

**Pleasant Grove City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2013**  
**6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor:

Bruce W. Call

Council Members:

Cindy Boyd  
Lee G. Jensen  
Cyd LeMone  
Jay Meacham  
Kim Robinson

Staff Present:

Scott Darrington, City Administrator  
Dean Lundell, Finance Director  
Degen Lewis, City Engineer  
Tina Petersen, City Attorney  
April Harrison, Arts and Culture Director  
David Larson, Assistant to the City Administrator  
Deon Giles, Parks and Recreation Director  
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder  
Mike Smith, Police Chief  
Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief  
Ken Young, Community Development Director

The City Council and staff met at Pleasant Grove Jr. High, 810 North 100 East Pleasant Grove, Utah.

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1) **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Call called the meeting to order and noted that Council Members Boyd, Jensen, LeMone, Meacham and Robinson were present.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council Member, Jay Meacham.

3) **OPENING REMARKS**

The Opening Remarks were given by Mayor Call.

4) **APPROVAL OF MEETING'S AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**ACTION:** Council Member Meacham moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

5) **CONSENT ITEMS**

There are no items for discussion.

6) **BUSINESS**

- A) **TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION A RESOLUTION (2013-028) APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PLEASANT GROVE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET. SAID BUDGET INCLUDES A COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE AND THE PLEASANT GROVE CITY REDEVELOPMENT (RDA) BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CITY WIDE)**

Mayor Call stated that items "a" and "b" would be discussed together because they are so closely related. Item "a" dealt with the 2013/2014 fiscal year budget and item "b" pertained to setting an effective tax rate which by law had to be done yearly.

Mayor Call thanked staff for their hard work. He reported that two nights' earlier staff was given a long list of items the Council wanted before tonight's meeting and they did an excellent job of providing all of the information to the Council quickly. Mayor Call stated that regardless of how the citizens feel about their elected officials at certain times, they should all recognize that they have the best staff in the State of Utah.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, stated that the previous week the Truth in Taxation public hearing was held on the proposed property tax increase. The City made great efforts to ensure that the public was aware of the public hearing and had an understanding of why the tax increase was proposed. Following the public hearing, the Council held an additional meeting where they explored other potential options, one of which was a general obligation bond (GO Bond). If the City chose to pursue a general obligation bond more input from staff would likely be needed.

Mayor Call stated that if the Council decided to do something other than the currently proposed plan they would not be able to take action on item "b" because it was not properly noticed, but they would be able to direct staff to prepare to take action at the following meeting.

Council Member Jensen clarified that item "a" was a budget the Council reviewed in depth beginning in January. He explained that the budget was adopted and published for the public in May and is now simply a final adoption. Mayor Call stated that Council Member Jensen was correct and the biggest question before the Council was whether they would include the MBA bond, which would mean a tax increase.

Council Member Boyd stated that all of the information was available on the City's website. She stated that Finance Director, Dean Lundell, assembled simplified and easy to understand information on the website. She encouraged the public to familiarize themselves with the website and the budget.

Mayor Call asked for the Council's thoughts with respect to pursuing the MBA bond. Council Member Robinson wanted to make a motion to move the discussion to a GO bond. She stated that the budget would have to be adjusted and the resolution moved to another night. She hoped to abandon the MBA bond option and gather more information on the general obligation bond.

Council Member Jensen echoed Council Member Robinson's thought and recommended staff prepare to place the general obligation bond on the November ballot.

Mayor Call called for a vote to further discuss the general obligation bond.

**ACTION:** Council Member Robinson moved to postpone the discussion regarding MBA bonds and move to a discussion regarding a general obligation bond. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

Mayor Call stated that they would discuss the GO bond after they completed the discussion regarding the budget in item "a." He explained that Resolution 2013-028 contains a clause that states that whoever makes a motion to move forward with a GO bond discussion must call to strike the following clause, "Whereas the City Council determined that it was in the best interest of the citizens of Pleasant Grove to consider a property tax increase in order to fund a new public safety facility." Mayor Call stated that the "Whereas" clause must be stricken from the resolution.

**ACTION:** Council Member Meacham moved to approve Resolution 2013-028 with the following clause removed, "Whereas the City Council determined that it was in the best interest of the citizens of Pleasant Grove to consider a property tax increase in order to fund a new public safety facility." Council Member LeMone seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Boyd, Jensen, LeMone, Meacham and Robinson voting "Aye."

**B) TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION A RESOLUTION (2013-029) APPROVING THE 2013/2014 PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE FOR PLEASANT GROVE CITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CITY WIDE) PRESENTER: DIRECTOR LUNDELL**

Mayor Call stated that the Council is required by law each year to set the effective property tax rate. This directive came from the County and includes addendums or additions on the part of the Council. The Council struck the "Whereas" clause in the previous action item. This resolution set the tax rate at .002237, which was the tax rate representing no increase.

Council Member Jensen asked for clarification as to whether it is a binding resolution or could be altered if the general obligation bond was placed on the November ballot. City Attorney, Tina Petersen, stated that the current resolution deals with the action being taken at tonight's meeting. If the resolution were adopted, there would not be a property tax increase. Passing this resolution would not prevent the Council from coming back later and taking subsequent action that could adjust the property tax rate after another decision is made.

Administrator Darrington stated that as he understood it, if the general obligation bond passed it would be an automatic property tax increase due to the public vote. Mayor Call stated that they would look into the details of the general obligation bond.

**ACTION:** Council Member Jensen moved to adopt Resolution 2013-029 providing for the 2013/2014 property tax levy rate at .002237 and providing for an effective date. Council Member Meacham seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Boyd, Jensen, LeMone, Meacham and Robinson voting “Aye.”

C) **CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A SIX-LOT FINAL PLAT CALLED SMITH MEADOWS PLAT A FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 980 EAST 200 SOUTH IN THE R1-10 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE. (SCRATCH GRAVEL NEIGHBORHOOD) PRESENTER: DIRECTOR YOUNG**

Community Development Director, Ken Young, stated that the City had an application for a six-lot plat known as Smith Meadows located at approximately 100 South 980 East. There would be an extension of 100 South going through the north end of the property and provide access into the properties to the east, which are currently undeveloped. A vicinity plan on five lots was previously approved.

Mayor Call stated that there was a motion that had not been discussed regarding a GO bond. He asked that Director Young wait while they completed that discussion. Mayor Call wanted to be clear that the group was unified in directing staff toward a general obligation bond.

Administrator Darrington stated that staff compiled new information regarding a potential general obligation bond for November 2013 or November 2014. If the City wanted to do the bond in 2013 they would need their ballot language completed by August 23 which would give the City roughly one week to complete. He said there was a 75-day window after that which would allow the City to provide as much information and education to the public as possible. Other cities informed staff that the 75-day window is narrow, but doable to disseminate information.

Administrator Darrington stated that the risks of waiting until 2014 were somewhat unknown. He explained that construction costs would likely increase a few percentage points. The architect guessed it would be roughly a 3% increase. Administrator Darrington remarked that the larger concern would be if interest rates rise dramatically; however, there was no way to predict interest rates.

Mayor Call stated he did not think the Council should ever base a decision on estimating interest rates. Council Member Jensen preferred to move forward in 2013. He stated that the public requested they take a voice now. He felt the Council should let the public have that voice despite the tight time schedule it would place on staff.

Council Member LeMone did not think waiting on the bond was in the best interest of the public safety employees or the community. They had a chance now to put the issue on the ballot and let the residents’ voices be heard. She stated that many residents expressed an understanding of the need for new facilities, but wanted the opportunity to vote. Council Member LeMone was in favor of moving forward with the general obligation bond being placed on the 2013 ballot.

Council Member Robinson agreed and preferred to move toward a 2013 ballot. She strongly believed that the citizens support improving the facilities for public safety. She felt there were two separate issues that brought people to the public hearing. The need for a new public safety building

was one, and the other was concern about the MBA having a tax increase that would never go away. She wanted to see it moved to the ballot and supported the formation of a community committee so the Council can hear from citizens throughout the process even though the time frame will be tight. If it succeeds, they will be able to move forward with the facilities. If it fails, they can keep working and try again on the 2014 ballot.

Council Member Boyd was excited to see it on the 2013 ballot and felt they were prepared and ready as a City. She thought everyone needs to do their due diligence in becoming educated about what is in the best interest of Pleasant Grove. She felt this was a municipal issue and that the timing is right to take the vote during the municipal elections. She remarked that it would no longer be a vote of five, but hopefully a vote of 11,000 or 12,000 people. She encouraged the citizenry to begin educating themselves as much as possible.

Council Member Meacham was concerned about the Council being sufficiently prepared to put the general obligation bond on the 2013 ballot. He stated that they will have to make important decisions in the next week. He felt staff could make it happen, but there would not be any time in the next week to bring a citizen committee into the discussion.

Council Member Jensen agreed with both Council Members Robinson and Meacham. He felt that if the GO bond were to pass, this would be the best time to form a citizen committee to discuss exactly what to do with the funds. If the GO bond fails, they could work with citizenry to determine how to help it pass in the future.

Mayor Call stated that staff only has six days to complete the language for the ballot. He agreed that staff would not have time to include a citizen committee in that timeframe, but if staff was able to prepare the language for the general obligation bond it would be useful to have a citizen committee to help devise a plan to best inform, discuss, and educate the community.

Administrator Darrington stated that one of the questions on the GO bond pertained to the amount. If the amount was to stay at \$19 million it would not be a problem to prepare it in one week. If the bond amount is to be less than that, staff would have to go back and reshape the building.

Mayor Call stated that if a bond for \$19 million was passed it did not mean the City would have to spend all \$19 million. Mayor Call stated that they need to bond for an amount they know will cover the cost of the building. They could change the actual building plan after the bond was passed if necessary.

Administrator Darrington stated that if there was going to be a reduction in the \$19 million they would need to know as soon as possible to begin making the necessary adjustments. He remarked that this was the tricky part of getting it on the ballot by 2013. Part of the reason they were developing such a large building was to make it last 50 years. He felt that if the size was reduced the City may outgrow the building in 20 years.

Council Member Meacham stated that getting the bond to pass had more to do with what the City can do to bring down the cost, even if it means doing only part of the original plan. Council Member Robinson stated that at the meeting on Monday the Council discussed where the police station could move. She felt that a public committee would be useful in discussing those options.

Council Member LeMone asked if the Council formed a public committee if they would be able to meet at their discretion or if every meeting would be public. Attorney Petersen stated that a citizen committee was not considered a City committee if City funds are not involved. She stated that they would be free to meet as they please.

Council Member LeMone did not think there was enough time in six days for a public committee to become as educated as they would need to be. She felt that the Council, fire and police chiefs and staff were capable of creating the language for the bond but she would like to see a public committee formed in the three-month period between the time the language for the bond is submitted and when the vote occurs. She stated that they need to rely on staff, the Council, and chiefs to make these decisions in the next six days. She felt it was too great a burden to place on a citizen committee to be up to speed in a matter of days while the Council had months of education. Council Member LeMone thought they owed it to the community to look into other options and include them to the extent possible. She also wanted to find a way to reduce the \$19 million total cost.

Council Member Jensen asked if it was possible once the City had meets the obligation to place the bond on the November ballot to adjust the building plans. He stated that the language for the ballot would only be for the total cost of the bond, not exactly how the funds would be spent.

Administrator Darrington stated that whatever is on the ballot is what the citizens will vote on. That language must be finalized in six days. The ballot language cannot be changed. As the design process began and the City found ways to save money he believed there was a way to reduce the amount of the bond. The City, however, would not know the amount of savings until much later. The design would not begin until after the GO bond passes. If the intent of the Council was to reduce the \$19 million total, the Council would need to direct staff on how to proceed. Administrator Darrington felt it was important to develop a building that will fit the needs of the City for years. It was a difficult thing to ask citizens to pay for something that will help the community 30 to 40 years from now.

Council Member Jensen asked if the \$19 million general obligation bond were put on the ballot and passed whether the City would be able to change the amount of the bond with the lenders. Attorney Petersen stated that the bond language would include the term “not to exceed.” The Parameters Resolution would not exceed \$19 million, and would not bind the City to spend the full amount. If the language went on the ballot and passed by vote, the City would not go to the lenders until they have final numbers. Administrator Darrington added that all design aspects would be complete before the City bonds. Mayor Call asked that staff prepare the necessary documentation over the next six days so that the Council can take action regarding whether to move forward with a general obligation bond on this November’s ballot. This ended the general obligation bond discussion.

Mayor Call recused himself because he lives in the neighborhood being discussed. He asked that Mayor Pro Tem Jensen lead the discussion. At this point Mayor Call left the room.

Continuing on with Item “C” Director Young stated that the current zoning is R-1-10. Most of the surrounding properties are R-1-10 with a few along the front portion of 200 South zoned R-1-9. The proposal was to take one lot with an existing home on 200 South that was mostly in the R-1-9 Zone and subdivide it into six lots. It was noted that it would cross over 100 North and 100 South. This would make it possible for 100 South to extend further into the eastern properties. All of the

lots exceed the 10,000 minimum lots size. It was noted that the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission in its preliminary format.

Council Member Meacham asked if the length of the end lot satisfied all engineering requirements such as fire safety. Director Young stated that it came close to the extension limit but satisfied all requirements. City Engineer, Degen Lewis, stated that the cul-de-sac that they are constructing off of already has an existing secondary emergency access out to 200 South. Council Member Meacham asked if the Planning Commission had seen a vicinity map on the future extension of the street. Director Young stated that the Planning Commission did not see the actual vicinity plan, but it was discussed that there was a plan on file that had already been approved. This satisfied the Planning Commission.

**ACTION:** Council Member Boyd moved to approve the six-lot Final Plat called Smith Meadows Plat A for property located at approximately 980 East 200 South in the R1-10 (Single Family Residential) Zone. Council Member Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

**D) TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION A RESOLUTION (2013-030) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT WITH VILDA MCLANE TO ADJUST UNCERTAIN BOUNDARY LINES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1520 WEST 1100 NORTH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (NORTH FIELDS NEIGHBORHOOD)**

Director Young stated that the County records show that a portion of the street right-of-way on 1100 North is owned by the City which may not be correct. Both the City and the McLane's have agreed that the boundary line needs to be adjusted to agree with the legal description, the resolution will resolve the uncertain boundary line.

**ACTION:** Council Member LeMone moved to approve Resolution 2013-030 authorizing the Mayor to sign a boundary line adjustment with Vilda McLane to adjust uncertain boundary lines for property located at approximately 1520 West 1100 North and providing for an effective date. Council Member Meacham seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council by voice with Council Members Boyd, Jensen, LeMone, Meacham and Robinson voting "Aye."

**E) CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF 2-LOT FINAL PLAT CALLED MCLANE PLAT A FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1628 WEST 1100 NORTH IN THE R-R (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) ZONE. (NORTHFIELDS NEIGHBORHOOD)**

Director Young indicated that the property owner wishes to divide his 1.49 acre property into two lots, one with .63 acres and the other with .86 acres, both exceeding the minimum ½ acre lot size requirement. Engineering has reviewed this plat and have no outstanding concerns. Planning Commission has reviewed the plat and recommends approval.

**ACTION:** Council Member LeMone moved to approve a two-lot final plat called McLane Plat A for property located at approximately 1628 West 1100 North in the R-R (Rural Residential) Zone. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of

the Council by voice with Council Members Boyd, Jensen, LeMone, Meacham and Robinson voting "Aye."

7) **OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Call opened the public session. He asked that speakers state their name and address for the record.

Mike Daniels, 857 North 900 East, thanked the Council for taking the time and having the courage to listen to the citizens publicly as well as privately. He stated that he met with Council Members and staff privately the previous week and felt there were serious misconceptions among the public. The Council's actions demonstrated why the City has the form of government they do. He apologized to the City's public safety workers because he believed that what took place at last week's public hearing was misdirected in a very negative way toward the fine men and women who serve Pleasant Grove. He stated that the public got upset most likely over the potential 52% increase and the way it was approached. He offered to work to help them get a new facility. The current tax increase proposal would be a \$300 increase per year to his home and a \$1,500 increase per year to his business, which was the equivalent of two mortgage payments per year for the next 20 years. He asked that staff rethink how to reduce costs.

Mike Wisland, 1636 East 400 South, wanted to reschedule times for the public to take tours of the public safety facilities before the election. He and many other residents had hoped to take a tour at the public hearing and were not able to. Mayor Call agreed and stated that he would direct the police and fire chief to make tours accessible for the public multiple times per month.

Randy Kimmer, 1613 East 400 South, appreciated the Council and their efforts. He supported the idea of a new police and fire station and thought more attention needed to be paid to roads. He thought that if the GO bond went to a vote for the whole \$19 million that it would not pass, which would be disappointing. He wondered if the public could vote on separate packages regarding the fire station, police station and roads. He felt this would help to at least make progress in some areas.

Sandy Carter, 2708 North 450 West, thanked the City Council and stated that she appreciated hearing their thoughts, feelings, and concerns at the end of the public hearing. She thanked them for their obvious and sincere passion for Pleasant Grove. She was especially happy to hear from Council Members Jensen and LeMone because of their emotion. She stated that Council Member Jensen made her aware that she had not done her part in being involved in the community that she loved. She remarked that if she wanted to have a voice and input and a right to speak, she needed to be educated about what was going on in the community. She was surprised by how few people voted. She did not envy the job of Council and was grateful for them. She wanted the City to have what it needs, especially with regard to public safety. She remarked that the City's public safety workers are warriors for the City and should be considered the same as the military. Ms. Carter fully supported the new facilities and hoped the matter would be on the 2013 ballot.

Joe Garlick, 815 West 1200 North, asked if the \$19 million included funding for the library and theatre. Mayor Call stated that it did not. Mr. Garlick asked how the City can obtain funding for the fine arts building and the amphitheatre. Mayor Call stated those items were way down the road.

Frank Anderson, 793 Orchard Drive, thanked the Council for not moving forward with the MBA bond. He had heard talk about educating the public before the November election and felt the public understands the need for new public safety facilities. He suggested that the Council focus their education on the cost. If the cost per square foot was going to be much higher than a typical building, the Council needs to inform the public as to why. They should inform the public why they will use eminent domain. There were interesting comments about other cities using substations and he asked if the City had looked into it. Mr. Anderson felt these were the type of questions that the public cares about.

Jane Robinson wanted the City to make use of the buildings they currently have. She thought retrofitting the buildings would be the best option for the City. She asked if the City was only bonding for a new building and Mayor Call stated that they were. She felt that the consensus from the public hearing was that the timing was wrong and that the cost was out of hand. She asked Mayor Call if retrofitting was out of the picture. Mayor Call stated that at this time staff would be preparing the information to place a bond on the November ballot. Ms. Robinson asked what would happen after the bond was voted down. Mayor Call stated that the Council was taking this process one step at a time and if the bond did not pass they would research other options. Ms. Robinson asked if anyone on the Council had looked at the petition she signed. None of the Council Members had seen the petition.

Council Member LeMone stated that she would be happy to look at the petition but it had never been brought to her attention. She stated that the Council's job in the coming weeks will be to educate the public to help them make an informed decision.

Scott Merrill, 681 West 2000 North, stated that he works for a contractor who helped build the Highland fire station, police station, library, and city building. The fire station in Highland cost \$4 million. He stated that the total budget for a new city hall, police station, fire station, and library was \$11 million. Mr. Merrill asked what they would be getting for \$19 million for the two facilities. He requested that the public be provided with a preliminary drawing showing what size the building would be and what type of amenities would be included in the facility. He did not feel comfortable spending \$19 million when another city created a new and beautiful building for \$4 million. He felt it was very difficult to make this decision without more information.

Diane Moss was not opposed to a public safety building but objected to the way the City was going to vote tonight without informing the public or letting the public vote. She did not feel the City had made enough effort to inform and educate the public. She was frustrated that the Council never took the time to read the petition. All of the Council Members reiterated that they never saw or heard about a petition but would be happy to review it if it was presented to them. Ms. Moss felt the City should make more effort to ensure that citizens see City Council Meeting agendas. She requested that the agendas be emailed to citizens each week. Mayor Call stated that on the City website there were email alerts that were easy to sign up for and would help residents stay as informed as they want to be.

Melissa Finch, 1061 East 1010 North, stated that Highland City has a population of 15,500, which needs to be taken into consideration when planning for a new facility in a city the size of Pleasant Grove. She had used the services of the police and fire department over her 35 years living in Pleasant Grove. Over the past 50 years 900 firefighters have died in the line of duty nationwide and the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, took the lives of over 1,500 firemen and policemen.

Only one month ago on July 1 in Arizona, 19 firefighters died saving lives and property. The main reason these people died was that they stayed too long attempting to save more lives and property. The second primary reason these people died was because they did not have proper equipment. She stated that Pleasant Grove needs to have proper facilities and equipment. She and her husband support the police and firemen and she hoped the residents will do the right thing and vote for new facilities.

Council Member Boyd stated that the petition was presented to the Council. She requested that staff make copies and give one to each member of the City Council as well as the staff.

Darrold McDade, 671 South 1500 East, stated that he served many years on the Council. The Council Members and staff had always worked hard because of their love for the City. Over the last few years he felt there had been a lot of wasteful spending. He requested that the Council also do their part to educate themselves. He suggested that a finance expert be brought on board to help with the project. He remarked that the Recreation Center was a very long project that he was a part of and the decisions were made when the economy was doing well. He did not think that a \$19 million ballot would pass in the current economic state. He felt it was a disservice to the police and firemen because the public would not accept a \$19 million facility. He believed in the Council and knew they could do this the right way.

Karen Lee, 835 North 500 East, agreed with Mr. McDade and thought the Council and Mayor were great hard working people. She noted that a number of concerns were brought up last week at the public hearing that had not been considered. She felt that the roads situation needs to be addressed. She did not understand why the Council was rushing to get the new facilities on the ballot. The timing was not right and there were a lot of people who would struggle to pay an increased tax. She stated that the community understood the need for a new fire and police station, but the money and timing were an issue and there were other issues in the City that need to be addressed. Businesses need also to be brought into the City to help cover the cost.

Jeanette Lason, 775 North 300 East, thanked the Council and Mayor for taking the bond to a vote. She said last week's public hearing was probably difficult for the Council to listen to, but the citizens are glad that they did. She said one year ago there was a discussion regarding an increase on secondary water and it was determined that there would be three increases. She asked if those taxes will go away. Mayor Call said they would not. She stated that once the utility bond is paid for it would give the City close to \$3 million per year. She felt it would be wise to build the facilities off of funds that the City already has available to them. She remarked that in two years of saving they could have \$6 million for a facility. Mayor Call stated that utility fees by State law could only pay for the services that citizens receive. By law the City cannot charge residents more than it costs for the City to provide the service.

William Justice, 318 Timothy Way, stated that he does not know why they want to pay for something now that the City was hoping to grow into over the next 50 years. He did not understand why the City thinks the population will grow that much in that amount of time. If the City raised property taxes they would cut secondary revenue and future development because people would not buy a house if taxes were too high. Businesses will go where it is cheaper. The City should build a building that they need now that can be expanded later. He felt it was important that the City use an architect from Utah County. He noted that the Council has been having private meetings for six months. Mayor Call stated that Mr. Justice was incorrect and that the Council has never held a

private audience. Mr. Justice said when firefighters die, they die in the line of duty not in the firehouse and they do not need a fancy building with a gym and other unnecessary things. He commented that the City did not have an eminent domain need and it will not benefit the citizens. Mayor Call stated that the City had never engaged in eminent domain.

Amy Lindstrom, 1160 East 100 North, stated that she spoke to many firefighters and police officers and they support the City Council. She felt the firefighters and police officers had not spoken at the meetings because they were concerned about sounding biased. She felt this was the City's opportunity to support their public safety officers. She thought the meeting the previous Monday was very helpful because she learned why the cost was \$19 million and that the building was over 58,000 square feet. She indicated that her husband was doing construction work on a facility that was being built at a much higher per square foot cost than the government building proposal. She felt it was important to proceed with the bond on the November ballot and said that waiting in the name of education was frustrating. She had seen the fliers, articles, tours, and information on the website and had attended the meetings. She thought now was the time to move forward. She took it upon herself to make phone calls and educate herself. When she first learned of the project she did not support it, but after researching it she was in full support of the new facilities and thought now was the time. She did not know how else to get information out to the public other than what was being done. Ms. Lindstrom thought there was nothing to gain by waiting a year and a great deal of misinformation being disseminated among the public. She remarked that the City cannot save money when they are operating on a 1982 budget. She thanked the Council for being so open and helping her educate herself.

Bill Lee, 835 North 500 East, enjoyed the process where government and citizens work together. He hoped the community could come together to reach a solution that works for everyone. He was concerned about the six-day timeframe to make such a big decision. He stressed that open communication was vital. He suggested City Council Meetings be live streamed and said that it was the Council's responsibility to make sure they get input from citizens. The citizens' responsibility was to share their thoughts with the Council. He felt that the public needed to be involved in the conversation over the next six days.

Dixie Carpenter, 169 North 200 East, asked that the Council review the petitions presented. She was concerned about small businesses in the City and felt the Council needed to speak with them and get their perspective on the proposal.

Gene Jones thanked the Council for their hard work and for responding to his emails. An issue in addition to the two issues Council Member Robinson mentioned was the use of eminent domain. He stated that two years ago he received a letter stating that the City would like to purchase his property. His family attended the open house and saw the plans. His issue was not the building but the location. He suggested the City consider other options that would not displace people from their homes.

Michael Harper, 1422 West 1440 North, did not know the people who would potentially lose their homes and was glad to learn that eminent domain had never been used in Pleasant Grove. He did not think the City should start now. Mayor Call stated that his attitude had always been that any kind of a transaction of property has to be a willing exchange by both parties. Mr. Harper asked if there was a contingency plan for other locations. Mayor Call stated that other locations had been considered, but no plans had been drawn up. Last year there were several meetings to discuss

possible locations and after a lot of discussion, this was the proposal they developed for the City. Mr. Harper asked to see the other location options in an effort to not force people to relocate.

Mayor Call closed the open session.

**8) NEIGHBORHOOD AND STAFF BUSINESS**

Arts and Culture Director, April Harrison, reported that she asked Curtis Minor to check out a grainery the City was considering moving to a new location. Mr. Minor met with Don Hartley who stated that the raised wooden floor and the lack of windows implied that the structure was at one time a grainery. The sheet metal, concrete blocks, and insulation looked like an attempt to keep varmints out of the grain. He felt that because the Hatch Grainery was moved next to the school a few years ago that this particular grainery would not add to the interpretation of pioneer life in Pleasant Grove. He did not recommend moving this particular structure to the park.

**9) MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Council Member LeMone read a statement regarding the original fire department and culinary water system. The statement also applauded the City's exceptional police and fire departments. In over 100 years Pleasant Grove had never built a fire station but had made due and relocated from one existing structure to the next. The statement expressed that the public safety workers sacrifice a great deal for the community and often go unnoticed. It was suggested that the City take care of their needs.

Council Member Robinson did not want it to be construed that the needs of the public safety or public works or any other department in the City are not in the sights of the Council. The Council understands that there are needs throughout the community. She appreciated the process of a public hearing and stated that the Council is responsible to hear the opinions of anyone who comes to a public hearing, even if they continue to hear from the same 10 people every time. The Council listens and considers what the comments made by the residents. She felt the safety of the community and public servants was the most important thing. She was pleased that the public will be able to vote on the issue and believes in the government process.

Council Member Boyd stated that everyone has a vested interest in the success of Pleasant Grove. Her challenge to everyone present was to get into the community and work hard, get educated, and make this happen.

Mayor Call thanked the public for being involved and taking part in the decision process. He stated that after eight years of service, Council Member Jensen was retiring from the Council in order to serve an LDS mission. He thanked Council Member Jensen and stated that he had grown to depend on him in many ways. They have had an excellent working relationship because they both always chose to share their honest feelings. While they were not always in agreement, they always respected each other. Because they often saw things differently the City had received the best of himself and Council Member Jensen. He expressed his abiding friendship and best wishes to Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Jensen stated that was honored to represent the City of Pleasant Grove for the past eight years. It was a privilege to work with the incredible staff who are always prepared to support

the Council in the decision making process. He thanked Council Member Boyd for her mentorship and encouragement to run for the Council. He enjoyed working with Council Members Robinson and Meacham. He loved working with and mentoring Council Member LeMone. He thanked the citizens for allowing him the opportunity to serve on the Council. He remarked that he was the beneficiary of the experience more than anyone who had worked with him. He thanked his wife Pia for putting up with all of the hours he had committed to the Council and expressed excitement to spend 23 months in the Copenhagen, Denmark Temple.

**10) SIGNING OF PLATS**

No plats were signed at this time.

**11) ADJOURN**

**ACTION:** Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn. Council Member LeMone seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

This certifies that the City Council  
Minutes of August 14, 2013 are a true,  
full and correct copy as approved by  
the City Council on October 1, 2013

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Kathy T. Kresser, CMC, City Recorder

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