PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

City Hall – 1608 Laurel
Monday, February 2, 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, Wills, Haynes, and Stark. 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.

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 6:02pm to reconvene to the council room at 6:12pm.

Council reconvened to the council room at 6:12pm with no action taken.

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.

PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION
Sonia Lalla – US Small Business Administration assistance available
Ms. Lalla was not present.

David Schuermann – Waiver of fees at the community center for non-profit organizations/churches/ministerial alliance
David Schuermann, 603 W 15th
Schuermann asked council to revise the waiver of fees at the community center to include non-profit organizations and churches. Hegwald also asked to include the firefighters to be able to use the community center without having to pay. Motion was made by Stark, seconded by Haynes, to revise the community center waiver fees to include non-profit organizations and churches; and adding the Pleasanton City Firefighters to be able to use the community center twice a year without having to pay. Deposits will still be required for everyone. Motion carried unanimously.

Erin Bowley – In support of the city employees, questioning the council and their actions
Erin Bowley, 605 E 9th
Bowley read a statement in support of the city employees standing up for themselves at the last council meeting. She also read two other statements concerning the city employees, lack of respect shown by council, and the lack of decisions being made in a timely manner.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mathew Young
Appoint councilmember to fill vacant position
Paletta explained the procedure for appointing council members and what would need to be done if consent was not given at this meeting.
Mayor Young appointed John Bowley to fill the vacant council position. Motion was made by Wills, seconded by Schreckhise to consent to Bowley's appointment. Motion carried with Stark voting no.

Hegwald swore Bowley into office.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
Approve January 20, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes
Accounts Payable Disbursements - $47,423.10
Payroll Disbursements - $22,946.71

Motion was made by Wills, seconded by Stark, to approve the consent agent as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Becky Hegwald
Hegwald gave council information on a power washer that public works has; including the cost of repair and the cost of a refurbished one. She did not ask for any decision at this time.

Hegwald had been contacted by a concerned citizen today complaining about most of the railroad crossings going through town being blocked by trains for an extended period, often a day or more. After discussion, Paletta to contact BNSF Railroad to see if anything could be done about it.

Chief of Police Snyder gave a case update for the police department and codes/animal control.

Fire Chief Wisdom gave an update on calls the fire department had been on, purchasing fire boots, and his visits with ISO regarding the plan to get the fire department out of regression. He also asked if anything could be done to help with the lack of heat in the fire department. It was the consensus of the council to have public works install more heating vents into the fire department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Skid steer (tabled until the next meeting as we are waiting on bids)

NEW BUSINESS
Upgrade city phones
Hegwald presented a quote from Craw-Kan on a new phone system for city hall. She explained that city hall has received numerous phone calls lately from rude people and she would like to be able to record the calls for liability reasons. The current phone system is old and will not allow the calls to be recorded and she has not been able to find a device that will hook up to the current phone system to record calls. Motion was made by Wills, seconded by Bowley, to purchase the upgraded phone system for city hall in the amount of $2,464.00. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY
Paletta had nothing at this time.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
Bowley gave an update on her Simple Sanctuary Program that launched today. She thanked everyone who had helped her through the process.

COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION
Schreckhise had nothing at this time.

Wills had nothing at this time.

Bowley had nothing at this time.

Haynes asked about the city hooking up to Rural Water #13. Mayor Young confirmed that they are waiting for the engineer and architect from BG Consultants to inspect the water plant building on Wednesday before further discussing the possibility of purchasing water from Rural Water #13.

Stark spoke in support of employees who had issues with a customer last week and asked for patience from the public as the new council gets settled into office.

REMINDERS

ADJOURNMENT
Motion was made by Schreckhise, seconded by Wills, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:10pm.

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Mathew Young, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Hegwald, City Administrator/Clerk

Approved February 17, 1026