

1 **Mt. Pleasant City Council**
2 **Minutes**
3 **January 26, 2010**
4 **7:30 P.M.**
5 **REGULAR MEETING**

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7 The Mt. Pleasant City Council held their regular meeting January 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting
8 was held in the Council Chambers, 115 West Main, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

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10 **1. Welcome**

11 The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.
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13 **2. Opening Ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance**

14 Monte read from a book about the life of Thomas Jefferson.

15 The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

16 **3. Roll Call**

17 Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona, Michael Hafen, Coleen Oltrogge, Reed Thomas, Mayor Bigler, Recorder East
18 Others Present:

19 Eric Probasco–Sanpete Messenger, Dave Mackay–Pyramid, Rhea Stewart, Linda Needham, Thelma Howerton
20 Jamie Brotherson, Dakota Barnett, Tenisha Barnett.
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22 **4. Approval of Agenda Items**

23 **Motion** to approve the agenda as written: Coleen

Second: Reed

24 Question on the Motion All Aye
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26 **5. Approval of Minutes**

27 **Motion** to approve the minutes of January 12, 2010 as written: Coleen

Second: Justin

28 Question on the Motion All Aye
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30 **6. Approval of Claims & Requisitions**

31 Justin had a question as to why the adjustments on Mark Cottom Janitorial. The Recorder replied it was because
32 she had to correct his 1099 amounts before printing the forms. When we converted to the new version of Caselle
33 for some reason he didn't convert as a 1099 vendor.

34 **Motion** to approve the claims in the amount of \$155,587.40: Mike

Second: Reed

35 Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

36 **Motion** to approve a requisition for the power department to clean Unit #2 in the amount of \$6,326.15: Mike

37 Second: Coleen Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye
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39 **7. Interim Financials**

40 The Recorder briefly ran through the financials it appears we are in pretty good shape at this point everyone is
41 keeping expenses down but revenues are down also. The water/sewer fund looks like it is in the hole but it really
42 isn't the debts are always due in December so it throws the funds out until the revenues catch up.
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44 **8. Public Participation**

45 Participation is limited to 3 minutes unless special permission is given by the council.

46 Thelma Howerton came forward and asked the Council to reconsider the new water rates that had been
47 approved last council meeting. She stated that it will be a real hardship for the people on fixed incomes
48 to pay the higher rates. They will try to conserve but they don't know how they can pay the new higher
49 rates and keep their trees and yard alive. They believe that it would cost prohibitive to change to
50 xeroscaping. She asked the council to please make an exception for the people who don't have
51 irrigation water and who have no choice but to pay the higher rates. She said a lot of people depend on
52 culinary water in order to grow a garden and many depend on their gardens. Monte said he believed we
53 should look at the people who will suffer a hardship due to the higher rates and maybe make some
54 provision for hardship out of the additional funds raised for Operation & Maintenance of the water
55 fund. The Recorder pointed out that the need for this loan is because we have no money in the fund for
56 maintenance of the system. These rates were calculated to help run the department and fund the
57 necessary maintenance of the system.

58 **9. New Council Assignments**

59 The Mayor went through the assignment choices she had received and then the group discussed which
60 assignments to put council members on. The Mayor will draw up a new assignment list from the input
61 she received on the list and tonight at the meeting.
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63 **10. Bill for Sanpete County Detective**

64 The last time we paid this it was for \$10,000 and we paid it in July 2008. The Chief has been asking for
65 a report of hours spent in Mt. Pleasant and has not received one so we have no idea if this is worth our
66 money or not. The Council said they were not going to pay this bill unless we received an accounting
67 that showed we were getting our monies worth. The Mayor directed the Recorder to send a letter
68 requesting an accounting of the hours spent by the detective in Mt. Pleasant and the hours spent in
69 other towns by the type of cases worked on.
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71 **11. Mayor's Report**

72 The Mayor asked the council if they had received a letter from UAMPS regarding the newly elected
73 officials training to be held in Mt. Pleasant February 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the council room. No one
74 had received the letter so the Mayor asked them to tell her if they would be attending and she would let
75 UAMPS know who would be attending.

76 She also reported that Coleen had attended the Mayors & Commissioners dinner/meeting in January
77 because the Mayor was unable to attend. They have elected new Mayors to serve over the landfill, the
78 treasurer and the secretary and chairman.

79 She also passed around some other training items for the council to review and see if they would like to
80 attend.
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82 **12. Council Concerns**

83 **Justin:** He would like to look at the recreation program and determine if there are other types of

84 activities than can be added to what is currently being offered. He would like to take a good look at
85 the whole Recreation department and see if there are changes to be made.
86 He also stated that he has concerns about people who don't have pressurized irrigation. He would like
87 to see if we can do something about their rates on culinary water to make it more fair for the people
88 who don't have irrigation.

89 **Monte:** He would like to look at the new water rates and see if there is a way to help those who are
90 being impacted the most. He thinks we need a hardship fund for special cases. The Recorder reminded
91 Monte that one of the reasons we need to do this water project is because we do not have an
92 maintenance funds. We will not receive the whole "projected profit" if people conserve as we hope they
93 will do. She said we should not give away the store if they will look at the interim financials the only
94 one in the hole is the water fund. We need to keep these rates in place until we see what is going to
95 happen with the income.
96 Monte also reported that we would know by February 3, 2010 if we are going to be awarded the
97 CDBG grant we applied for to help with the arena.

98 **Michael:** Nothing

99 **Coleen:** She has had a call from a man wanting to be a clown during the rodeo on the 4th of July. He
100 would charge \$200. The Mayor responded that the stock producer is responsible for the rodeo clown
101 and the bull fighters. Coleen said she would like to make the July 4th celebration even bigger than before
102 and is working with the Main Street Committee to get something going along Main Street and maybe
103 even at the Library Square lawn. We could have an art show or crafters and sidewalk sales downtown.

104 **Reed:** He reported that we have acquired 1480 seats for the arena. They will be about 1/4 of the cost
105 of new seats after they are refinished. We have 6 semi trucks being volunteered to haul the seating to
106 the arena. He had reported last meeting that we may possibly have a Pro Bull Riding event in April but
107 that one has gone to Mesquite. We will instead hold a Pro Bull Riding event in June. We will be better
108 prepared for the event by then. He also reported that we are close to getting a donation for \$100,000
109 we will know this week whether or not we have it.

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111 **13. Adjourn 8:40 p.m.**

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