

Mt. Pleasant City Council
MINUTES

April 26, 2011
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting April 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 115 West Main, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

1. Welcome
Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Opening Ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance
Reed led the group in an invocation.
The mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call
Mayor Sandra Bigler, Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona, Michael Hafen, Coleen Oltrogge, Reed Thomas. Recorder Woodard. Others present: Eric Probasco, Leah Woodard, Tom Lott, Cheryl Brewer, Dave & Pat Gonzalez, Chris Long, Treigh Christensen, Landon Christensen, Colton Thornberry, Stacy Goble, Shyane Ward, Kristy Mayo, Jim Wilberg.
4. Approval of Agenda Items
Motion to approve the agenda as written: Coleen. Second: Mike.
Question on the Motion: All Aye
5. Approval of Minutes
Jon explained several corrections which needed to be made to the minutes, involving numbering, and putting in people's names which were not known when the minutes were originally drafted.

Motion to approve the minutes for 4/12/2011 public hearing as corrected: Coleen.
Second: Mike. Question on the Motion: All Aye.

Motion to approve the minutes for 4/12/2011 regular meeting as written: Coleen.
Second: Justin. Question on the Motion: All Aye
6. Approval of Claims & Requisitions
Reed commented the natural gas bill was down.
Justin commented he has noticed the lights at the gym are off more often now.
Reed commented the road repairs came in around \$17k so far, and the pothole repairs are holding up well.

Mike asked about item 1187. Shane Ward explained this was the cost for a backup slip ring for the unit 1 hydro. They replaced one, and bought a backup one at the same time.

Reed asks Coleen how the Easter egg hunt went. Coleen says it was a great success. She pointed out the Youth City Council did not use the money budgeted for a trip they usually take, and instead used that money to pay for the candy for the Easter egg hunt.

Motion to approve the claims for \$108,921.27: Justin.
Second: Reed. Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

The mayor brought up a requisition for Matt Draper to travel to Washington D.C. on UAMPS business. She explained the \$1000 is a ceiling on what it will cost, but the cost will be reimbursed by UAMPS. The trip is from June 17-22.

Motion to approve the travel request and the requisition for funds: Coleen.
Second: Reed. Question on the Motion All Aye

7. Interim Financial:
There were no questions on the interim financial report.

8. Public Participation
Dave & Pat Gonzalez ask about the plans for the 4th of July. They facilitate the Mountain Man group that comes to the festivities every year. This will be the 12th year the mountain man group has come. They plan on continuing the program for as long as they can.

Pat wants to be sure they do not spend more personally than they bring in through donations. They have been able to cover their own costs in the past. Jon explains the fund in the past have gone in and out through celebrations line items in the accounting.

Coleen says the fireworks, parade, and festivities will be on Monday this year. She has not been able to find out if Steve will set up the carnival this year. There will be on stage entertainment.

9. Approval of adjustments to this year's budget.
Motion to pass resolution 2011-07: Coleen. Second: Mike. Question on the Motion: All Aye

10. Zoning enforcement issue.
Tom Lott wants to know the intent of the parking ordinance. He says there were no signs where he was towed. He suggests the ordinance is to entrap people like him.
The mayor says the police tried to find him, but the registration was for a Provo address. Tom says it was registered at a local address. Jim Wilberg explained the license was for a Provo address. Jim explained the local address did not appear to be where Tom lived. He had come across it on some papers from a few years ago related to Mr. Lott, and he wondered if it was a family address?

Tom says his vehicle was there for less than 72 hours. He says the backside of the vehicle may have been encroaching on the road, but it was not touching the road.

Mayor asks what Tom wants. Tom wants to know what the intent of the ordinance is, and why there were no signs.

Monte asks Jim if they enforce the ordinance on others. Jim says they do not enforce it regularly. They typically enforce it if there is a safety threat, such as there was in this case due to where the vehicle was parked in relation to a dark intersection. Jim explains they tried to contact Tom at the provided address. He was sorry they were not able to reach him. Jim points out regardless of the city ordinance, they can tow under state ordinance, which allows vehicles to be towed in 24 hours.

Monte comments a judicial remedy is the appropriate forum for Tom's problem. Tom argues there were no signs, and this is required. Monte repeats the remedy is through the courts. Tom argues he was not on the roadway, and wants the city to define the roadway. Mike explains the city has a 99-foot easement for roads. Monte asks what Tom wants. Tom says he wants the road clearly defined.

Motion to take possible ambiguity in the parking ordinance under advisement to be considered as the zoning ordinances are evaluated, but for Tom to seek remedies in this case through the judicial system: Monte. Second: Coleen.

Question on the Motion: All Aye

11. Planning Commission Secretary Report.

Dave Oxman has resigned from the planning commission. Monte explains this is an administrative matter to be handled by the Mayor.

12. Irrigation water restrictions action plan.

Jon explains this matter was brought by Dave Oxman, who would like to see a better warning and enforcement mechanism for watering violations. He would also like to see a better system for letting people know of watering restrictions.

Monte asks Cheryl with the Pyramid if they could have a notice of watering times put in the paper as a public service. Cheryl thought this could be worked out.

Mike would like to see an action plan for restrictions this year before we need them.

Justin asks if the restrictions help. Monte agrees with Justin, and explains they likely do not help reduce water usage.

Mike explains we need to rotate days people can use the system to maintain water pressure.

Mayor says shut off valves in every yard would be helpful so they do not need to shut off large sections of the system to fix a leak.

Reed comments it will be tough to pre-plan an action plan for the year because every year's needs are different.

Mike hopes we will need no restrictions this year, but a couple weeks of 100-degree weather could make it so we need them.

Shane Ward explains last year one of the hydros being down made it so they had to run water down a ditch, which cut down on irrigation water. Mike also comments the sabotage to the water system cost the city a lot of water.

The mayor asks the counsel to think about possible solutions to the issue, but for now we will table the matter.

13. Mayor Report.

The Mayor recognized the volunteers from various wards who helped clean out the Pleasant Creek between 5th West and 2nd West last Saturday. Chris Long is going to work on cleaning out the larger trees.

The city has made several steps to prepare for excess water. Sandbags are ready at the maintenance shed, and at the cemetery. Concrete barriers are at the ready do direct water flow. Chris has a list of people in town who have heavy equipment which could be used in an emergency. She says key will be watching the creek to make sure there are no blockages. If there are, quickly contact the city and we will work to remove the blockages.

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring May 1- May 7 2001 to be water week.

13. Council Concerns

Coleen - She has a teacher appreciation day scheduled at Wasatch for May 2nd at 6 p.m. at the Tigers Den. She hopes other council members will be there. On May 5th at 9:45 they are having a teacher appreciation ceremony in the auditorium.

The Fourth of July parade will be on Monday. Justin points out the sprinklers should be marked, as several of those were damaged last year. During the Fourth festivities, the library will be holding a fundraiser.

Reed will provide wagon rides around the park on the Monday after the Fourth.

Mike - Nothing.

Justin- Devon Christensen contacted him, and wanted to help in creating a road contract so they can get to work as soon as possible. Justin is going to work with Matt Draper to work this out.

Justin would like the city to adopt standards for new developments. He has access to uniform standards other communities are using. This would increase the quality of new developments, and would be understood by developers.

Reed- Comments the work on 5th North Christensen Bros. is doing is turning out well.

Monte- Nothing.

14. Adjourn – 8:35.

Jon Woodard, Recorder