

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall Council Chambers – 1608 Laurel Street
May 6, 2019
6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attending members included: Mayor Cynthia Frisbie, Council Members: Ginger Neal-Cox, Aaron Portmann, Chris Ellis, and Brandon Johnson. Also present were City Administrator Erica Kern, and City Clerk Teresa Whitaker. Also present was Barbara Proffitt *of the Linn County News*.

Absent: Jake Mattingley

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Cynthia Frisbie opened the meeting at 6:20 pm immediately after the Condemnation hearing.

1. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Erica Kern requested a 15-minute executive session for trade secrets at 6:20 pm with meeting to resume 6:35 pm. Ginger motioned the same. Chris second. Motion carried 4-0. Kern invited Brandon McGinnis to join the session. Executive session ended at 6:36 pm with no action taken. Kern then recommended the Council terminate Steven Vickrey for cause for not showing up for work multiple days. Motion by Chris. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 4-0. Erica left the meeting due to prior obligation.

Mayor Frisbie wanted to thank Carol Whitley for the lots that they deeded to the City. Mayor Eldred Whitley was the former Mayor of Pleasanton.

2. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Erica Kern-no report.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes
- b. Regular Council Disbursements – \$23,447.31
- c. Payroll Disbursements – \$21,176.06
- d. Mandatory Disbursements - \$29,250.05

Motion to approve consent agenda by Aaron. 2nd by Brandon. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION: Mayor Cynthia Frisbie- Maxine Dixon-303 E. 13th Street. She stated she received a letter to go to court. She said no reason was given. There was a picture of the roof with a tarp and a rotted fascia board on the house. She didn't come in January but did in February. She had spoken to someone about fixing the issues, but they couldn't get to it until after March 1st. There were more pictures of boards over windows presented at the next court date. Maxine stated she had argued about the window that had plywood on it. She had Kevin come in March and took off the 2x4 and nailed down the tarp and he fixed the soffit hole. She also had the shed torn off that had a hole in it. Everything was repaired except the window. She came back to court again and there were more pictures. She was asked to step out of the room while the attorney and codes spoke. She stated that the decision was made to let the windows go. She asked for it in writing. She came back out and was told that something would be sent to her. She paid her court costs and thought that it was done. She stated she got yet another letter stating that if the windows aren't fixed, her house will be condemned. She offered to paint the plywood but was told that wouldn't work. She came last week to talk to Erica and Ginger and was told to come to the Council. She also said that Brandon was supposed to come over and he never did. Brandon stated he did go over there but since she doesn't live there, she didn't know he came. He saw shelves up where the windows would go and felt that there was no way that the windows would work. Brandon asked her if there was any way they would work and asked if she wants glass for the storm windows. Maxine stated, before she answers, was she lied to? Why is this still going on? Gary explained there are 2 different processes going on. Sandy explained that the last time she was at court, she was told that she could take the case to the City Council. Mayor Frisbie stated that we just want to resolve the issues and we are just trying to come to a solution. Maxine asked if the court is done, we went right into condemnation. Gary explained that the word condemnation does not be condemned. He went on to explain that this process usually ends with something getting worked out. She was upset that she walked into the court and two people did not introduce themselves. To her, the atmosphere seemed hostile.

Florence Ann Hill was here to follow up as 30 days has passed. Cynthia read the minutes from the meeting and a list of the improvements that were needed were given to her. Sandy took some pictures today and presented them to the Council. She stated that some days it looks good, but other days it still has junk. Florence asked if someone from the city could help her burn the brush. Sandy stated she is satisfied for now.

3. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Brandon stated on 6th and Linn there is a sinkhole. He believes it is about a foot deep. Joe Whitaker stated he is going to get hot mix. Brandon stated it needs to be filled and compacted first. He then went on to ask about the new dump truck. It has been tagged and ready for use. It will not be used with the citywide cleanup as the trucks get torn up.

4. CITY ATTORNEY: Gary Thompson- nothing

5. CHIEF OF POLICE: Tristan Snyder- 158 calls in April. 17 assists. 15 tickets. 114 traffic stops. 15 arrests. 1 was rape, 1 for child porn, 6 DUI, 1 drug, 2 domestic arrests among other things. In the last week or two, the department assisted other counties with a homicide arrest. May 20-June 2nd is Click-it or Ticket.

6. PLANNING & ZONING: Erica Kern-

7. PUBLIC WORKS: Joe Whitaker- It has been wet but they have been mowing. There have been complaints about some of the culverts. Whitaker stated people are running over them and not keeping the debris out. Meters have been read. Joey and Casey picked up the new truck in St. Louis. Joey and Jason went to water class in Chanute. The picnic tables and fish feeders are being worked on as well as the pool. Banners are up on Main Street. It is tough to keep up with just 4 guys. He said that the culvert issue would be easier to handle if people would just rake their leaves. Whitaker then stated basically he just needs more help to keep up.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/Consider appointments of officers. See attached list. Motion to approve the list as written by Chris Ellis. 2nd by Ginger. Motion carried 4-0.
- b. Discuss/Consider abatement of property at 501 Sycamore. Sandy stated she sent out a notice to them. The grandson told Sandy to stop sending stuff to her grandma as it upsets her. Brandon stated that he has been in contact with them and has been asked to do work by the owners. There is an addition that does not go the actual house that needs to be removed. There is no water service there since 2014. They owners stated that they want it fixed up. Brandon said he put a roof on it about 6 years ago. Sandy stated that there is a shed that needs to be demolished. Gary stated that it sounds like they just need some time. Will review again in the future
- c. Discuss/Consider appliances for community center. (see attached breakdown)
 1. Lowes: \$6,156.43 (no sink)
 2. Home Depot: \$6,420.98
 3. Central Restaurant: \$5,954.73

Chris motioned to let Erica purchase the equipment not to exceed \$6500.00 from whichever vendor has the best price per item. Aaron 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Discuss/Consider lock off policy for water service. Gary explained the Ordinance to the Council and asked if that was acceptable. Brandon suggested a one-time write off for those that are one month behind due to being on a fixed income. Motion by Aaron to approve Ordinance 2034 as written. 2nd by Chris. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Chris to approve a one-time forgiveness of the 5 people that are behind. 2nd by Ginger. Motion carried 4-0.

10. REMINDERS:

Cynthia reminded the Council they are staying for the final codes revisions. Gary stated he cannot stay. The Council felt that doing it at the next meeting would be better so Gary is prepared.

11. ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Mayor-Cynthia Frisbie

City Clerk-Teresa Whitaker