

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall Council Chambers – 1608 Laurel Street
December 16, 2019
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attending members included: Mayor Cynthia Frisbie, Council Members Aaron Portmann, Jake Mattingley, and Ashley Toms. Also present were City Administrator Erica Kern and City Clerk Teresa Whitaker.

Absent: Burton Harding, Chris Ellis, Brandon Johnson, and Barbara Proffitt

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Frisbie called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Frisbie asked Erica if she had any executive sessions. Kern requested a 20-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Jake motioned the same. Aaron 2nd. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting to resume at 6:24 pm. At 6:17 pm, Kern requested that Joe Whitaker join the executive session. At 6:24 pm, the executive session ended with no action taken. Cynthia requested an additional executive session for 20-minutes for non-elected personnel. Jake motioned the same. Aaron 2nd. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting to resume at 6:45 pm. Joe Whitaker exited the executive session and Tristan Snyder joined the session at the Council's request. Executive session ended with no action taken.

A. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

Erica said she spoke to the property owner on the north side of Holly. They want to voluntarily annex into the city as they want to do a lot split that is smaller than what the county allows.

The lights and other preparations took about 2 weeks to get ready for Light Up Pleasanton. The Jack Frost and Snowflake Princess contest raised \$1000.00 for the Christmas light fund. Kern stated that the existing decorations can be restrung with new lights and garland.

Kern asked the Council how we should address the abated process once a house has gone through all the legalities. She wants to know what the Council thinks about how we go about cleaning up these properties because the owners haven't responded. She suggested a dumpster or truck being left on the property and then picked up after a certain time. Aaron asked what makes us think they will do something then because they haven't done anything yet. Jake stated we have a town clean up and go after codes during that time. He expressed his frustration about the situation. He referred to Nick Meister that spoke earlier. The idea of jail time or changing the ordinance to make things more expensive as far as fines for non-compliance. Jake asked what the current policy is. The policy was read to the Council: 1st offense \$75.00, 2nd offense \$150.00 3rd offense \$300.00 and 4th and subsequent offense is \$500.00. Kern stated we should invite Judge Doug Barlet and Burton Harding to a meeting so we can come to an agreement on how the penalties are divvied to offenders.

Jack Shreckhise has filled out the paperwork to have the house by 6th and Center demolished after January 15th through the CRRRP program. He also asked if we could waive the demolition fees. Motion by Jake to waive the demolition fees. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.

Employee evaluations will be done at the first of the year.

Kern did her certification that was required by KDOT for the TA Grant. We can now begin the easement process.

Kern discussed the financials and stated that there are a few transfers we will probably have to reverse to stay under budget.

B. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. November 25, 2019 Special Meeting minutes
 2. Regular Council Disbursements - **\$5,314.98**
 3. Payroll Disbursements – **\$28,062.47**
 4. Mandatory Disbursements -- **\$ \$25,429.82**
- Motion to approve by Aaron. 2nd by Jake. Motion carried 3-0.

C. PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION: Mayor Frisbie identified Nick Meister of 1309 Walnut Street. He stated he has been trying to sell the house. He is having issues with the house next to him at 1307 Walnut. The house is getting worse and he is going to lose money on the sale of his home due to the condition of the home. Kern stated we have the paperwork ready for a hearing to be set. She went on to say this is the worst it has ever been. The Mayor extended her agreement with the problem. Mr. Meister stated he doesn't live in Pleasanton but owns property and has roots here. Kern stated it helps that people come in and say something because people think that we are picking on them. Whitaker stated that the hearing will be February 3rd, 2020.

D. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION- Jake asked if we could make the road in front of the school a one-way street before the sidewalk construction begins. Discussion was held about which streets would be affected and where to stop the one-way. Aaron suggested that we stop at Park Street to keep the flow of traffic.

Jake stated that the people that want to voluntarily annex could have a tax forgiveness to everyone. Kern stated that the people requesting the annexation brought it up to her. She stated she told them she didn't see why the Council wouldn't do that.

E. CITY ATTORNEY: Burton Harding – absent
CHIEF OF POLICE: Tristan Snyder – nothing

F. PLANNING & ZONING: Erica Kern- nothing

G. PUBLIC WORKS: Joe Whitaker- Christmas lights have taken up a lot of time the last couple weeks. The house on 610 Pine is gone. The guys have been spending extra time at the plant due to the variable speed drive. The plant chemical feeds have been off due to the part malfunctioning. It will be here in a few days. There is some graffiti on the rocks at the shelter houses. Lumber and supplies were picked up at the community center. Holes have been being patched. The skid loader is in the shop because it died and when it started back up, its been idling rough. The fuel filter had debris in it and that might have been part of the issue. There is a pump out at the lake, and we will get prices at the beginning of the year. Three pumps are in there and two are working fine.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

5. Discuss/Consider options for creation of Recreation Commission. Kern stated that Travis Laver asked if this could be a district wide rec committee. If the school is included, the income would increase substantially. She said any time we can partner with the school, we are better off. She recommended that we have the city attorney draw something up and get a committee from all districts to work through the process.
6. Discuss/Consider proposals for construction engineering services for KDOT TA 2020. There are two proposals from engineering firms. Cook Flatt and Strobel and BG Consultants. Kern recommended BG since we are familiar with them, they are competent, and they know our community. Frisbie asked for a motion to approve using BG Consultants as the engineering firm. Jake asked about pricing. Kern stated the State of Kansas has a process we go through before work starts. Aaron motioned to approve. Jake 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Discuss/Consider disbursement of remaining recreation monies for girl's bitty ball in the amount of \$200.00. Motion by Jake to approve. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
8. Discuss/Consider setting a hearing for abatement of 711 Center-Jesse and Debbie Spears. Motion to approve by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Discuss/Consider setting a hearing for abatement of 410 E. 5th Street-Bonnie Purdy (deceased) Russell Purdy/Sherry McCulley. Motion by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Discuss/Consider approval of Resolution 358 setting a hearing for the property on 1307 Maple. Motion by Jake. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
11. Discuss/Consider approval of Resolution 359 setting a hearing for the property on 111 W. Miami. Motion by Aaron. 2nd by Ashley Toms. Motion carried 3-0.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12. Discuss/Consider approval of vacation of alley for Edwin Barbour-Ordinance 2037. Motion by Ashley to approve as corrected. 2nd by Jake. The title of the Ordinance will need to be corrected to read alley instead of street. Motion carried 3-0.

J. REMINDERS:

Christmas ornament and plates are at City Hall and Labette Bank and are available for purchase. Ornaments - \$10.00
Plates - \$20.00

K. ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Mayor-Cynthia Frisbie

City Clerk-Teresa Whitaker