

Mt. Pleasant City Council  
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August 9, 2011  
7:30 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting August 9, 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

Mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Sandra Bigler, Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona excused, Michael Hafen, Coleen Oltrogge excused, Reed Thomas. Recorder Woodard. Others present: Eric Probasco, David Morgan, Sam Draper, Terry Smith (Rural Water), Douglas Kingsmen, Paul Johnson, Chief Jim Wilberg.

4. Approval of Agenda Items

Motion to approve the agenda as written: Reed. Second: Mike.

Question on the Motion: All Aye

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for July 26, 2011 as written: Mike.

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

6. Approval of Adjustments

Motion to approve the adjustments from July for \$919.38: Mike.

Second: Justin. Question on the Motion: All Aye

7. North Sanpete Water Meter Billing Adjustment

Mayor explained they recently installed a new water meter. The meter does a calculation based on the diameter of the pipe. For years, the meter has multiplied by 10, while it should have multiplied by 100 due to the fact this is a commercial 2" connection instead of the typical residential connection. This was the first bill we sent with the correct multiplier. There are several other institutions in town that also had their multiplier adjusted, but the North Sanpete one is unique from the other larger water bills because North Sanpete also had a water leak. The water bill was \$9313.65, as compared to \$329.94 last year.

The mayor went over and explained to North Sanpete what happened to change the bill. She proposed giving them a break because of the leak. We would do a billing

adjustment that would charge them for last year's usage, using the correct multiplier. This would result in about a \$3285.90 water bill. Instead, the school district paid for \$350.00 for water, which is close to what they paid for water last year. The mayor asked what the council wanted to do about this.

Sam explained they still have a water leak. They (the school) are trying to work out where the leak is.

Motion to approve adjustment for \$8963.65 to reduce the North Sanpete High August water bill to \$350, for July usage, and to go forward from here with a clean slate, and to give North Sanpete notice they need to have the water leak fixed because we cannot keep adjusting their bill: Justin. Second: Reed. Question on the Motion All Aye

#### 8. Approval of Claims & Requisitions

Reed asked about vender 270. Jon and Sam explained this was a repair on one of the power trucks. There was a unit/ accessory that had its gears so damaged they had to replace it rather than repair it.

Mike asked about vender 427. Why is there a \$64.97 gas bill for this time of the year? Jon said he spoke to Jim Berlin about it, and he said the heat was totally off. Monte also spoke to Jim about the gas usage at the gym. Justin suggested maybe this was a minimum bill for an industrial/ commercial gas connection.

Mike asked about vender 381. He wondered why there are so many phones, and why the bill was so high. The charge for Daniel's account was the highest at \$239. There are 19 on the bill. The mayor also said she had wondered why the bill was so high. She asked Jim, and he was not sure why Daniel's bill would be so high. Jon pulled a spreadsheet and showed we have 16 phones, some of which are actually data packages. Reed thought maybe some of the charges were entered more than once. Jon said he would review the bill to make sure there were not any double entries, and to see why the usage was so high.

Mike asks about vender 1166 for officiating at games. He thinks this is a high price to pay for officiating. The mayor comments this is for several nights. Justin comments this is a nice paying second job.

Motion to approve the claims for \$149,198.71: Mike.  
Second: Reed. Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

The mayor says Sam searched and was able to find hard water treatment for \$4980 for 6 months of product. This is \$2000 less than we were paying 3 years ago when Cass stopped the treatment. Not treating has caused buildup in the system. This will help stop this problem.

Sam says we put the treatment into the water in a liquid form.

Motion to approve the request for \$4980, and for the same in the future as more treatment is needed: Mike.

Second: Justin. Question on the Motion All Aye

The mayor says we got a bid for spraying the road in front of Mr. Dimmick's house. It would cost about \$3000. Mr. Dimmick complained to the state because of the dust in the air from the gravel road in front of his house.

Mike suggests we wait until spring because much of the spray will wear off over the winter and it would end up costing us \$1000 a month if we did it now.

Reed points out this will not benefit many people, and it will cost a lot.

The mayor points out this will help the arena.

Justin says we will need to do something if they are complaining to air quality about us.

Jim says the speed limit on the road is 25 mph.

Reed suggests we wait till spring to spray to save cost. The mayor will contact Mr. Dimmick and try and work this out. Justin says we will revisit this if Mr. Dimmick will not budge.

#### 9. Public Participation

Mayor asked if anyone wanted to make public comment. No one did.

#### 10. Jim Yearsley - Request for Central Utah Food Bank utilities help

Reed says they need us to waive the power fee. This would be reviewed from month to month to see when/if they needed the discount.

Mayor asked we consider giving a 20% discount similar to the military.

Reed and Justin support giving more because this is providing food to so many in the community. Reed would like to table the matter for 2 weeks because neither Monte nor Jim are here.

Jon points out the power company went over their budget last year, and providing utility discounts is not going to help remedy the utility finance issues.

Reed suggests the Food Bank make efforts to solicit more donations.

Motion to table the matter for 2 weeks because Jim and Monte are not here: Reed.

Second: Mike. Question on the Motion All Aye

#### 11. Sheriff Nielsen request for school resource officer payment.

Nielsen makes it clear he is firmly committed to the program. He understands the city has budget constraints. Having an officer at the high school makes a big difference to law enforcement. The mayor asks how they determine what to ask for from the city. He said it is partially based on population, but he is not sure how they determine an amount to ask for. He is not sure what the invoice amount was for. He thinks it was for around \$12k. He does not know what surrounding communities are paying. He says the county pays the bulk of the cost, which is fair because they get the officer full time through the summer. The school pays the second largest share. He offers to come back in 2 weeks with more data, and Reed agrees that is a good idea.

Justin says he has seen the benefits of the program. Nielsen says it has helped stop drug use at the high school. The mayor comments the city would see an increase in calls to the high school if a resource officer was not there.

The mayor asks about incidence of theft throughout the county. Nielsen says salvage metal prices are very high, and they have had a lot of theft this year. They have been successful at prosecuting several cases. Jim says they have not seen an increase in salvage theft in Mt. Pleasant this year.

Nielsen will return in 2 weeks.

12. Mountain View Community Park request for city water.

Paul Johnson and Doug Kinsmen have ownership interest in the trailer park. They would like to get city water because the state keeps making it harder and harder to meet the water requirements out there. They have a well and a septic system. The state's current complaint is they do not have sufficient water storage. Rather than paying to have a water tank put in, they would like to invest in tying into the city system. They suspect the state would like them to have sufficient water for fire protection, so they would need to run at least an 8" line 3/4 of a mile from the main line on 5th North. Grants are available that could help pay for the project. They hope they could get a grant that requires matching funds through the city. They would pay to match the grant. They have 42 shares of below ground water they could give to the city. They would be willing to give the city land to put in a pumping station. They are not sure what the gallons per minute is on their well, but they have plenty of water for their 24 residents in 8 houses.

Mike points out the area where the real estate office and propane tanks are was annexed into the city several years ago, but they would not be able to annex as far out as the trailer park.

The mayor points out we do not provide water to people outside the city unless they can provide the city water.

Doug is not sure if they could tie their water into the city system without state approval. They would put in 1 master water meter for the whole park.

Justin says it could be valuable to the city to get a well. The trailer park is not very pretty as people come into town, and Justin would like to do what the city can to help the park clean up.

Paul would like to get started on investigating this, and they will handle challenges as they arise. They have 18 acres of land out there, and the county has approved them for 25 hookups. They would like to develop the area into a nice RV park. They have made some improvements, but have not been able to do everything they would like.

Justin asks Sam what he thinks. Sam is concerned we would not be able to get state approval to tie into the well because it is only about 100 feet from their septic tank. There would be water source protection concerns.

Doug says they would consider relocating the well, or relocating the septic system.

Mike points out there are other properties near there that would also have water shares. This could turn into a larger source of water than just the shares the park could offer.

Reed is concerned we may open a new series of unforeseen problems if we start opening up city water to properties out of the city limits.

The mayor asks Justin to come back in a month with a report to the council on the feasibility of tying them into the water system.

13. Mayor's Report.

The mayor has started meeting with Matt and Kurt as department heads every Monday morning to get a report on the plans for the week for the department. She in turn will report to them on what the city council discussed the previous week. She provides the council an outline of what the public works and power departments are doing this

week. As of yesterday, public works moved back to a 5-8 schedule. Justin asks Sam what he thinks of this. Sam says he likes having the 10 hour day to get things done, but he can see the good that comes of the change.

The mayor tells the council of some of the regulations other towns have that allow windmills. Most require an engineer to certify the plans. The cities have setback requirements for the base of the tower. Some require a setback greater than or equal to the height of the tower. Some require a setback of at least 50% of the height of the tower. Many cities require safety precautions to make sure people do not climb the tower. Justin and Mike comment part of living in a community is paying for community assets such as power.

The mayor gave Justin and Mike copies of the JUB engineering irrigation report. They wanted to come to the city council meeting to present their plan. The mayor asked them not to because we do not have funding for the irrigation project at this time.

#### 14. Council Concerns

Justin: He is meeting with Kristy Mayo tomorrow night to discuss changes to zoning at the industrial park. He hopes we can make progress on this issue. Justin noticed a camper for sale at the industrial park. No one knows whose it is.

Shawn Brady (6 S. 1 E.) has a shed on the city right of way. Justin is not sure if it is just there while Shawn cleans his property, but it needs to be removed if it is going to be there long.

Bruce Larsen is wondering about the build up off his driveway due to the road being worked on. Justin will talk to Devon about that.

Reed: Richard Hight has some tire tracks where Green put in the fire hydrant by his house. Reed asks if the city could fix this through a service order.

Reed called Devon. 14 roads are ready to be chipped & sealed. Oil will be here Tuesday. They will do all the roads all at once. Monte called Reed about possibly getting some recycled road base for by the arena. Reed investigated, and it would be costly to put in. Reed would like to focus on more major roads in town. Justin comments he would like to see a primer coat put down before they chip & seal. Justin will talk to Devon about this.

Mike: Wants to know what the paint markings are on the power plant lawn. No one is sure. Sam thought it might be blue stakes for some work Centracom is doing up there. Mike also says there are a few trailers that have been parked up there for a long time. We will follow up with Dave to make sure people are paying for the sites they use.

#### 15. Adjourn – 9:15.

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Jon Woodard, Recorder