

Mt. Pleasant City Council
Minutes
April 27, 2010
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting April 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 115 West Main, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

1. Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Opening Ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Schogren gave the invocation.

The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona, Michael Hafen, Coleen Oltrogge, Reed Thomas, Mayor Bigler, Recorder East
Others Present: Jill Wilson, Thelma Howerton, Rhea Stewart, Nathan Huntington, Dave MacKay, Jim Berlin,
Pastor Schogren, Flo Mitchell, North Sanpete students, Katherine Kelly, Zina Bennion, Eric Probasco, Kim
Jacobsen, Kristl Munson,

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 of April 13, 2010 as written: Coleen

Second: Reed

Question on the Motion All Aye

6. Approval of Claims

Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$79,924.91: Coleen

Second: Mike

Question on the Motion Roll Call All Aye

7. Public Participation

Participation is limited to 3 minutes unless special permission is given by the council.

No one came forward

8. Kristl Munson Utility Shutoff Question

She had an issue with being late on her utility bill didn't make the deadline and was shutoff because she owed \$47.71 for 3 months past due. Once a citizen is shutoff they have to pay a new deposit, a \$100 re-connect fee and all past due amounts. She was asking if she could get the \$100 refunded to her. Monte brought up the fact that we have very strict policies regarding utility shutoff. Kristl asked if we shutoff customers during the winter and the Recorder replied yes to do we shutoff anyone who is 90 days past due on their bill and the cutoff is \$20.

45 Kristl said she got the late notice but it did not say she would be shutoff. Sally responded that she
46 thought it said on the notice that the services would be shutoff if the past due was not paid.
47 The council decided that Sally would research the issue and Kristl would call her or Celeste in the
48 morning to make certain that she received the information about shutoff.

49 **9. Kimberly Jacobsen Past Due Utility Question**

50 Justin Atkinson declared a conflict of interest. Kimberly is his sister.
51 Kim told the council that in 2007 she tried to run the North End Grill. The power was so high because
52 of the grills, walk in coolers etc that she could not keep up with the bills. She closed the business and
53 tried to pay the bills off she owed about \$1,500 at the time and she has continued to make payments
54 almost every month but now the penalty is over \$50 a month and that is about what she can afford to
55 pay on the balance so she owes more penalties than the original amount she was billed. She asked the
56 council if they could help her out. The Recorder affirmed that Kim has been trying to pay off the bill she
57 has continued to pay \$40 or \$50 a month but is losing the battle to penalties.

58 **Motion** to dismiss the remainder of the amount \$1,469.61 which is mainly penalties because of Kim's
59 good faith effort to pay the bill: Monte Second: Mike
60 Question on the Motion All Aye

61 **10. Flo Mitchell Grass Hoppers**

62 Flo Mitchell was present to provide information and to request that the council encourage citizens to
63 spray or do something to kill grasshoppers this year. It is projected to be the worse year in a long time
64 for grasshoppers especially in the Western States. She has researched and worked with the County
65 Agent to find what works best and when is the best time to treat your ground. She said that when the
66 lilacs flower that is about the same time as when the grasshoppers hatch. They are very small and come
67 up out of the ground by the hundreds. The cities cannot do spraying by planes. They need to spray on
68 the ground. The best spray to use is Dimilin 2L it will last about a month. Nolo bait will work for a
69 short time but once it gets wet the effect is gone. Horseshoe Mtn Hardware has offered to be the point
70 for pickup of Nolo bait from the state if we can get the program in place. Last year the bait was free but
71 the state can't afford that this year so it will cost \$20 for 50 pounds. If your neighbor doesn't spray you
72 should pay for their ground to be sprayed too it will save you in the end.
73 Flo handed the Mayor an information piece that the Mayor said we will copy and put on the front
74 counter.
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76 **11. Recycling Program Wasatch Academy**

77 Katherine Kelly was present with Zina Bennion. She asked if there was anything we could do to recycle
78 metal, plastic, glass and old furniture. She is aware of the City's paper recycling bin but stated that
79 Wasatch could fill that bin every day with just cardboard from the cafeteria. If we don't have money to
80 fund the recycling effort then we need to work to raise money for the program. She has found out that
81 we need to have a lot of volume in order to make it cost effective to get someone to come and pick up
82 the bins.
83 Jim Berlin from Wasatch was also present and he suggested that we add \$1.00 to the utility bills of
84 everyone in the city in order to pay for the program.
85 The Mayor commented that every Mayor & Commissioners meeting she attends the issue of garbage
86 being dumped in the county is brought up it is a terrible problem.

87 **Motion** Monte made a motion that we have a recycling company bring a dumpster on a trial basis, the
88 City will find a site and Wasatch Academy students will man the site on the weekends for drop off:
89 Second: Coleen Question on the Motion All Aye

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91 **12. Water Rates Report**

92 Justin gave his report to the council. He said that the group has worked a long time on the rates. They
93 have reviewed the scenarios that Curt Ludvigson, Rural Water, created for the City. Curt found that the
94 City needed \$415,000 to pay the bills of the water department. He then built in a 10% reserve fund for
95 O & M. Curt advised them to go with the rates that had already been adopted. Kevin Christensen,
96 Sanpete County Economic Development, was also involved and he also suggested that they use the
97 rates adopted. Justin and the others in the group determined that in 2012 & 2013 there will be
98 approximately \$100,000 freed up from bond payments. * note The actual number is \$82,000 in 2013
99 the other loan doesn't pay off until 2017. They would like to eliminate the 10% margin Curt built in. He
100 said the City has got along on the old rates and had no O & M for years so they can get along for
101 awhile longer. They are worried that industrial users will not come to Mt. Pleasant if the rates are too
102 high. They would like to take approximately \$50,000 off the adopted rates and adjust the levels. The
103 base will remain at \$22.00 but the rates for the higher users will be changed based on scenarios #3 &
104 #6. Justin has put together some numbers and he will take them back to Sunrise Engineering and have
105 an engineer put them in his computer to see if they work.
106 He will have new numbers for the next council meeting May 11, 2010.

107 **Motion** to look at the new numbers Justin has come up with to see if they will work and allow the City
108 to pay its debt based on scenario #6: Monte Second: Coleen
109 Question on the Motion All Aye

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111 **13. Mayor's Report**

112 The Mayor shared some of the information that she has received. She said that the office staff would
113 put the information about the grass hoppers and the weed control on the front counter.

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115 **14. Council**

116 **Justin** He is still working with Sunrise to find the drawings for the french drain behind the bar and
117 apartments.

118 **Monte Nothing**

119 **Michael** He asked the Mayor if we were doing the trash cleanup this year. The Mayor responded that
120 the dumpster would be put out on Friday April 30th and we would move them around town until June 1,
121 2010.

122 **Coleen** She said that citizens are asking why we don't do anything about the streets in town. They can
123 see no progress at all on the streets. The Mayor responded that Cass had said once we have the road
124 base and the gravel that we are having Terry Brotherson do for the city, we will move forward with
125 zipping the asphalt and repaving. On some streets that are really bad we will just put down road base
126 until we can get the asphalt done.

127 **Reed** He complimented the guys that work for the City. He stated that we have some really good men
128 who work for us. The Recorder responded that yes we did have good men.
129 May 1st are the Special Olympics at the new arena.

130 **15. Adjourn** 9:00 p.m.

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134 Sally East, Recorder

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