm-2:30pm as a group reward program. Hegwald said the city has waived the fees for the last several years. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to waive the fees as requested. Motion carried with Schreckhise abstaining.

Policy changes on Request for Public Comment Policy

Hegwald requested a change in the public comment request policy and forms to include the address of the person requesting to speak and the topic to be covered. It would allow for more accurate record keeping. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Herring, to amend the policy as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Add new appointments to the city bank accounts and remove Nancy Hayes from accounts

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Skipper, to add Morgan Watts to all city bank accounts and to remove Nancy Hayes from all accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

Repair heating system at community center

A bid was presented from Myrick Mechanical for repair of the furnaces in the community center. Motion was made by Randall to accept the bid from Myrick Mechanical. Motion died for lack of a second. It was the consensus of the council to solicit more bids.

CITY ATTORNEY

Paletta stated that her position in the fire department discussion was dealing with liability issues.

COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION

Skipper gave an update on the pool filter system and a repair part that he is trying to locate at a reasonable price.


REMINDERS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Schreckhise, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:53pm.



Mathew Young, Mayor

ATTEST


Becky Hegwald, City Administrator/Clerk


Approved May 27, 2025