

**Pleasant Grove City Council Work Session Minutes
September 30, 2008
7 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Excused:

Mayor: Michael W. Daniels

City Council Members: Excused:

Cindy Boyd Mark K. Atwood

Lee Jensen

Bruce Call

Jeffrey D. Wilson

Deputy Recorder:

Mary Burgin

Others:

Tina Petersen, City Attorney

Gary Clay, Finance Director

Lynn Walker, Public Works Director

Ken Young, Comm. Dev. Director

Richard Bradford, Ec. Dev. Director

Degen Lewis, City Engineer

Libby Flegal, NAB Chair

Sean Allen, Planner

The City Council Members met in the City Council Chambers at 86 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062 at 7 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen called roll for the Council and noted that Council Members Boyd, Call, Wilson and Jensen were present. He excused Mayor Daniels and Council Member Atwood.

2. Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks were given by Council Member Wilson.

3. To consider awarding bid for Shannon Field Park Project and the Manila Fishery Park

Director Giles addressed the Council and explained that the previous Wednesday, September 24, 2008, there was a bid opening for the reconstruction of Shannon Fields scoring tower and two of the fields (due to the current work being done by UDOT on State Street); as well as the Manila Creek Fishery landscaping, restroom and parking lot.

He said Sirq (the contractor) went through the bids and reported that the accepted ones were in line with the budget. He indicated that these particular projects will be phase one for Shannon and phase two for the Manila Creek area. He added that when all of the phases were completed with the Manila Creek project, there will be approximately \$10 million into the project.

Council Member Boyd then explained that the Manila Creek project will be in conjunction with the Alpine School District. Director Giles said that was correct. Director Giles also said they were attempting to get a grant to help with the Manila Creek project, also.

Director Giles said the reason this was being discussed in this meeting was because crews would be up against Mother Nature in that the Shannon Fields needed to be started as soon as possible so they would be ready in the early spring of 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen then asked for a motion.

ACTION: Council Member Call moved to approve monies for the reconstruction of Shannon Field Park Project and the Manila Fishery Park in the amount of \$2,393,253.20. Council Member Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Boyd, Call, Wilson and Jensen voting “Aye.”

4. Department Report (Community Development)

Director Young told the Council that he would like to say a few words prior to Officer Finlayson’s department presentation. He reminded the Council that an employee is chosen from Community Development every quarter as an outstanding worker. The choice is made not only by management, but also by fellow workers who nominate others for the honor. He said the overwhelming choice for this quarter was Officer Merrill Finlayson. Director Young then presented Officer Finlayson with a plaque and some coupons in the amount of \$50. He then explained that Officer Finlayson had the responsibility for code enforcement for the City.

Officer Finlayson then came forward. He said he was very surprised by the presentation from the department. He also explained that for the last three and a half years he had been working with the Code Enforcement for the City.

He then showed several different pictures of homes that were and were not in compliance with City Ordinances. (See Exhibit “A”) These included homes with fences and structures that had not gotten building permits. Several of them had to be modified or taken out to meet the code. Also, he showed pictures of what he said were becoming a larger problem with homes that had been abandoned. He said that trying to follow a paper trail as to who currently owned the home was fairly tedious, but when found, they were told the property had to be cleaned up.

Next, he showed pictures of abandoned cars and trailers. He said the owners have to come and pick them up and dispose of them. The main problem is when they leave these on the street, and the City road crews are trying to clean the snow off the road.

Home occupations can have various problems, he said. Sometimes they have a lot of cars out in front of the home. Also, they sometimes have vehicles and trailers in front of the home that has the name of the business on them. He said they can’t have these marker vehicles in front of the home, and have to put them in the garage.

Fire plugs need a 36” parameter around them. Otherwise, the fire department cannot hook into them. Officer Finlayson showed several pictures of fire plugs with bushes growing over them as well as fences built right over the top of them. He said he has to see that the resident gets this corrected.

When residents or contractors leave a pile of dirt in the street, he said they have a certain amount of time to clean it up—if the area is not yet occupied. If an existing home is being renovated, the dirt cannot be in the street at all. He said one individual refused to move his pile of dirt in the street, and it continued to wash down the storm drain. He was taken to court for the violation.

One thing he said that has surprised him is that some individuals, once written up for an infraction, will begin to call him and tell him that there were other violators in the City. He said they will give the location, etc. He said this tends to make his job a little easier in that area.

Council Member Call commented that he appreciates all that Officer Finlayson does. He commented that the officer is pretty much alone in what he does each day. Officer Finlayson said that Mrs. Linda Hales from Community Development and the entire police force of Pleasant Grove back him up with his job. He said that he has spoken with Chief Paul and Director Young about perhaps creating a network of people from the neighborhoods to help watch for infractions, then they let him know. He said that he also has contacted LDS Bishops in the cases of people that need help in cleaning up their property, and has had excellent response from them.

5. Discussion of items for the upcoming October 7, 2008 City Council meeting

a. Public Hearing to consider Gary Carson’s request to vacate lot 1 of the Adam’s Cove Subdivision, Plat “A,” and to create a 3-lot subdivision known as Martha’s Vineyard Subdivision located at approx. 790 East Orchard Drive, in the R1-9 (Single Family Residential 9,000 sq. ft. lot area) zone.(SCRATCH GRAVEL NEIGHBORHOOD)

b. Public Hearing to consider Curtis Miner’s request for a commercial condominium conversion of the existing Professional Plaza at The Grove offices, property located at 233 South Pleasant Grove Blvd.(SAM WHITE’S LANE NEIGHBORHOOD)

c. Public Hearing to consider an ordinance regarding DMB Investments’ request to vacate a 0.046 acre (2,012 sq. ft.) parcel of city right-of-way located at approximately 1800 West 700 South in the Grove Interchange Sub-district zone; including approval of DMB Investments’ request for Final Plat approval of a 4- lot subdivision known as West DMB Subdivision #1, located at approximately 2000 West and Grove Parkway in the Grove Zone Interchange District.(SAM WHITE’S LANE NEIGHBORHOOD)

d. Public Hearing to consider an ordinance amending Section 10-15-34, “Indoor Entertainment as a Conditional Use,” for the purpose of allowing greater flexibility in the periodic review of such allowances, the days and hours of operation and other minor adjustments; requested by Pleasant Grove City Staff. (CITY WIDE IMPACT)

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked if there were any comments or questions about the items to be discussed as business in the October 7, 2008 meeting. There were none. He then said he would move onto Staff and Council business.

6. Mayor, City Council and Staff business

- NAB Chair Libby Flegal said they were still searching for a Neighborhood Chair for the Mudhole Neighborhood.
- Director Walker reminded everyone that the secondary water would be off as of October 15, 2008.
- Attorney Petersen said that a news reporter from CNN had interviewed the Mayor. She said it would be aired on CNN prior to the Supreme Court hearing in November, as well as after the first of the year, when the decision will be made on the case.
- Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked if anyone had contacted the State's Federal Senators or Congressmen for possible tickets to the Supreme Court hearing in November. Attorney Petersen said she didn't know if anyone had, but thought it would be a good idea to at least try. Attorney Petersen said that Senator Hatch would be a good contact as he is on the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- Council Member Boyd said the Mayor did very well in the interview by CNN. She said that she felt he was very plain with his answers, and that they really couldn't misconstrue what he met.
- Council Member Wilson asked Director Giles if he was able to get someone in to clean the new Community Center as yet. Director Giles said they were still working on it.
- Mayor Pro Tem Jensen asked how the sale of passes to the new Community Center was going. Director Giles said that the day-use memberships were going great. Mayor Pro Tem then asked him how the arrangement with Alpine School District was coming along. Director Giles said it was going very well. Council Member Wilson said he had seen the Center set up for volleyball, and it looked really good.

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen commented that he had recently attended the Fox Hollow Golf Course meeting. The reporting of finances was discussed at the meeting. He said that stepping up the reporting to the Mayors and Councils regarding the finances of the course was talked over at length.

7. Adjourn

ACTION: At 7:35 p.m, Council Member Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Call seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Boyd, Call, Wilson and Jensen voting "Aye."

This certifies that the Work Session minutes for September 30, 2008 are a true, full and correct copy as approved by the City Council on October 7, 2008.

Mary Burgin, Deputy Recorder