

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL
City Hall Council Chambers – 1608 Laurel Street
February 18, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attending members included: Mayor Mike Frisbie, Council Members Aaron Portmann, Chris Ellis, and Brandon Johnson. Also present were Barbara Proffitt from Linn County News, City Administrator Erica Kern and City Clerk Teresa Whitaker.
Absent: Jake Mattingley, Ashley Toms.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Mike Frisbie called the meeting to order at

- A. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Mike Frisbie recognized Barbara Cochran as the new police officer. Teresa swore her in. Mayor Frisbie then stated that the planning and zoning committee is short 2 members. He stated he hasn't got anyone in mind but he mentioned they must live out of the city limits as the bi-laws are written. Mayor Frisbie then talked about the perception of the city and how people perceive us. Are there expectations that aren't being met? He stated he is not in favor of that opinion and wonders why this is. He believes everyone is doing their job and wants to know what can be changed. Mayor Frisbie then stated he saw that Erica Kern had been voted #1 as a top city official. He didn't want that to slip by without recognition. Erica asked for a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with meeting to resume at 6:20 pm. Aaron motioned the same. Chris Ellis 2nd. Motion carried 3-0. Executive session ended at 6:22 pm with no action taken. Kern requested an executive session for 10 minutes for legal matters with meeting to resume at 6:33 pm. Chris motioned the same. Aaron 2nd. Motion carried 3-0. Executive session ended at 6:33 pm with no action taken. Aaron motioned that Burton or Erica be allowed to write a letter of intent including attorney fees associated up to \$2,000.00. Chris 2nd. Motion carried 3-0.
- B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:** Erica stated that over the last few weeks Burton, herself, and Teresa have been working on the codes book revisions. Kern addressed Barbara Proffitt from the Linn County News about the misprint in the paper about a plumbing issue at the community center. Kern stressed there are no issues. There have been 5 grants applied for in the last few weeks in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. She is hoping one or all of them that come through. Travis Laver is asking who we want on the recreation committee as they have picked some people they would like to see on the committee. Kern suggested Hannah McKee and asked the Council for recommendations. Kern will talk with Travis and see what he is thinking.
- C. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**
1. February 3, 2020 Condemnation hearing minutes
 2. February 3, 2020 Regular meeting minutes
 3. Regular Council Disbursements - **\$ 24,614.17**
 4. Payroll Disbursements – **\$ 18,627.29**
 5. Mandatory Disbursements -- **\$ 24,252.46**
- Motion to approve by Brandon. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0
- D. PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION:** Mayor Mike Frisbie- Jessee Spears identified himself. He stated he owns a few properties. He believes he is being harassed by the codes enforcement officer. He stated he has talked to Erica about the issues and he said Kern said there wasn't an issue. He said that last month, the Council voted to condemn a house on 711 Center because a fascia board and a gutter are hanging. He stated that nothing has been done because there is no codes violation. He stated it against the law for 'them to go poking around'. He brought pictures of the house and stated the codes enforcement officer is being a nuisance. He also went on to say that it took it a while to get the people to get out of the house. Kern read one of the 10 days notices. Junked vehicles, maintenance and repair on house, and nuisances. Kern stated that the codes enforcement officer is allowed on the property. Kern named off what she saw in the pictures as violations. Erica stated that she has never spoken to him about that house. The hearing is scheduled for March and Kern stated that he can plea his case. He stated that as long as he owes money on the house, it cannot be torn down. Teresa explained that the word condemnation does not necessarily mean demolishing it. It is a term that encompasses a process. Jessee explained that he is not working on all his properties at once. He has to finish one house before he can work on the other. Kern stated that the process cannot stop because of them working on another house. Jessee then asked how the codes enforcer is qualified to be a building in inspector.
- Julie Saker-Saker towing stated she saw that another wrecker service came into town. She said she doesn't have an issue with the tow lot being put in town, but she does have an issue with where it is being put. She stated when she approached the Council for her original lot, she was refused by the Council to put a lot in there. Kern stated that this lot will be zoned commercially and not residential which is how her initial property was zoned. She apologized for coming in and she should have just talked to Erica.
- E. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION-** None
- F. CITY ATTORNEY:** Burton Harding – Still working on the voluntary annexation as the trust owns a lot of property. He believes he is just about done. He then went on to say that there are a lot of revisions to the codes as well as creating some new codes for things like food trucks etc. We are also trying to streamline our condemnation process.

G. CHIEF OF POLICE: Tristan Snyder – So far for February there are 7 arrests. There were meth, heroin, and marijuana arrests. 5 of the drug arrests were felonies. The tasers arrived for Adam and Barb. 20 arrests last year was at the end of March. We are currently 3 arrests ahead of this time last year.

H. PLANNING & ZONING: Erica Kern – There will be a CUP hearing in the future.

I. PUBLIC WORKS: Joe Whitaker- Casey did the report. Cold patching has been being done. Tires for the dump truck were purchased. The spreader clutch went out and was repaired. A jack hammer was rented to bust up the concrete at a demolition. The tracks were purchased for the skid loader which were discounted. The fence-lines at the lagoon were worked on. Maintenance has been being done on equipment. Casey stated that the root grapple bucket that was purchased a few years ago is in disrepair and they are needing a grapple bucket that can handle construction. The repairs to the existing grapple would be around \$1600.00. It doesn't seem worth it. They are looking for an upgraded bucket to handle the demolitions. You can buy cheaper units, but we will be in the same boat again. Casey went on to explain that there are two that are good choices, one of which can be picked up tomorrow. The demolitions are on hold until we can get a new one. The cheapest option that was presented but Casey recommended against it because it probably won't last as long. The CID brand has parts in Fort Scott so that would make it easier to repair. The grapple held by Machinery Trader was discounted by \$100.00 after Casey spoke with them.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

6. Discuss/Consider Resolution 369 nuisance abatement of 1307 Walnut Street. Motion by Aaron to approve. 2nd by Brandon. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Discuss/Consider Resolution 370 nuisance abatement of 111 West Miami Street. Motion to approve by Aaron. 2nd by Chris. Motion carried 3-0.
8. Discuss/Consider approval of Ordinance 2038 for voluntary annexation of property located at 804 Holly. Kern stated that Burton thinks it needs to go to Planning and Zoning first. Kern will get the meeting scheduled.
9. Discuss/Consider approval of purchase of grapple bucket:
 - a. Machinery Trader \$3,300 pick-up Kingdom City MO 424 miles
 - b. eBay \$2,710.00 with freight of \$400.00. 2-week lead timeChris motioned to purchase the grapple from Machinery Trader for \$3200.00 after the \$100.00 discount. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Discuss/Consider approval of codes revisions. Tabled.
11. Discuss/Consider setting new rates for CRRRP demolition requests for voluntary requests. Kern stated that we need to set a rate and get formal action taken. Mayor Frisbie asked if we were doing it with grant funds. Aaron motioned to raise the fee to .25 cents a foot for voluntary demolition requests. 2nd by Chris. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Discuss/Consider setting rate for involuntary demolitions-flat sq. ft rate vs time tracking and FEMA rates. Motion by Aaron to set the involuntary demolitions at time and tracking at FEMA rates. 2nd by Chris. Motion carried 3-0.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. Discuss/Consider approving amended contract for audit services for financial year ending 12.31.19 with Deihl, Banwart, and Bolton. Motion by Brandon to approve. 2nd by Aaron. Motion carried 3-0.
14. Discuss/Consider recreation committee members. Tabled.

L. REMINDERS:

Kern asked Barbara to mention the ham and bean feed for the Linn County Children's Coalition. There will be a ham and bean feed and silent auction at the school. Festivities will begin at 5:00. Caleb Secret has been working on this for his NHS project. Barbara mentioned some of the items at the auction. She stated everything the Coalition brings in helps families in Linn County. The funds are available at the schools in the county so kids can be helped immediately.

M. ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Mayor-Mike Frisbie

City Clerk-Teresa Whitaker