

Minutes
February 9, 2010
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held the regular meeting February 9, 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

The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona, Michael Hafen, Reed Thomas, Coleen Oltrogge—excused, Mayor Bigler, Recorder East

Others Present: **See attached Roll**

4. Approval of Agenda Items

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

Question on the Motion All Aye

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010 as corrected: Reed Second: Mike

Question on the Motion All Aye

6. Approval of Claims & Requisitions

Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$273,781.79: Mike Second: Monte

Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

Requisition for recreation department: The Mayor had given the council a copy of a request from Stephanie Blain, the Recreation Director, for a scoreboard. The old scoreboards have been in service for over 30 years. One has been broken for some time and now the second one has broken. Steph got bids to repair the old scoreboard or to replace the two with one new one. To repair the old one is about \$7,500 to buy a new one is less than half of that amount. The council discussed the proposals and tried to determine if the bids included installation. It was decided to approve \$3,500 for the scoreboard after Stephanie calls and gets more information.

Motion to approve the requisition in the amount of up to \$3,500 with the condition that Stephanie calls to see if the price for Daktronics includes installation. The bid from Nevco does not include installation Steph is to make the decision on which board to purchase: Monte Second: Justin

Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

7. Billing adjustments

The Mayor and Monte explained that the total adjustment is on the last page of the report.

Motion to approve the billing adjustments in the amount of \$40.19: Mike Second: Reed

Question on the Motion Roll Call Vote All Aye

47 **8. Public Participation**

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

49 Peter Hafen came forward to request that the Pioneer Association have a member on the Main Street
50 Board . He would also like to suggest that the Spinning that was discussed in CRDA be done at the
51 Relic Home instead of at the log cabin on the end of town. They have a working Blacksmith shop and
52 space to add other pioneer type activities. The council asked Steve Kunik, the Main Street Chairman, to
53 talk to Peter.

54 There were 24 citizens present to discuss the new water rates.

55 Nathan Huntington came forward and asked the Council to reconsider the rates or to make some
56 provision for people who don't have irrigation available to them. He read a portion of the Utah State
57 Code that states must be just and reasonable for each customer, he does not feel the new rates are just
58 or reasonable. His wife Trine also made a plea not to penalize them because there is nothing they can
59 do about not having irrigation. She says everyone should be treated fairly. She also stated that they plan
60 to conserve water but they don't think the small group of users that are the high end users should be
61 made to pay for the Operations and Maintenance for the whole City.

62 Catherine Hawkins came forward to ask the Council if they had made any decisions since the last
63 council meeting? Monte and Justin replied that they were researching the rates from other cities and
64 they were not ready to make a recommendation at this time.

65 Pamela Gergerson came forward and asked if we had notified the Public Service Commission (PSC) of
66 our intent to raise the rates. The Mayor asked Monte to respond to this question. Monte pointed out
67 that we are a municipality we are not subject to the PSC because we are a governmental entity. We
68 own the water and power departments and do not have to go to the PSC to request a rate increase.
69 Monte and Justin then talked about the review they are completing on the rates. They do not plan to
70 penalize anyone but the rates have not been increased since 1992 and so this increase seems out of line
71 to many citizens. The CIB has stated that in order to receive the \$1.1 million loan we must increase our
72 rates. We did not do so with out thought and planning. We also used an outside source for the rates.
73 The Rural Water Association are experts in water planning and they took the data from the system and
74 calculated the rates.

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76 **9. Department Report–Recreation**

77 Stephanie was unable to attend but she had prepared a summary for the council the Mayor distributed
78 that to everyone.

79 The council then discussed what we might do to insure that the recreation department at least breaks
80 even. It was a general consensus that we need to have higher rates on out of town participants whether
81 it is the adult team or children participating in the Jr. Jazz program.

82 Justin is the council person assigned to the recreation program he will study the fees and program and
83 bring suggestions to the council.

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85 **10. Mayor's Report**

86 The Mayor brought several items for training or meetings that might be of interest to the council.

87 She also told them that the rodeo committee will be holding their meeting on February 11, 2010 at 7:00
88 pm here at City Hall.

89 The annual Pleasant Creek Irrigation meeting will be February 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

90 She then discussed the stolen Library laptop computer and asked the council if we should accept the
91 settlement amount to purchase a new laptop, although it is about \$1,100 less than the value of the
92 stolen laptop. The council agreed to have the library purchase a new laptop with the insurance

93 settlement. She also gave them an update on the number of burials that have been done at the cemetery
94 this year so far and in 2009. It continues to be very busy.

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96 **11. Council Concerns**

97 **Justin: Nothing**

98 **Monte: Nothing**

99 **Michael: Nothing**

100 **Coleen: Excused**

101 **Reed:** He has had a lot of citizens contact him about the new water rates he is concerned about what
102 we need to do.

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104 **12. Adjourn 9:00 p.m.**

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Sally East, Recorder

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