

Mt. Pleasant City Council
MINUTES
August 23, 2011
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting August 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 115 West Main, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

1. Welcome

Monte welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Opening Ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance

Monte led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Sandra Bigler excused, Justin Atkinson excused, Monte Bona, Michael Hafen, Coleen Oltrogge, Reed Thomas. Recorder Woodard. Others present: Eric Probasco, Jeff McDonald, Genial McDonald, Marie Rea, Cameron Parry, Kathy Tarr, Ken Tarr, Harry Hanson, Jon Schuhmann, Loyce Schuhmann, Brian Schenck, Dona Russell.

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

Motion to approve the minutes for August 23, 2011 as written: Mike.

Second: Reed. Question on the Motion: All Aye.

6. Approval of Claims & Requisitions

Monte comments the amount is exceptionally large due to water project payments.

Motion to approve the claims for \$378,370.20: Coleen.

Second: Reed. Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

7. Public Participation

Monte asked if anyone wanted to make public comment.

Loyce Schuhmann commented she has an Aunt that lives on 200 E. There is a 2 foot drop off the side of the road now that the level has been raised.

Reed agrees something needs to be done.

Monte points out Mt. Pleasant acted as its own contractor on this project. Jon is not sure where we stand financially on the project because we have not received an invoice from Christensen Bros. in a while, but we should have a little set aside to address issues like this.

Jon is asked to talk to Matt, and ask him to have Brent or Devon Christensen do what they can to fix the problems at 200 E. near the elementary school, and at 200 W. 440 S.

8. Wind Towers within Mt. Pleasant City (Jeff McDonald).

Jon outlined what other cities – Spanish Fork, Eagle Mtn., and Sandy are allowing for small wind towers. He said very few cities in Utah have ordinances addressing wind towers.

Monte reads a statement from the mayor: “I was asked to study and make a recommendation to the city council about Jeff McDonald putting a wind tower on his property on State Street.

I have reviewed the zoning ordinances in the Modified Commercial Zone, and the City Code at this time does not permit wind towers to be placed in the Modified Commercial Zone. His application cannot be approved at this time.

The process of changing city zoning is not simple. It is required to be complex by state law so people have a chance to voice their concerns. Unfortunately, this will not provide a quick solution to Mr. McDonald.

We currently have a city council member working with a group to review the zoning ordinances in the industrial park. We will have them also study changing the zoning to allow for wind towers in the city.”

Jeff asks if the next step is a public hearing. Monte says we need to have a proposal to bring before the public in a public hearing. Justin, Mike, Dale Lewis, Mark Beck, Steve Clark, and Kristy Mayo are on the current committee reviewing zoning at the industrial park.

Jeff is concerned about why the planning commission does not simply make a proposal to bring to the public hearing on their own.

Mike, who is the member of the board who works with the planning commission, explains the planning committee lacks expertise in engineering, and so the planning commission would prefer to have another body do the legwork to create a recommendation.

Jeff urges someone to be placed on the committee who has expertise in wind towers.

Monte says they can have Jeff on the committee, and he can ask a couple of others to join him if he would like.

Monte hopes the committee could have a recommendation to the planning committee for their September meeting.

Monte explains state law, and prudence prevents the city from spot zoning.

9. Sheriff Nielsen request for school resource officer payment.

Nielsen explains the cities, school district, and the counties all act as partners to make the school resource officer program work. He is asking for \$5992 a year.

Centerfield pays \$10k a year. Gunnison provides a city officer.

Fountain Green pays \$2000, Moroni pays \$3000, Spring City pays \$2149, and Fairview pays \$3114. He is not sure what Wales pays. The cities actually budget for this. North Sanpete pays \$23000. He is not sure what the county pays.

Mike points out our city police support the high school more than the surrounding communities because we provide backup at the high school to the resource officer. We have 4 full time officers, while most of the surrounding communities only have 1, which leads to our city providing more support to other communities, and to the school than other communities in the area.

Nielsen points out our police would incur all of the time and expense of responding to incidents at the high school if we did not have a resource officer. Also, we would lose the benefits of being proactive to help keep the students on track.

Monte says in the past 50% of our time was spent supporting other towns, by the police chief's estimation. Nielson says he would expect we now support other towns about 10% of the time now.

Jon comments we do not have money in the budget for this expense.

Coleen suggests we approve the \$5992, contingent on finding funds in the budget to pay for it.

Mike suggests we wait and review the matter with the mayor before approving it.

Reed wants to take the matter under advisement. He supports the resource officer program.

Motion to take the matter under advisement, but to contribute \$5992 to the school resource officer program if we can find sufficient funds in the budget: Coleen.

Second: Reed. Question on the Motion All Aye

Monte asks about Nielson's thoughts on a unified North Sanpete police department that would support the incorporated areas in the North part of the county. Nielson says there is always some saving with unification, but the savings come from lower overhead. You need the same number of officers to maintain the same level of service. He says he supports unification only if it set up right. There is a need to maintain local control, and this can be worked out, but it must be well set out what is expected for it to work well.

10. Rich Brotherson request for council letter of support.
Rich was not able to attend.

11. Central Utah Food Bank Request for Utilities (Jim Yearsley)
Jim was not able to attend.

12. Mayor's Report.
The mayor was excused.

13. Council Concerns

Monte: Nothing.

Reed: Deven has done a good job on the roads. There will be another coat of oil & chips put on the roads before they are done.

Mike points out Spring City raised the level of their roads to allow for proper drainage, and now they have some of the nicest roads around. The road needed to be raised to prevent it from cracking like it did before from water freezing. We need to

raise the level between the road and about 4 driveways for them to be able to access their driveways better.

Mike: Nothing.

Coleen: Nan Alt would like to have the city enter into a general mutual indemnification agreement. Mike says we already entered into such an agreement previously.

Coleen will start setting up for Halloween soon. She plans on doing the adopt a pole for \$10 again this year, as it worked well last year. The best pole will receive a \$100 prize.

14. Adjourn – 8:40.

Jon Woodard, Recorder