

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL**  
Pleasanton City Hall – 1608 Laurel St  
**February 14, 2022**  
6:00 p.m.  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Attending members included: Mayor Mike Frisbie, Council Members Aaron Portman, Joe Whitaker, Jake Mattingley, Melanie Staton, and Rochelle Schreckhise. Also present were City Administrator Teresa Whitaker, City Clerk April Umphenour, City Attorney Burton Harding, and Jackie Taylor of the *Linn County News*

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Frisbie opened the meeting at 6:05 pm with The Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Frisbie – City Council Etiquette; Every council member is duly elected by the voters except for ones who are appointed to serve the remaining term of another duly elected member. All council members have the same rights within the council. Out of respect for our voters, every council member is deserving of respect from others and should be treated as such. I think council members should be a good example to the community. If a council member has an issue with another member, then, as the good book says, discuss individually with the other and not in a council meeting or any public setting. Again, this is out of respect for the community we serve (and we are public servants). I sincerely believe each council member wants the best for our community, but we must work together. The council is a legislative body. We make the rules, but we do not carry out the rules; that is the responsibility of others. The City Administrator oversees the employees and handles the day-to-day operations of the city. This is no small task, and it requires a lot of specific abilities and a whole lot of patience. The council appoints and oversees the city administrator. Any specific requested of an employee by a council member should be approved by the council and directed through the city administrator. In the past, we have had individual council members make certain requests of the city clerk and/or the city attorney (outside of the confines of the council meeting) that require time and costs to the city. All city employees should be treated respectfully by council members, citizens, and by other city employees. There have been numerous reports (during my term as mayor) of city employees being yelled at and spoken to disrespectfully by citizens and others. **THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.** Again, I expect council members to set a good example – if we don't, then how can we expect citizens to do likewise. If anyone has an issue with a city employee, then take it up respectfully with the city administrator. It is counterproductive for council members to discuss council issues with the local newspaper or in other public settings. To follow up on an issue from the last council meeting: The league of Kansas Municipalities maintains the rules and procedures by which Kansas municipalities (such as the City of Pleasanton) are governed. The league is the resource for any legal questions regarding these matters, for example, abstentions and quorums that came up last month. They can be contacted at website lkm.org or by phone at 785-354-9565. **Mayor then skipped to Public Speakers.**

**B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:**

Administrator Received a letter from Parks and Wildlife stating that the City of Pleasanton has an opportunity to file for an additional four grants, as the terms of the last grants were followed exactly as they were outlined. Teresa spoke to Mike Weibelhaus, concerning the storm shelter that was supposed to be created in an area of the community center as per the conditions of the grant received to build the community center. According to Mike, who was an intricate part of the creation and completion of the community center, there is a cement roof over the storm shelter area of the center. Upon inspection, the anchors required to go over the windows can be installed at the windows without having to take siding down. Once the anchors are in place, the storm shelter will be FEMA compliant.

Soldiers For Jesus Rally will have a live broadcast on Q104 radio, along with their sister station, during the rally. There will be stunt riders and other attractions.

Jake requested and made a motion for a 10-minute executive session for trade secrets to return at 7:10. Aaron second the motion, motion carried 5-0. **Executive session was complete at 7:10 with no action taken.**

**C. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Jake made motion to approve the consent agenda, Aaron second, motion carried 5-0.**

1. January 31, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Regular Council Disbursements - **\$9,732.58**
3. Payroll Disbursements– **\$14,718.80**
4. Mandatory Disbursements -**\$41,275.84**

**D. PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION:** Mayor Frisbie-

**Thomas Cook** – 1306 High St – break in sewer and main in the middle of Orange St – Addressing the financial responsibility for completion of a broken sewer pipe. Mr. Cook claims that, due to a semi-truck driving on Orange Street, caused the main sewer line to be crushed which in turn caused back-up sewage into his house. City Administrator, Teresa Whitaker, called Public Works Superintendent, Joey Morrissey, and asked him about the sewer problems located at 1306 High St. On speaker phone, Joey stated that there was indeed a crack in the sewer line, approximately 2' long, but there were no collapsed pipes, and water flow was still going through the lines. He stated that they fixed/replaced the cracked pipe at that time. Thomas denied this information, stating that it was incorrect. He stated that he wanted the city to pay half of the bill that he had to pay for repairs to the sewer pipe. Teresa asked him for the bill, showing that he was billed for work that should have been billed to the city, to which Thomas stated he had paid cash and had no bill to provide. He was then asked for pictures of the project by council member Aaron Portmann, to which again he did not have.

**Rose Troth** – 105 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St - asking if the leash law was still in effect. She stated that there are numerous dogs running loose, making it impossible for her to walk in the mornings. She described the main dogs running loose to Sandy. Sandy believes she knows who owns the dogs and she will address the problem with the believed owners.

**Barbara Simmons** – 401 Laurel - addressed the problem with the streets, specifically potholes on Sycamore St, and is hopeful that they will be fixed sooner than later.

**Rosalee DeMott** – stated her confusion and frustration about the condition of the roads.

**E. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION:**

**Jake** – nothing currently.

**Aaron** – nothing currently.

**Joe** – nothing currently.

**Rochelle** – nothing currently

**Melanie** – stated disapproval of the negativity on social media regarding the impending dog park. She also stated her displeasure at the fact that, though numerous people have complained about the park, no one showed up to the meeting to have their voices and opinions heard. She also stated her confusion as to why there are not more people running for city council, to bring about the change they desire.

**F. CITY ATTORNEY:** Burton Harding- working on revising the ordinance addressing vicious dogs / dog bites. He hopes to have the revision ready by the next council meeting.

**G. CHIEF OF POLICE-** Tristan Snyder – reported all YTD activities.

**H. CODES / ANIMAL CONTROL:** Sandy Atkisson- still trying to find a vet to conduct the annual pet clinic. She then addressed a property located at 109 E Miami St. There has been progress made on the property, she is going to reach out to the new owners to see where they are and have them apply for an extension on the condemnation process that was in-place prior to the newest purchase of the property.

**I. PLANNING & ZONING:** Teresa Whitaker – nothing currently.

**J. PUBLIC WORKS:** - Teresa spoke for Joey Morrissey – public works removed snow from the streets following the storm. Though they have been shorthanded, they have been filling potholes with cold patch.

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

5. Discuss/Consider closing Labette Rental Account for 1701 Laurel Street and moving funds to general fund to reimburse for lights. Aaron made motion to approve closing the account, Jake second, motion carried 5-0.
6. Discuss/Consider closing Labette Bank security deposit account for 1701 Laurel Street and move funds to general fund. Aaron made motion to approve closing the account, Jake second, motion carried 5-0.
7. Discuss/Consider hiring Raquel Beltz for temporary full time help in City Hall at the rate of \$14.00 per hour. Jake made motion to approve hiring Rocky for a temporary full-time position, Aaron second, motion carried 4-1 with Rochelle Schreckhise voting against.

8. Discuss / Consider sending application for BASE grant funds to Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC). Jake made a motion to hold a Special Meeting following a one-hour workshop on 02/18/2022. Workshop will begin at 5:00 pm and Special Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Aaron second, motion carried 5-0.
9. Discuss/Consider waiving Community Center fees for Pleasanton Ball Association on February 18, 2022, for their annual meeting. Aaron made motion to approve waiving the fees, Jake second, motion carried 5-0.
10. Discuss/Consider closing City Hall from 10:30 until 2:00 on Tuesday, 02/15/2022, to allow city personnel to attend the funeral of Russell Purdy. Jake made motion to approve closing City Hall during afore mentioned hours, Aaron second, motion carried 5-0.  
Jake motioned to make a \$5,000.00 bereavement donation to Sherry McCulley, daughter of Russell Purdy, on behalf of the city, Rochelle second, motion carried 5-0.
11. Discuss/Consider allowing Atmos Energy to set utility poll on 9<sup>th</sup> and Laurel for use by Atmos and the City. Aaron made motion to approve the placement of the utility pole, Jake second, motion carried 5-0.
12. Discuss/Consider placing temporary barricade on hill at 10<sup>th</sup> and Laurel until disposition of road is determined. Jake made motion to place cement barricades, Aaron second, motion carried 5-0.
13. Discuss/Consider hiring BG Consultants to conduct a dam inspection at West Lake and Lower West Lake. The total cost will be \$1,750.00 per dam as per the contract. Aaron made motion to approve BG Consultants to conduct the dam inspections, Jake second, motion carried 4-1 with Rochelle Schreckhise voting no.

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**M. REMINDERS:**

Pet Clinic is set tentatively for 014/08/2022, dependent upon finding a veterinarian to conduct the clinic.

Citywide Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 04/16/2022, the day before Easter.

Memorial Day Flag Service – flags will be placed on 05/26/2022. The Memorial Day Service will be on May 30, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Citywide Garage sale is scheduled for May 7, 2022.

Citywide Clean-Up is scheduled for May 9, 2022.

Pool opening will open June 1- July 31, 2022

Soldiers for Jesus Rally – June 4, 2022

Fireworks and Let Freedom Ring will be held July 2, 2022

**N. ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57

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Mayor-Mike Frisbie

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City Clerk - April Umphenour