

## PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

City Hall – 1608 Laurel

**Tuesday, January 20, 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, and Wills. Haynes arrived at 6:30pm. Other city officials present: City Attorney Jacklyn Paletta, Chief of Police Tristan Snyder, Fire Chief Jeff Wisdom, Code Officer Morgan Watts, Deputy City Clerk Candy Houtman, Student Council Representative Erin Bowley, City Administrator/Clerk Becky Hegwald, Public Works Employees John Maloney, Taylor Bruce, Jimmy Watts, Josh Ralle, Heather Igou, and James Eastwood.

### 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.**

Jessica Huntley, 605 E Broad – Law Enforcement

Huntley feels that she is being harassed by the police department.

Theresa Miller, 1201 Palm – Water

Miller wanted to make sure that council checked with Rural Water #13 representatives to make sure they had the capacity to supply Pleasanton with the amount of water needed before discussion was held regarding switching over to Rural Water #13.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mathew Young

Ron Miller – Address council on appointment

Miller expressed his feelings on not being appointed to council on the basis of being bias, his wanting investigations on past city employees and council, and his opinion of misconduct by city officials. Schreckhise stated that Miller had talked long enough. Motion was made by Stark, seconded by Wills, to allow Miller two more minutes. Motion carried with Schreckhise voting no.

Adopt Resolution for Ron Miller not being appointed to council

Resolution Number 470 was presented for approval; A RESOLUTION FINDING MAYORAL PROPOSED APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL UNFIT OR UNQUALIFIED TO SERVE AS COUNCIL MEMBER BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS. The resolution was presented in regard to the council members finding Ron Miller is unfit or unqualified for the position due to perceived bias. Motion carried unanimously.

Appoint councilmember to fill vacant position

Mayor Young tabled the appointment until Councilmember Haynes arrives. Haynes arrived at 6:30pm. Mayor Young appointed John Bowley to the vacant council position. Motion was made by Wills, to consent to the appointment. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion was made by Stark, to not appoint Bowley as he is unfit or unqualified to serve as a council member. Motion died for lack of a second.

After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Stark, seconded by Haynes, to table the appointment until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve January 5, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

Accounts Payable Disbursements - \$57,120.02

Payroll Disbursements - \$25,494.22

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

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: Becky Hegwald

Chief Snyder gave an update on the cases worked this year. He also said he had proof the allegations made by Huntley earlier in the meeting were not true and said if anyone wanted the proof to contact him.

Fire Chief Wisdom informed council that he had turned in the required paperwork to ISO on the plan to rebuild the fire department. They are in the process of reviewing it and will get back with him.

Wisdom asked permission to upgrade the bunker gear that was previously approved at the July 28, 2025, Special Meeting but had not yet been purchased. He would like to upgrade to a higher quality that will match the bunker gear the department will be getting from the State Fire Marshal's Office Grant. The upgrades would be an additional \$2,800 for the four sets. Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Schreckhise to authorize the additional \$2,800 to upgrade the bunker gear. Motion carried unanimously.

He also gave an update on the radios and the SOG/SOPs being written. Council asked to be involved in reviewing the SOG/SOPs. A work session to cover them was set for Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Wisdom reported on a recent vehicle fire at the school and stated that the whole department had been fit tested. Wills asked how many packs and masks the fire department had. Wisdom said four packs and masks but one of the packs had been damaged in the vehicle fire and was being repaired.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Erin Bowley – After school program update

Bowley reported that the start up date for her after school program "The Simple Sanctuary" has been moved up to February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She also thanked all the sponsors that have donated towards the program.

Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Schreckhise, to take a 15-minute recess. Motion carried unanimously. Council recessed at 7:11pm, to reconvene at 7:26pm.

Council reconvened at 7:26pm.

Street projects equipment needed

Bruce asked for permission to release funds to allow her to start getting the necessary equipment for road repairs.

Motion was made by Stark, seconded by Schreckhise, to allow up to \$20,000.00 to purchase an 80-90hp tractor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schreckhise, seconded by Stark, to allow up to \$2,000.00 to purchase a truck mounted water tank. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schreckhise, seconded by Wills, to allow up to \$4,000.00 to purchase a sheep's foot roller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schreckhise, seconded by Wills, to allow up to \$4,000.00 to purchase a steel smooth roller. Motion carried unanimously.

All purchases to come out of the 1% street sales tax.

ADA Parking at the pool

Discussion was once again held on the ADA parking at the pool. It was the consensus of the council to have public works do the concrete work for the ADA parking.

Water Plant building repairs (30 minute recess to inspect)

Motion was made by Stark, to recess to the water plant for approximately 30 minutes. Stark then amended his motion to move the meeting to the water plant for approximately 30 minutes to allow council to inspect the building structure at the water plant. Seconded by Haynes. Motion carried unanimously. Council to return to city hall at approximately 8:15pm. The media and public were invited, and no action would be taken.

Council returned at approximately 8:15pm with no action taken.

Lighting upgrades

Mayor Young addressed the lighting proposal that was voted down at the last meeting. He answered Schreckhise's question regarding a timeline. Once the lights are ordered, they should be received in two weeks, and then employees would have 90 days to install the lights. Council questioned public works employees to make sure they would be comfortable installing the new lights. Public works assured council they could do the installation.

Motion was made by Schreckhise, seconded by Haynes, to purchase the light upgrades for \$980.00 that includes lights for city hall, the fire department, the public works shop, and the community center, and to have public works do the installation. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Skid steer repairs

After reviewing the proposed repair cost for the skid steer and the cost of repairs done on it last year, it was the consensus of the council to check into prices for a new skid steer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### City Employees – Employee concerns

Employees read statements on how they are tired of the way that council has been insinuating that the employees are incompetent and do not do anything over the last several months. Houtman, J Watts, M Watts, Igou, Maloney, Ralle, and Eastwood all stood in union and asked to be shown respect.

Hegwald also asked council that if they had an issue on an employee or had questions on what the employees were doing, to please contact her.

#### Advertise/Interview/Hire 2026 pool personnel

Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Wills, to advertise/interview/hire 2026 pool personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Solicit bids for 2026 City hay ground

Motion was made by Stark, seconded by Wills, to solicit bids for the city owned hay ground for the 2026 season. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Stars & Stripes

Hegwald asked for confirmation that the council wanted to proceed with the Stars & Stripes Celebration on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The consensus was to continue. Mayor Young encouraged council and the public to contact city hall if they would like to help with the celebration.

Hegwald explained the need to rescind the resolution approved at the last council meeting on authorizing signatures for city bank accounts and approve the following two resolutions that separated the accounts to each bank; Labette Bank and Farmers State Bank.

#### Approve Resolution Number 468 (attached)

Resolution Number 468 was presented for approval; A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 467 AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO SIGN CHECKS AND WARRANTS AND ACCESS THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT FARMERS STATE BANK FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS. Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Stark, to approve Resolution Number 468 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Approve Resolution Number 469 (attached)

Resolution Number 49 was presented for approval; A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 467 AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO SIGN CHECKS AND WARRANTS AT LABETTE BANK FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS. Motion was made by Wills, seconded by Stark, to approve Resolution Number 469 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Paletta had nothing at this time.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Schreckhise nothing at this time.

Wills nothing at this time.

Haynes nothing at this time.

Stark nothing at this time.

### **REMINDERS**

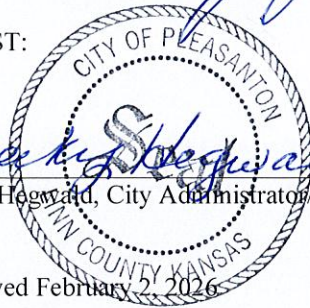
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Haynes, seconded by Wills, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:10pm.

  
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Mathew Young, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Becky Hegwald, City Administrator/Clerk



Approved February 2, 2026