

**PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL**  
City Council Chambers – 1608 Laurel Street  
**October 20, 2020**  
6:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Attending members included: Mayor Mike Frisbie, Council Members Aaron Portmann, Chris Ellis (arrive at 6:20), Jake Mattingley, and Ashley Toms. Danielle Souza was sworn in and joined the meeting as a new council member. Also present were City Administrator Erica Kern, City Attorney Burton Harding, and City Clerk Teresa Whitaker, and Barbara Proffitt, via Zoom, of the *Linn County News*.

**Absent:**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Mike Frisbie called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm and opened it with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- A. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Frisbie recognized Barbara Cochran on her successful completion of KLETC.

He stated there were 5 people that submitted letters for the open council seat. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve appointing Danielle Souza to the city council. A motion was made by Aaron for the same. Jake second. Motion carried 3-0. Teresa issued the oath of office to Danielle and prompted her to join the council meeting. The Mayor thanked all the applicants.

Mayor Frisbie asked about putting up a sign by the park showing caution children playing. Kern hoped to have them picked up by the end of the week.

Erica requested a 15-minute executive session for legal purposes at 6:18 pm to return at 6:33 pm. Chris arrived at the meeting at 6:20 pm and joined the executive session in progress. Meeting resumed at 6:33 with no action taken. Burton requested a legal executive session for 10 minutes at 6:33 pm to resume at 6:43 pm. Executive session ended at 6:43 pm with no action taken.

- B. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:**

Kern stated we have talked in the past about having a brush dumping weekend. She requested approval from the council and get a date set. The site would be at the east lake and it would be manned for the weekend. She felt it would help the public works department during city wide clean up. Kern felt a couple times a year would be ample and we would also do it in the event of a storm. Kern stated we could set up cameras to avoid any illegal dumping issues. Casey felt that spring would be good for the first time. Danielle asked how this would be saving the city time. Kern explained it frees the guys up to do other things and the people are dropping the brush instead of the guys picking it up. Casey explained it would also save on equipment wear and tear. Danielle asked to table it until we come back with an idea of cost and a budget for it. Casey stated that there is already a gate and rock barrier. He felt the cost would be about an hour or two of backhoe work unless we hung an extra gate on the opposite end of the field. Casey stated if you also invested in cameras it would be less than \$500.00 probably to set it up.

Erica stated there are some policy revisions that need to be addressed but they still need some work.

The financial reports were presented. Kern stated that we are at or under budget now apart from a couple of items. We've been reigning in spending as much as possible.

- C. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes
  2. Regular Council Disbursements - \$13,237.06
  3. Payroll Disbursements – \$16,436.37
  4. Mandatory Disbursements - \$12,367.35
- Motion to approve the consent agenda by Aaron. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jake. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. PUBLIC SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION:** Mayor Mike Frisbie- At the end of the meeting, Nick Mitchell was here to talk about his water bill. He stated he called city hall and admitted he was not polite to Erica Kern. He then asked if he could have his late payment removed due to a death in the family. Jake stated based on previous conversations in this meeting regarding how city employees are treated and Nick's admission of being rude to Erica, we would not reward him by removing late fees. Nick then stated that we need to open city hall. Jake stated that city hall is closed because the employees need to feel safe during the pandemic.

- E. COUNCIL MEMBER DISCUSSION:** Aaron mentioned the building across from the grocery store came down today.

Jake wanted to mention the county buying the old pharmacy. He stated that the city lost over \$3,000.00 in taxes as a result of the sale. Jake wanted an explanation on the transaction. Erica Kern explained that the funds were obtained from the Sparks fund received during the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that she cannot say with certainty that using those funds didn't take away from funds that the city could have used. Commissioner Danny McCullough was very much opposed to the purchase. He suggested using the same building and asked if the G-Sharp building could be purchased. He asked if the city could use the old hotel parking lot. He was outnumbered at the commissioner meeting. It took another business off Main Street and took a business off the tax rolls for the city. Jake asked if there is any recourse. Kern stated it could jeopardize funding across the county and the state. Jake expressed his frustration with the commissioners, except for Danny. Kern felt that we did not get a fair shake. At this point, Ashley Toms excused herself from the meeting.

Jake stated that one of the candidates for the council seat previously brought up the water rates for out of city residents. He felt that Mrs. Herring was on point when she suggested that their rates be higher than the city resident rates.

Jake asked what happened at the last meeting with Jesse Spears. Kern explained the house was not rentable because things were not fixed and complained about it at the council meeting. Teresa took over the landlord inspection and, after 3 re-inspections, he passed the inspection. Teresa explained that there were additional deficiencies and they took care of them. The cleanliness and flooring were discussed. The repairs were discussed but, in the end, the minimum standards were met. Teresa stated that the standards need to be more stringent. Erica suggested to the council that all codes and policies revisions be approved as they happen. Jake stated he gets upset when people disrespect our city employees. He stated we do our best to avoid conflict. He went on to say that Spears should not be allowed any additional time. We need to get the codes and landlord licensing tightened up. He and Chris both felt that the inspections should have a fee. Tyler Francis from the audience suggested there be a dissemination of responsibility as to who is in charge.

- F. CITY ATTORNEY:** Burton Harding- excused himself at 7:15 pm.

- G. CHIEF OF POLICE:** Tristan Snyder – Between July and today there have been 40 arrests among those were DUI, aggravated battery, domestic violence, distribution, and other offenses. There have been 69 total drug cases. That is 65 less than last year for the entire year. There were 124 arrests last year. OVID did slow things down. There was a chase at the end of September. The suspect was chased 40 miles and she tried to run the officers over. The police had already gotten her information and are waiting for a warrant. Barbara graduated with an 84% in her class. Tristan stated they are trying to watch the overtime, but it is hard to do with so many calls. Jake asked about the status of the city doing their own DUI's. Tristan stated that no additional progress has been made recently.

- H. PLANNING & ZONING:** Erica Kern-

- I. PUBLIC WORKS:** Casey Osborne- Culverts, ditches, curb-lines have been worked on. Demolitions have been taking place. Joey has been out with Don George collecting fish. The new mower has been being used on ditches and at the lakes. Casey received some permanent cold patch samples and will be trying them out. He believes it will help in the long run. They have been hauling gravel to protect the road edges in the city. It will help us out if we work on some of the driveways in the city. There are a couple water lines that need repairs. One line on Walnut will require some specialized materials. The pool repairs are continuing. There will need to be some tree trimming done on Sycamore. Casey has been getting bids for the tree trimming. Every has been slow to cut the trees near their lines in that area. There are several areas that have low hanging trees that need to be addressed. Casey feels that the larger tree removal needs to be handled by someone with the equipment. The trees have been marked with paint.

- J. NEW BUSINESS:**

5. Discuss/Consider brush dumping weekend. Tabled
6. Discuss/Consider culvert installation policy. Tabled.
7. Discuss/Consider awarding CDBG-CV applications. Kern stated there is one application on the table for Krista's Kloset. She requested a motion to approve the application for CDBG-CV funds to be used for inventory and overhead for up to \$10,000.00. Jake motioned the same. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Discuss/Consider wage increases for personnel. Kern stated that Barbara Cochran needs a \$1.00 raise for graduation from KLETC. Motion by Jake for the same. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Discuss/Consider reappointment of Teresa Whitaker to expired term on Pleasanton Housing Authority board. The Mayor requested a motion to approve. Motion by Aaron to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danielle. Motion carried 4-0.

**K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

10. Discuss/Consider appointing council member to unexpired term of Brandon Johnson. See above.
11. Discuss/Consider health insurance plan options and renewal. Kern stated the recommendation is to go with Option A that was presented to the council at the last meeting. She asked that the council entertain the change in the policy to reflect the rate of contribution to be 10% for employee and 20% for family. The savings would be about \$5000.00 per year for the city. The council felt that if there were no raises for COLA happening, then we should leave it at the 90% for employees and dependents. Motion by Aaron to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion carried 4-0.

Before the meeting closed, Jake wanted to mention the new wayfinding signs and how good they look. He then reminded everyone that in the past, the council got to pick families that are financially struggling and give them a month's free water service around Christmas. Kern suggested having the council give her the names. Kern also thanked Linn County printing for the design work on the wayfinding signs.

Nick Mitchell-regarding water bill. See comments under Public Speaker.

Sandy Atkisson stated that the house on 501 Sycamore has been cleaned up and is now compliant.

Tyler Francis stated his water meter leaks. Casey stated someone will be by.

**L. REMINDERS:** None

**M. ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Mayor-Mike Frisbie

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City Clerk-Teresa Whitaker