

Mt. Pleasant City Council
MINUTES

May 10, 2011
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting May 10, 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

The mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Sandra Bigler excused, Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona acting as Mayor Pro Tem, Michael Hafen excused, Coleen Oltrogge, Reed Thomas. Recorder Woodard. Others present: Eric Probasco, David Morgan, Kenzie Miller, Lauren Erickson, McKenna Birch, Caden Birch, Jessica Ranae Lee, Darin Allen, Ben McClellan, Mitchell McClellan, Sabrina Johansen, Amanda Johansen, Chris Long, Shane Ward, Chance Lynch, Jerry Lynch.

4. Approval of Agenda Items

Motion to approve the agenda, excluding items 10 & 13: Coleen. Second: Reed.

Question on the Motion: All Aye

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for 4/26/2011 public hearing: Coleen.

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

Motion to approve the minutes for 4/26/2011 regular meeting with correction of Mike replacing Justin on the top of page 2: Coleen.

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

6. Approval of Adjustments

Motion to approve the adjustments from April for \$918.30: Justin.

Second: Coleen. Question on the Motion: All Aye

7. Approval of Claims & Requisitions

There was question about vender 427. The recorder was asked to find out what the 45 E Main is. It was thought it was the Ambulance building. (After the meeting, Jon confirmed this). After some discussion, it was determined the 120 N State is the old gym.

Justin commented the building is often quite warm. Recorder was asked to check with Jim Berlin from Wasatch about lowering the temperature in the building, and to check on whether the bill was higher than usual.

Justin asked about vender 678 and 1709. Chris Long explained the 678 was the cold mix we bought from Staker Parson for Christensen Bros to fix the potholes. 1709 (Red Dome) is part of the salt mix the city uses on icy roads.

There was a question about vender 800. Jon explained this is the Mutual of Omaha life insurance, AD&D, & LTD the city covers for employees. Jon explained part of the premium is deducted from employee paychecks, and part is covered by the city.

Motion to approve the claims for \$130011.21: Reed.
Second: Coleen. Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

The \$3061.50 Chris Long requested was also discussed. Chris explained this would purchase a stationary hydraulic he would weld on the tractor to help remove logs and large rocks in the creek that were too far down for the tractor to get otherwise. There was a Roll Call Vote, and all voted Aye.

8. Public Participation

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

9. Swearing in of new Youth City Council leadership.

Coleen announced the outgoing members were: Mitch McClellan Mayor, Sara Allan Mayor Pro Tem, Kenzie Miller Secretary, Ben McClellan Treasurer, and Amanda Johansen Historian. The new leadership would be: Amanda Johansen Mayor, Kenzie Miller Mayor Pro Tem, Darin Allen Secretary, Laura Honey Treasurer, and Sara Allan Historian. The new council was sworn in, and photographed.

10. Dale Lewis water connection issues. These were resolved prior to the meeting, so the matter was not considered.

11. Updates to city Personnel Policy.

Jon explained the modifications to the policy. The underlined portions were changed as follows: 1) To modify Section 6.2 to read terminations due to reduction in force will not be subject to procedures of termination recommendation, or a pre-termination hearing.

2) To modify 9.1 to make it clear new employees may only take their personal day after they have been employed by the city for 6 months.

3) To modify 9.2 to change the date at which vacation time can no longer be carried forward to be December 31, instead of June 30. This would allow vacation time cut off to be at the end of the year when things are slow, instead of mid summer when things are typically very busy.

Justin asked when the sick time was cut off. No one was sure. Motion to amend policy as proposed: Coleen.

Second: Reed. Question on the Motion All Aye

12. Judicial Salary review.

Jon explained the State Courts require the council to review the Judge's salary annually. We cannot lower it. Judge Peterson's current salary is set at \$911 per month. Monte explained the Judge used to be an appointed position, but now he is elected for a 6 year term, and we could not remove him if we wanted to. Justin asked if we could shut down the court once the term is up in 6 years. Monte was not sure. Monte commented there was no need for a motion. The salary would remain as it is.

13. Preliminary Budget:

The Preliminary budget was not ready. Monte explained Jon is working on adjusting this year's budget, and Richard Anderson is working on next year's budget, in coordination with Jon. Jon confirmed the preliminary budget should be ready for the next council meeting.

14. Mayor Report.

Monte as Mayor Pro Tem reported on a recent meeting the Mayor had with the Community Impact Board (CIB) regarding the lid on the old water tank. We have a 20 year interest free loan on the current water project. We have already increased our water rates to some of the highest in the area. We walked into the meeting ready to accept a grant, or walk away rather than incur more debt the city could not afford. The CIB granted a revision to the loan terms: They would up the term of the interest free loan by 10 years, and roll the \$360k. into the current loan. This would lower our annual payment by \$5k., but would increase the term. The issue is should we accept this loan.

Chris noted some of the damage Jones Demille is seeing is vents Chris put in to bring the tank up to code. He also pointed out the main benefit of the tank is a strong reserve of water to pressurize the fire hydrant system. He has noticed no change in the tank in the time he has been with the city.

Monte made it clear we were not second-guessing Jones Demille's opinion that the project is necessary. We want further information on the urgency of the project.

Justin commented he understood it may collapse any day. He thought it would be good to have a second opinion on the urgency of the project. Reed, Coleen, and Monte agree.

15. Council Concerns

Monte: None.

Reed: Jerry Anderson almost got in a wreck by the event center. A few stop signs should fix the problem. Jim Wilberg is taking steps to have stop signs put in.

Reed also asked about having a sign put in by UDOT on 89 to indicate where the arena is. Monte commented he knows something about the process to have such signs put in, and it is tough. UDOT gets many requests to have signs put in, and they are very reluctant to do it.

Reed also asked about getting prison labor to help assemble some bleachers over at the rodeo grounds. The rest of the council thought this was a good idea. Reed will look more into it.

Justin: He asked if all the hydrants that are being replaced as part of the water project have been marked. Chris and Monte thought not. All the hydrants that do not have a pumper nozzle, or that leak, should be replaced.

Reed asks if they can use a compressor over at the rodeo ground for assembling the bleachers. Chris says he has a small one on his work truck they could use.

Coleen: John Schumann asked her to check into whether they were going to get the \$6k. they asked for at the senior center. Coleen told them it would be more likely they would get \$5k. Jon explained the budget is still in such a rough form he did not know if the senior center request was in it.

John (through Coleen) also explains there are some large cracks in the parking lot that need to be fixed before it can be sealed. This could pose a risk of tripping to older people.

Jon is asked to bring up these issues with the Mayor.

Coleen thanks the Mayor, Justin and Reed for coming to the teacher appreciation events. They went very well.

Coleen is working on the 4th of July activities, and asks for suggestions if anyone has any.

16. Adjourn – 8:15.

Jon Woodard, Recorder