

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall Council Chambers – 1608 Laurel Street
November 25, 2019
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Frisbie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Frisbie asked if there are any executive sessions. No sessions to be had.

A. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Erica stated the proposed Christmas bonuses are in the packets. She also reminded the Council that the time capsule needs items and will be buried in December. She gave a brief rundown of items in there already. The Light Up Pleasanton on December 14th will also be coinciding with the 1st Baptist Church 150th birthday.

Kern met with BG Consultants and KDOT regarding the TA Grant and the timing of the project. There are a few areas that there will be permanent easements and construction easements. There are courses with KU that she needs to take before she will be able to discuss the easements.

Linn County is getting ready to start a new comprehensive plan and are asking for participation from everyone in the county. They will be sending out public notices. They are also doing a community assessment tool and Kern will fill it out. She will present it to the Council for review.

Since Angie left, the County asked if they could purchase the duty belt and bullet proof vest we have. Kern told them they could and that they will be paying half the cost of the vest and the full cost of the duty belt.

Financials are presented to the Council. Kern stated compared to last year, she feels more comfortable now. Teresa prepared a mid-month report to show all the transfers. She anticipates that things will be ok by the end of the year.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes
2. Regular Council Disbursements - **\$12,888.50**
3. Payroll Disbursements – **\$19,245.62**
4. Mandatory Disbursements -- **\$24,188.91**

Motion to approve by Aaron. 2nd by Jake. Motion carried 5-0.

C. PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION: Mayor Frisbie- Pleasanton High School Junior class-Community Center. Emma Sabine and Brian Portmann spoke requesting to reserve the community center for prom in 2020. As the building is not finished, the class would like to work on the building to get it ready for prom. They also requested a portion of Main Street being blocked for prom walk in. Kern told the council what still needs to be done. Motion by Jake to approve the request. 2nd by Brandon. Motion carried 5-0.

D. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION: Jake stated that Jackie said that business owners are allowed to vote for city business. Kern will research it. Jake asked Tristan if he heard anything about the speed limit. Tristan has not heard anything. Jake stated that he was speaking to Angie about the lake being torn up by people. He asked if we could lock it. He was reminded that we can't because of walk-in hunting.

E. CITY ATTORNEY: Burton Harding – A gentleman asked him about an RV that had been seized by the city. He is looking into how the city handles that. He mentioned that when Tristan gets the Digi-ticket we can get a more concrete fine schedule.

He then stated he received an email from Nancy Hayes stating that the County won't enforce our codes ticket warrants. He sent an email to the sheriff and is waiting for a reply.

Kern mentioned that she has been working with Burton Harding on the creation of a recreation committee. The program will be valuable as there are many issues with people leaving and the programs are dying as a result. Cynthia asked if we knew the time frame. Kern deferred to Burton and he said he will have to look it up. Kern stated we will get things drafted up and then have the Council review it. Kern then said that the bitty ball sign ups already took place and now there is no place for the money. Kern stated she will open an account, have two signers, so the monies are available. Mrs. Conley was in the audience and asked if the recreation commission will include the Pleasanton Ball Association. Kern responded it will encompass as many of the youth programs as we can. From the audience, Mike Frisbie asked if this is a paid position and if it was only youth. Kern stated it is just youth for now and as far as the position, nothing has been set up yet, but it will most likely be a paid position. Cynthia said it is an evolving program.

F. CHIEF OF POLICE: Tristan Snyder – Angel Tree donations will be solicited on Wednesday, November 27th and on December 2nd out by Casey's to collect money for the fund.

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

H. PUBLIC WORKS: Joe Whitaker-absent. Kern stated the tractor we were discussing was probably not big enough. The guys spent today putting up Christmas decorations on Main Street. Last week they worked on Pine Street on a house demo. Jake asked what happened with the Cox building being a vo-tech school. Kern said she opened the conversation with the high school, Nabholtz, and Ft. Scott College. To be able to start a satellite campus, you must approach the closest school. If they don't want to do it, they need to sign a waiver. To date, Ft. Scott has not answered back with a signed waiver so we can't proceed. We cannot shop around until that is signed.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Consider appointing Ashley Toms to Ginger Neal-Cox's unexpired term. Motion by Chris. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 4-0. Teresa Whitaker swore in Ashley and she took her seat at the Council table.
6. Discuss/Consider renewal of CMB license for Dollar General. Motion by Jake. 2nd by Chris. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Discuss/Consider renewal of CMB license for Casey's General Store. Motion by Aaron. 2nd by Jake. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Discuss/Consider Resolution for abatement hearing of 111 W. Miami Street-Ell Gillespie. Pictures were presented. Sandy noted the pictures are older, but nothing has changed. Motion to approve abatement by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Discuss/Consider moving Dustin Ridenour to permanent full-time after his 6-month probation effective December 22. Motion by Aaron to approve and move his pay up \$1.00. 2nd by Chris. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Discuss/Consider distributing Christmas bonuses to employees. See list in agenda packet. Motion to approve by Aaron. 2nd by Jake. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Discuss/Consider utility easement and alley at 902 Magnolia. Burton stated that the power poles aren't in the alley or in the easement. If we have to take part of his land, we would be in a mess. There are no utilities in that area, but there is a water line at the edge of the property. It would be in the best interest of the city to vacate the alley and avoid potential issues. The vacate ordinance will need to state that there is a water line. Burton suggested that it would be cleaner and easier to do the entire alley. Motion to vacate contingent on the homeowner providing access to that water line. Aaron 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12. Discuss/Consider creation of a recreation committee. See above.
13. Discuss setting a community center workday. Kern stated we will have to revisit that at the beginning of the year.
Teresa thanked the Mayor and Erica for attending her graduation.

K. REMINDERS:

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 6:36 pm.

Mayor-Cynthia Frisbie

City Clerk-Teresa Whitaker