

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall Council Chambers – 1608 Laurel Street
November 06, 2019
6:00 p.m.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: City Attorney Burton Harding

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Frisbie called the meeting 6:05 pm

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Frisbie read a resignation letter from Ginger Neal-Cox as she is relocating to another state. Ginger then thanked the Council and exited the meeting. Mayor Frisbie then read the resignation letter from Angela Mitchell as she is taking a position with the Sheriff's department as an SRO.

Mayor Frisbie also read the unofficial results for the Council and Mayoral race. Michael Frisbie was unofficially elected as the new Mayor. Ashley Toms and Jake Mattingley were unofficially elected as Council members. Lastly, she read a thank you from Ola Mae Ernest for the Halloween celebration at the museum this year. She looks forward to doing it again next year. Kern then stated that the idea was thanks to Teresa Whitaker and stated that Ola Mae was 'on cloud 9' about all the visitors to the museum.

At 6:15 pm, Erica Kern requested a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with meeting to resume at 6:30 pm. Aaron motioned for the same. Jake 2nd. Motion carried 3-0. Executive session ended at 6:30 pm with no action taken. Erica requested a 10-minute session for non-elected personnel. Aaron motioned the same. Chris 2nd. Motion carried 3-0 with meeting to resume at 6:40 pm. Executive session ended at 6:42 pm with no action taken.

A. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Erica talked to the Council about the recreation commission, but she is waiting for info from Burton.

Reminders were read to the Council. The First Impressions town hall meeting is Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm at the school annex. Light up Pleasanton is coming up. Kern requested that the Council join in helping with the decorating for Light Up Pleasanton. The Jack Frost and Snowflake contest will go on this year. The raffle gift is a robotic vacuum. The 3rd-6th graders will be selling tickets.

Kern has received a couple proposals from engineers for the second sidewalk project. The application for funding was sent in and we should have an answer in the winter months.

Kern stated that public works needs a tractor. She stated transparency when she said her parents have a tractor for sale. It is a 2014 Mahindra with 4WD. It has about 300 hours on it and is 50 hp. It has a bucket and bush hog and they are asking \$18,500.00. Mayor Frisbie stated that the positive is that the history is known. Jake Mattingley asked how big our other tractors are. Joe Whitaker stated they are 50hp and the other is between 50-60hp. Kern reminded the Council that the other Hesston was sold on Purple Wave. Joe stated that this is a good tractor but will not be capable of pulling the 10-foot mower. It was then stated that if the public works crews keep the areas mowed more, there isn't really a need for the 10' mower. Joe stated we also have 2 five-foot mowers and a four-foot mower. Aaron asked if this is a tractor we should look at or look at a bigger mower. Joe stated that the brand name tractors are much higher and could be as much as \$60k. He feels the City will have a hard time affording a 120hp John Deere tractor that would be capable of pulling a ten-foot mower. Jake requested more info and pictures for the Council.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes
2. Regular Council Disbursements -\$11,245.79
3. Payroll Disbursements – \$38,509.28
4. Mandatory Disbursements --\$20,382.34

Motion to approve by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.

C. PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION: Mayor Frisbie-Jessy Willard of Prescott came to let the Council know that he is the owner of the old nursing home in Prescott. He stated nursing homes are run by nursing companies and property companies. He is looking to have a property company lease the property. He would like to put a non-profit company together to run the home. There is a hospital district around the nursing home that is currently taxed approximately 4 mills. If that district disbands, they would like to reform the district and spread it across several districts, including Pleasanton. The hope is that it takes off and it will eventually not

need to be supported by the mills as long as it is making money. Mr. Willard has had professional opinions that were shared with the commissioners that basically stated that the nursing home should show a profit. He is asking for a 2 or 3 mill tax levied on the people of Pleasanton. He asked for Council opinion. Jake stated that some people will be in favor of it, but many will also be against it even if it is only \$20-30 dollars per year. Chris asked what the procedure is for the disbanding of the current board. Jessy stated that there will be a vote to disband. He said the county can only have 2 hospital districts. When they do disband, you can get signatures, or the commissioners can place a new district. Chris asked how the last district was created. Kern stated that the community will probably going to be in favor of it. Kern stated that the management needs to be reputable because it is funded with taxpayer money. Jessy stated that there was 1.8 million dollars in salaries being paid to staff in the last nursing home. Jessy stated this will be a not for profit nursing home. Kern asked what type of oversight the hospital board will have. Jessy stated it would be employees, then administration, then the hospital board. The last board was lacking the oversight. There was really no management. Chris asked what Jessy felt was the start-up cost. Jessy felt that \$1,000,000.00 was needed to start and a year and a half of operating funds set aside before they can even apply for funds. Jessy stated that people are going to have to trust and there is a little bit of risk involved. Jake asked where the money is going that Jessy is paying into the current hospital district. Jessy stated it is to be dispersed into the township. Jessy then stated that he is currently not paying into it because the county didn't levy it this year. Jake asked if the hospital district money would have to be divided into all healthcare in the county. Kern stated those other facilities are privately funded. It would only be used to fund the taxpayer funded facilities. Jake stated that people are going to believe that it may be 2 mills this year but that will go up every year. Kern stated the hospital district maxes out at 6 mills. Kern asked what kind of rehab costs are going to be needed to get it going. He stated that money will come out of his pocket and he has about 4 codes issues that need to be addressed. He is at a standstill. He has talked to the USDA about funding. Jessy stated he can't see why he would take all the risk when he can spread it out so it will be a success. Jessy thanked the Council for their time and asked Chris Ellis his opinion. Chris stated that people may have a hard time supporting something in another community when we could be supporting our own community. Barbara Proffitt interjected at one point saying Linn County had the finest nursing home in the county. When the original owner left, they never had a decent director after that. Jake asked how the board is elected. Jessy stated that the county would appoint them. In the past, the pride of Prescott Nursing Home was to run as inexpensively as possible and it was the reason it was run well. Mayor Frisbie thanked Mr. Willard and stated the conversation will continue in the future.

D. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION: No discussion.

E. CITY ATTORNEY: Burton Harding - absent

F. CHIEF OF POLICE: Tristan Snyder – The report it attached to the minutes. 251 total calls. 12 arrests. 26 tickets. 4 felony drug arrests, 2 dui's, 1 domestic. So far in November we have 1 felony warrant arrest and a driving while suspended. 113 arrests for the year. Tristan informed the Council of our current pay scale. He requested we change it to be more competitive and give more incentives to people that have higher qualifications. He proposed starting at \$15.50 and moving them up to \$17.00 after graduation and staying for a full year. Additional incentives would be given for military service, degrees, bilingual, and prior experience. Jake stated that he always felt they were underpaid but it will all come down to the budget. Kern stated she felt Tristan was on the right track with the wages proposed. Cynthia added that we needed salary scales like this for all departments.

G. PLANNING & ZONING: Erica Kern- nothing to report

H. PUBLIC WORKS: Joe Whitaker – Two buildings at the water plant were painted. A sewer main was repaired. The ditch on 10th was repaired. Cold patching was done. Casey went to class last week. The salt spreader and plow are ready to go. Some of the street name signs were put up. We will need to order more next year. The cost is \$25.00 each if we have ordered that name before. If not, there is a set-up fee. The handheld meter reader was giving us issues. The problem was fixed when the updates were done. 12-15 new radios were replaced with a few more to go. About 6 faulty meters were also replaced. There is an 8-10% failure rate with the meters. A meter on Pine Street was removed. Kern stated that the buildings at the water plant look better but are not in great shape. Jake asked if Tristan did a traffic study by Casey's. Tristan contacted KDOT and they are to get back with him. Next week, there will be a bicycle safety course done in conjunction with the police department.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Consider Resolution 353 adopting Kansas Homeland Security Mitigation Plan. Motion by Chris to approve. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
6. Discuss/Consider payroll/holiday schedule for 2020. Motion to approve by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Motion to approve Council meeting schedule. Motion by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discuss/Consider setting water and sewer tap fees. Kern stated that this has been discussed but it needs to be formally adopted. Motion by Aaron to approve water and sewer tap fees. 2nd by Jake. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Discuss/Consider Resolution 354 ordering condemnation of 507 Center Street. Motion to approve by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Discuss/Consider Resolution 355 setting abatement hearing for 409 Center Street. Motion to approve by Jake. 2nd by Chris. Motion carried 3-0.
11. Discuss/Consider Resolution 356 ordering condemnation of 192 Palm Street. Motion to approve by Aaron. 2nd by Jake. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Discuss/Consider Resolution 357 setting abatement hearing for 809 Main Street. Motion by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
13. Discuss/Consider resignation from Ginger Neal-Cox. Jake stated that do we have to appoint someone for the next few meetings. Motion by Jake to accept the resignation. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
14. Discuss/Consider resignation from Angela Mitchell. Motion by Jake to regretfully accept Angie's resignation as a full-time officer. Aaron 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.
15. Discuss/Consider hiring Angela Mitchell as a part-time officer. Motion by Jake to hire Angie Mitchell as a part time officer for \$13.00 per hour. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0. Jake also motioned to raise Luke Coyer to \$13.00 per hour. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
16. Discuss/Consider purchase of tractor. See above.
17. Discuss/Consider closing City Hall at noon for employee holiday party on December 19, 2019. Motion by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
18. Discuss/Consider moving Dustin Ridenour to permanent full-time after his 6-month probation effective December 22. Tabled.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

19. Discuss/Consider creation of a recreation committee. Tabled.
20. Discuss setting a community center workday in November. Aaron stated he is starting a new job in December and will hopefully have more Saturdays free. Teresa asked if we could make a checklist of things to be done and just hire someone. Erica will get with Joe and see what needs to be done.

K. REMINDERS:

November 7th - Town Hall meeting to discuss First Impressions Survey results 6:00 pm at School Annex.
Christmas ornament and plates are at City Hall and Labette Bank and are available for purchase. Ornaments - \$10.00 Plates - \$20.00

L. ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Mayor-Cynthia Frisbie

City Clerk-Teresa Whitaker