

MT. PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES

May 24, 2011  
7:30 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting May 24, 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  
The Mayor led the council in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Roll Call  
Mayor Sandra Bigler, Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona, Michael Hafen, Coleen Oltrogge, Reed Thomas. Recorder Woodard. Others present: Eric Probasco, Shane Ward, Kurt Parry, Chris Long, & Matt Draper.
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 5/10/2011 with the amendments of: the repairs Reed brought up on page 4 were bleachers, not hydrants, and Justin was also thanked for helping with teacher appreciation: Coleen.  
Second: Reed. Question on the Motion: All Aye.
6. Interim Financial Statement  
There were no questions on the interim financial statement. Sandra says we are holding steady on our finances. There are 40 days left in the fiscal year. Reed thanks the Mayor and Monte for keeping us financially on target.
7. Approval of Claims & Requisitions  
Reed comments the vender 149 items are hardware for the bleachers.  
Mike asks about the 100 lbs of seed. The Mayor says this is for the cemetery.

Motion to approve the claims for \$146594.70: Reed.  
Second: Coleen. Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

8. Public Participation

Mayor asked if anyone wanted to make public comment.  
Christian (Eric) says the road in front of his house was patched up nicely.  
Christian asked about the level of crime. This will be addressed in Mayor Concerns.

9. Retirement of Planning Commission Member/ Planning Commission Issues.

Richard Hight resigned from the Planning Commission due to health problems.  
Mayor says Robin and Stacy have been on the commission for over the 3 years terms provided for in the city code. She asks Mike if he thinks it would be appropriate to provide them notice their terms are up. Mike agrees this would be fine.

Mike suggests Dwayne Black may be a good candidate for the Planning Commission.

Mayor has put some money aside for training the Planning Commission in the new budget. She feels it is important they get some training.

Mike suggests we post notice in the paper asking for volunteers. He says we should make it clear there is no per diem. The Mayor explains we also do not have a Planning Commission Secretary. We need the secretary to be a city employee so someone is here to handle day to day issues. Mike and Justin comment the City Recorder has previously filled this role. The Mayor and Jon explain Jon cannot fill that role right now. Coleen asks about Celeste filling the role. The Mayor will see what happens with filling the vacancies on Planning, and will work on a Secretary from there.

10. Water Project Status

The Mayor commented Ryan Jolley was expected to attend the meeting today to provide a report on the status of the project. He was not present.

The city was granted authorization for a larger CIB loan to renovate the old water tanks, and ensure the lid on it would not collapse. The city rejected the loan because the city already has too much long term debt.

The Mayor asked Ryan several questions about the water tank. 1) There is no contamination of the city water due to the status old water tank. 2) There is not an imminent danger of collapse. The city does need both water tanks to ensure adequate water pressure in the fire hydrant system. It will cost quite a bit more to fix the tank after the roof collapses than to fix it now.

Monte comments we asked for a grant, and did not get one. We sent a letter to the CIB rejecting the loan because we needed a grant. We cannot afford more long term debt. We will proceed by trying to obtain a grant.

Justin thought we were going to have the engineering firm that checked out the old J.C.Penny building check out the integrity of the water tank. Monte agrees they were.

Kurt says the pieces of the lid have fallen into the water, and it is not just deteriorating on the outside. The suspension cables are collapsing.

The renovation would include putting a new floor in the tank, putting in more supports, and installing a new lid.

Monte explains our debt burden is such that we need a grant, not another loan.

Mayor says Ryan was going to update us on the progress of the water project. Green Constuction asked for an additional extension to finish the project by June 20. The original deadline was May 22. The current extension has them done by June 17.

The Mayor comments there are damages to the city resulting from these delays. For one thing, we have to have a city employee helping them, which takes about 30 man hours a week for as long as they are working on the project.

Matt explains that between the water project, the need to install 500 new water meters, irrigation, cemetery maintenance, creek cleaning, vehicle maintenance, creek cleanup and regular work orders, the public works department is overloaded.

Justin asks about complaints on the water project. Jon says we get some, but it usually is not the same complaint repeated, so it seems we are resolving issues as they come up.

11. Rob Gillins requesting zoning change at 500 S. 60. W.

Rob Gillins did not show up. The Mayor explains Gillins wanted to build an office building in the RA zone. Mike explains they want to change the zoning to commercial. Justin asks if this would be spot zoning. It would.

Mike says he is friends with Gillins, and does not want to be part of the deliberative process due to potential conflicts of interest.

Monte explains the problems with spot zoning. There is no use similar to this in the RA zone.

Monte suggests he could build a house, and go through the conditional use approval process to have a home occupancy business.

Justin says it is bad practice to spot zone. The Mayor and Mike agree. Reed suggests they sell the lot, and buy a lot in a commercial zone.

12. Preliminary Budget

Mayor comments the new budget is much simpler to read. It is a new format.

Coleen asks about utilizing volunteers. The mayor says volunteers are covered by our insurance. The insurance asks we keep a list of volunteers with a social security numbers, and contact information.

Mike asks if the parks & recreation department is broken down in the budget. Jon explains the income is listed in one spot in the budget, and the expense is listed in another sport, with the exception of the old gym, which has its own line, but is included in a different fund. Mike is glad the income and expense of the recreation department is broken down in this clear manner, and has wanted this for a long time.

Motion to approve the preliminary budget as written: Reed.

Second: Coleen. Question on the Motion All Aye

13. Mayor Report.

For weeks we have had complaints about no irrigation water. The council members and Mayor have all heard vehement complaints about the irrigation not being up yet. We have been getting plenty of rain, but people still want their irrigation water. Some people are refusing to pay for their irrigation. Sam has been reading meters. Public works has too many projects, and they cannot get them all done. They have work on the

cemetery, work on the power plant park. Monte and Sandra called Al Johansen today to get his crew to work on our irrigation system. 6 contract laborers did the work. Kurt and Grant have been showing them what to do. Kurt said he needed a heads up before the crew came over to have prepared things for them to do.

Justin asked if this was a typical year for getting the irrigation system up. Everyone agrees it was not a typical year because the irrigation system was not shut down properly last year. A person did not drain the lines last year. Matt says several lines appear to have been broken by Green Construction.

Mike asks why we are not making fixing the irrigation system a top priority. Matt explains we cannot fix 30 years of neglect right now. We have revenue problems. It has not been maintained well, and they are going to fix it, but it will take time. Monte points out they have changed the structure of the public works department so there is no longer 1 person over each function of public works. Also, the city brought Grant on early this year to try and help get the system up and running.

The main challenges right now are: 1) The water lines froze and broke. 2) The water project is taking a public works man 30 hours a week. 3) New water meters needed to be installed this year.

Matt says next year things should be better because: 1) The system will be drained properly. 2) The revenue problem will be fixed.

Mayor says she is not inclined to grant Jones Demille/ Green Construction another extension because they are costing the city. Justin suggests we need an itemized list from Jones Demille. Kurt says all the new water lines Green is installing are being GPSed and mapped.

Mayor brings up there have been a rash of thefts lately. People need to keep their eyes open for suspicious persons. Reed and the Mayor suggest neighborhood watches are the best means we have to reduce crime. Matt comments dogs and a Smith & Wesson are the best solution. Coleen comments her house was almost robbed. Monte says it is suspected a black double cab pickup truck has been involved in some of the thefts.

#### 14. Council Concerns

Monte: Nothing.

Reed: Nothing.

Justin: Justin Johansen has taken a yield sign, and another street sign down from around 5th South and 3rd West. He has asked Johansen to put the signs back. Jon will mail a letter to Johansen, and Atkinson will follow up to verify the signs are replaced.

Coleen: Calls for booths and for participation in the parade are coming in. This 4th is unusual because it is on a Monday, but Coleen hopes for a big turnout.

We need a walkway by the high school. We need a crosswalk put in, and a sign. We also need a pedestrian sign. Chief Wilberg does signs for the crosswalk. We will put

in a work order for the other items. For further information, we should contact the high school.

16. Adjourn – 9:00.

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Jon Woodard, Recorder