

## PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL

City Hall – 1608 Laurel

Tuesday, May 27, 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 member present: Portmann, Schreckhise, Skipper, and Randall. Herring was present via Zoom. Other city officials present: City Attorney Jacklyn Paletta, Chief of Police Tristan Snyder, Police Sargent Zach Ross, Public Works Josh Ralle, Public Works Jimmy Watts, Code Enforcement Officer Morgan Watts, and City Administrator/Clerk Becky Hegwald.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**

“If I Were Mayor” Contest Winners

The following students were recognized for their essays in the “If I Were Mayor” Contest: Wade Snyder, Ava Snyder, Tenley Wingate, Harlee Evans, Lindsey Walton, Kenlee Holding, Trinity Guilfoyle, Jensen Coen, Amelia Ayres, Erika Martinez, Cooper Reeves, and Luke Maxfield. Winners that were present read their essays and received a gift certificate courtesy of The Blu Flamingo. The participants were then sworn in as honorary mayors for the day by Mayor Young.

Dean Johnson – East Lake Vegetation Problem

Dean Johnson, 211 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, gave his concerns on the vegetation problems at the East Lake and other issues concerning the lakes.

Christina Flores – Farmers Market

Christina Flores, 105 W 13<sup>th</sup>, asked if there is any way to move the Farmers Market out by Casey’s or to put more signage closer to Casey’s to direct people to the Farmers Market and other businesses on Main Street.

Jacob Mattingley – Fire Department

Jacob Mattingley, 604 W 14<sup>th</sup>, voiced his concern that the city code had been violated by the mayor not appointing a fire chief at the last meeting.

### **MAYOR’S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mathew Young

Mayor Young asked for council consent to appoint Jimmy Watts as the new Pleasanton Fire Chief. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Skipper, to consent to the appointment. Motion carried with Portmann and Schreckhise voting no.

Appoint Part-Time Police Officer Patrick Brazeal

Mayor Young asked for council consent to appoint Patrick Brazeal as a part-time police officer. Randall explained that one of the other part-time officers was not able to work very often and they would like to replace him once Brazeal is hired. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to consent to the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve May 12, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Disbursements - \$9,908.57

Payroll Disbursements - \$26,548.39

Mandatory Disbursements –\$30,484.24

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

Randall read the highlights of the police department report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Adopt Resolution Number 460 authorizing bank account signatures for Farmers State Bank (attached)  
Resolution Number 460 was presented to adopt; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO SIGN CHECKS AND WARRANTS AND TO ACCESS THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT FARMERS STATE BANK FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS.

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to adopt Resolution Number 460 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance on nudity

Paletta requested the ordinance be tabled until next meeting to allow her to gather more information.

Pool request for Tik Tok Account

After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to not allow a Tik Tok account for pool personnel.

AirMedCare Insurance for city employees

Hegwald explained that a representative would like to meet with city employees to see if there is any interest in obtaining insurance for medical flights. Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to allow a representative from AirMedCare to meet with employees regarding the insurance. The premium would be the total responsibility of the employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids on fish food (attached)

Two bids were presented for fish food:

Stainbrook's

40 bags per pallet

40 pounds per bag

1600 pounds per pallet

\$999.67 per pallet

To get 2000 pounds, need to purchase an additional 10 bags for \$294.00

Total cost for 2000 pounds - \$1,293.67

Mound City Ag

40 bags per pallet

50 pounds per bag

2000 pounds per pallet

\$1,260.00 total cost for 2000 pound - \$1,260.00

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Schreckhise, to purchase the fish feed from Mound City Ag for \$1,260.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

KRWA Apprenticeship Program – Josh Ralle

Skipper explained to council the KRWA Apprenticeship Program. It was his recommendation to allow Josh Ralle to participate in the program with Ralle receiving a .05 raise for each section completed. The program has a requirement of a raise for each section completed, but Ralle is already receiving higher wages than the program recommendation. The .05 raise per section completed will allow Ralle to participate in the program.

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to approve Skipper's recommendation for Ralle to participate in the KRWA Apprenticeship Program. Motion carried unanimously.

City credit card w/\$1,000 limit for Morgan Watts

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Skipper, to obtain a city credit card for Morgan Watts with a spending limit of \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Open sealed bids for sewer line project

Two bids were received for removal of the trees in the utility easement from Laurel Street to Cedar Street, to allow for the replacement of the sewer line:

A2Z Plumbing LLC	\$9,750.00
Pro-Care Services LLC	\$14,100.00

Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to award the bid to A2Z Plumbing. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to amend the motion by adding "the sidewalk is to be replaced in the amount bid." Motion carried unanimously. The amended motion then carried unanimously.

One bid was received for the sewer line project from Laurel Street to Cedar Street:

A2Z Plumbing LLC	\$69,777.61
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Motion was made by Portmann, seconded by Randall, to award the bid to A2Z Plumbing. Motion carried unanimously.

East Lake vegetation

Hegwald explained that city hall has been receiving numerous complaints daily on the vegetation growth in the East Lake. She has been in contact with Don George (KDWP) and public works will start putting copper sulfate in the lake in small areas to help kill off some of the vegetation. Public works has also been in contact with a company that specializes in removing excess vegetation from lakes. She hopes to have more information before the next meeting. Hegwald stressed that so much vegetation could eventually affect the water quality, and this will need to be addressed quickly. There is a possibility that a grant from KDWP could help with the cost of the vegetation removal.

Stegge Dam update

Hegwald informed council that there is a hole in the embankment by the spillway at the Stegge Dam. The hole has been temporarily patched and the valve at the lake has been opened dumping excess water into the Lower Lake. The city's Emergency Action Plan has been followed notifying the engineer, Kansas Department of Agriculture, and Linn County Emergency Management. Per the engineer and the Department of Agriculture Dam Safety Leader of Water Resources, no further emergency action is needed at this time. Parks Department Head Watts is to monitor the dam and water level several times a day. The engineer to contact the state and produce a plan to permanently fix the problem.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Paletta informed council that the Linn County Commissioners will be holding a workshop following the commissioners meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the Linn County Rural Fire Chief, the Linn Valley Fire Chief, and the City of LaCygne Fire Chief, to negotiate a mutual aid/automatic aid contract that will work for all departments. She requested representation from Pleasanton at the workshop.

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Portmann, to have Pleasanton Fire Chief Jimmy Watts, and the mayor represent the City of Pleasanton at the workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

Paletta also thanked Police Sargent Ross for all of his excellent work on the sexual abuse cases that have happened in the city.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Portmann questioned the mayor on the appointments of new firefighters. Young informed him that himself and Fire Chief Watts would be interviewing the applicants. He hopes to have another city council member involved in the interview process.

Schreckhise questioned if Fire Chief Watts would be allowed to go on fire runs with Linn County Station 920 where he is a Lieutenant. Paletta informed Schreckhise that this would all be taken into consideration in the agreement with the county.

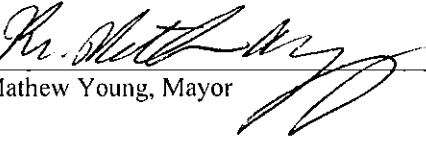
Skipper would like to see the request for the compactor to be closed on Easter Sunday addressed before next year. Paletta informed council that they can approve hour changes at the compactor, but the changes would need to be ultimately approved by the State through Linn County according to the compactor contract.

**REMINDERS**

- Kids Fishing Derby – June 7

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Schreckhise, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:40pm.

  
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Mathew Young, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
  
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Becky Hegwald, City Administrator/Clerk

Approved June 9, 2025