

Mt. Pleasant City Council
MINUTES
December 13, 2011
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting December 13, 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. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Roll Call
Mayor Sandra Bigler, Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona, Michael Hafen excused, Coleen Oltrogge excused, Reed Thomas. Recorder Woodard. Others present: Jon Haderlie, Jeff McDonald, Geniel McDonald, Peter Hafen, Dorothy Grimes, Robin Coltharp David Cottam, Dorothy Grimes, Mi, and Lauren.
4. Approval of Agenda Items
The mayor explained Elvin Frandsen will not be here tonight, so we can skip item fifteen.
Motion to approve the agenda without Elvin: Reed. Second: Justin.
Question on the Motion: All Aye
5. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes for November 18, 2011 as written: Reed.
Second: Justin. Question on the Motion: All Aye.

Motion to approve the minutes for November 22, 2011 as written: Justin.
Second: Reed. Question on the Motion: All Aye.
6. Approval of Adjustments:
Motion to approve adjustments for \$315.69: Reed. Second: Justin. Question on the Motion: All Aye.
7. Financials
There were no questions on the financials.
8. Approval of Claims & Requisitions
The mayor points out some of the larger payments. Christensen Rock is for over \$80k. Justin asks Jon where we stand on what we projected to spend on roads. Jon is not

sure as these invoices have just come in, many of which are from back in June. His sense is we are where we should be. Reed asks about the flush coat. The mayor explains this was deducted from the Christensen bill. It was around \$3k. The mayor points out Christensen Bros. has been patching the roads recently.

The Colonial Flag invoice is for the new city flags.

The \$6 k. for Comlink is to continue the GPS mapping.

The Jones Demille payment of \$45k is for both final work on the water project, and new work on the tank lid.

Justin points out the gym has a huge heating bill. Jon says there was a complaint recently the gym was too cold. We just got Steph a key for the new thermostat cover. Monte says when they did an analysis of what buildings to make more efficient for heating, it was determined there was no cost effective way of improving the gym.

The mayor points out we got a \$13k credit from Mountainland for the pipe that was left over from the water project. This will be used for work on the water system.

Terry Brotherson received a \$54k payment for his work on the well.

The power bill for the month was \$54 k. Monte asks if this is high. The mayor explains this will go up through the winter.

Health insurance was \$20k. We pay this per month. Right now the city pays 85%, and the employees pay 15% of health.

Motion to approve the claims for \$351,639.23: Justin.

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

9. Public Participation

Mayor asked if anyone wanted to make public comment.

Peter Hafen asked what the plan was on the statue by the library. There are signs out asking for people to donate to help save the statue. Monte explains when we renovated the library, it was hoped we could go on by upgrading the sidewalks and refinishing the statue as a next phase in the renovation. It would cost about \$30 k to renovate the statue and the surrounding concrete. We hoped to get some public support, and then try and get a grant to cover the rest of the cost.

Peter explains the statue is made of white cast bronze. Without having a professional do the work, we would do more damage than good to the statue. Also, around the turn of the century, arsenic was sometimes used in white bronze, so it would be dangerous for someone who did not know what they were doing to work on the statue. The statue is 102 years old.

Monte agrees only an expert should work on the statue. When he had it evaluated, it was determined there are only about 2 people in Utah that would be qualified to work on the statue.

Jeff McDonald asks for a copy of the November 18 minutes. The mayor gives Jeff her copy.

10. Recognition of Wasatch Students for community service:

The mayor thanks the Wasatch students for the service they did for the community. She says they serve as an example of community service.

David Cottam from Wales, Dorothy Grimes from Spring City, Mi from Vietnam, and Lauren from Orange County all shook the mayor and council's hands. David explains they took a Wednesday and as a school did 5 hours of community service. They raked leaves, cleaned yards, and helped in the library. They did a total of over 1,200 hours of community service throughout Mt. Pleasant in one day.

11. Larsen & Rosenberger 2011 audit report:

Jon Haderlie explains the city is responsible for financial statements. They audit things on a test basis. They get independent authorization from financial institutions on where our accounts stand and compare those to what our books show to verify our books relate to the real world well.

Jon gave an unqualified opinion that the city financials fairly represent the position of the city.

We had to have a "single" audit of our federal grants because we spent over \$500k in federal grant money this year. This audit found no problems.

The audit findings in the management letter were few this year. The segregation of duties is a finding we get every year because we are small. Jon figured it would take 27 employees to have sufficient segregation of duties to not have this finding. Spanish Fork is the only city Larsen & Rosenberger audits that does not get this finding.

Year end adjusting entries are done by the auditor, but should be done by the city. Because we switched to Pelorus, this should be the last year we get this finding.

Drafting financial statements is also done by the auditor instead of the city. This will be done by Pelorus next year.

We got the daily deposit finding again. 3 out of 25 deposits the auditor tested from the court were done over 3 days after the city received the money. This was not just due to weekends.

The impact fee report was not turned in to the state. Most cities Jon audits also got this finding. Richard Anderson will help the city come into compliance next year.

The CDRA spent more than it should have been able to last year. It was within budget, but overspent its funds. Jon Woodard explained how he thought it happened was due to not moving money from bank account to bank account, but instead only made entries in Caselle for transfers from the CDRA to the general fund.

Jon commented the city seemed to be doing well.

12. Cancel December 27 council meeting:

Motion to cancel the December 27 meeting: Justin. Second: Reed. Question on the Motion All Aye

13. Natural Gas Transactions resolution:

Jon explained the city owns 500 KW of the Nebo power plant. This resolution allows us to lock in a price for natural gas for the next 10 years, because it is probable the price will rise over the next 10 years. In the past, we have bought on a year to year basis.

Reed and Justin asked several questions about the contract Jon was not sure about. Jon explained Matt was at a UAMPS meeting today and tomorrow, and could not be here. Matt told Jon we could wait till next council meeting if there were questions about the contract.

Motion to table Resolution 2011-24: Reed.

Second: Justin. Question on the Motion All Aye

14. Suggested council assignments for new city council

The mayor proposes the following council assignments for next year:

Coleen: Celebrations/ Library

Justin: Public Works/ Power

Ann: Planning Zoning, Senior Citizens

Jeff: Beautification/ Public Safety. The mayor explains she takes care of planting the flowers.

Monte: Intergovernmental relations and funding.

The mayor is concerned that recreation is not included. Monte points out Jon thought recreation was pretty self sufficient.

Jeff spoke to Matt a few weeks ago and thought that he would be over power. The mayor will talk to Matt about this. Jeff expresses a willingness to handle recreation as well, as he would like to serve the city as needed.

Monte explains the Public Safety includes helping liaison with the public and the police on zoning issues. Elvin was going to come tonight to express his concerns about junk cars throughout town. The police are the only ones with authority to cite people for nuisance violations. This can be tough work. The mayor comments the city sends letters to people when they are told about nuisance violations, and usually these letters are responded to well.

The mayor explains these assignments are not set in stone. We can discuss them more before adopting a resolution finalizing them.

15. Elvin Frandsen zoning enforcement issues:

Elvin was not able to attend.

16. Adjourn – 9:00.

Jon Woodard, Recorder