

Pleasant Grove City Council Work Session Minutes
January 15, 2008
7 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor:

Michael W. Daniels

City Council Members: Excused:

Cindy Boyd Bruce Call

Lee G. Jensen

Jeff Wilson

Mark Atwood

Deputy Recorder:

Mary Burgin

Others:

Frank Mills, City Administrator

Tina Petersen, City Attorney

Tom Paul, Police Chief

Lynn Walker, Pub. Works Director

Richard Bradford, Economic Dev. Director

Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief

Degan Lewis, City Engineer

Libby Flegal, Neighborhood Chair

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

Mayor Daniels welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Mayor explained that following the Opening Remarks, the agenda would slightly change with the department presentation taking place first, and then the Council would go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property.

1. Opening Remarks

The Opening Remarks were given by Administrator Mills.

2. Department Report (Fire Department)

Chief Sanderson announced that his department had just held a, "2008 Kick-Off Party." He said that annual department awards were given out at the party. He then indicated that members of the department designed medals to be given out for the varying awards. There were also ribbons that match the medals that can be put on uniforms. The medals will be displayed in the department in a custom-made wooden display box.

The first person that Chief Sanderson recognized was Dispatcher Marie Hardman for Outstanding Service Award as a dispatcher. He said that she spends countless hours reviewing recordings of actual calls into the department. She then attends a monthly meeting with emergency services (which includes both police and fire departments), and gives her recommendations on how to best improve communications during an emergency. This is through the Dispatch Quality Assurance Program. He said her input is invaluable in this capacity, and makes a huge impact in the communications end of emergency services, which is a very vital part of the team effort.

Next, Chief Sanderson presented Lieutenant Steve Carroll and Engineer Lance Carpenter with Outstanding Service Awards. He said Lt. Carroll coordinated the daytime fire and medical response teams. He said he maintains the inventory of medical supplies and handles other administrative duties. Engineer Carpenter is over the maintenance of the fire vehicles. Chief Sanderson said that all of the vehicles must roll the minute a call comes in. He said he does an excellent job ensuring that all of the vehicles are ready to go.

Fire Marshal Steve Brande has been very diligent in attending multiple trainings and receiving many certifications in his field. Chief Sanderson said that Marshal Brande has made the system within the department work by ensuring fire safety codes are in place and enforced. Fire Marshal Brand received the Distinguished Service Award due to his ability to organize and manage the Fire Prevention Bureau for Pleasant Grove Fire Department.

Chief Sanderson said the next award, named the Fire Chief's Recognition Award, was his to give to an individual that he felt had impacted the entire department for the last year. He said it has been his honor to personally select an individual from within the department that has contributed greatly to the organization. He noted that this person has made a significant difference not only in the Fire Division, but to the City and community. The person he has selected is Dave Thomas. He said that Mr. Thomas has only been a member of the department for a year, but with his 27 years of experience in serving on the Orem City Fire Department, he has been able to secure thousands of dollars in Federal fire grants for Pleasant Grove.

Next, the Chief explained that it looks like chances are good that the department will be receiving an approximately \$200,000 grant; with the City matching \$25,000. He said these monies will be spent on 41 new turnouts (fire fighting uniforms) for the fire fighters. Additionally, he said a special washer and dryer for just such protective uniforms will be purchased for approximately \$15,000. A vehicle exhaust system will also be installed with the funds.

Chief Sanderson next reported that his department had over 1,400 calls in 2007. There were 6 house fires (mostly in Lindon), where there was a loss of approximately \$900,000. Ambulance collections were up with approximately \$500,000 being collected in 2007. 20 fire fighters were hired last fall. He said the department is up to speed with the certifications. He said the current goal is for the entire department to be cross trained by May or June of this year.

3. Executive session to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property (UCA 52-4-205(1)(d))

ACTION: At 7:13 p.m, Council Member Jensen moved to go into executive session to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property (UCA 52-4-205(1)(d). Council Member Atwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Wilson, Boyd, Jensen and Atwood voting, "Aye."

ATTENDING:

Mayor:

Mike Daniels

Council Members:

Cindy Boyd

Mark K. Atwood

Lee G. Jensen

Jeff Wilson

Others:

Frank Mills, City Administrator
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Lynn Walker, Pub. Works Director
Dave Thurgood, JUB Engineer
Marty Beaumont, JUB Engineer
Degen Lewis, City Engineer
Mary Burgin, Deputy Recorder

ACTION: At 7:29 p.m, Council Member Jensen moved to go back into regular session. Council Member Boyd seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Boyd, Jensen, Wilson and Atwood voting, "Aye."

4. Reconvene (possible action may be taken on executive session item)

Mayor Daniels explained to those present (most especially the several Boy Scouts in attendance), that there were three reasons a Council could go into an executive session. One was for pending litigation, the second for discussion of competency of an employee and third, to discuss the purchase, etc, of property. The Mayor then asked for a motion from the Council.

ACTION: Council Member Atwood moved to allow staff to entertain negotiations regarding the purchase of property for a secondary storage facility for Pleasant Grove City. Council Member Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Wilson, Atwood, Boyd and Jensen voting, "Aye."

5. Presentation by UDOT regarding UDOT/Vineyard Connector Project, State Street Project and Geneva Road Project (Geoff Dupaix)

Mr. Geoff Dupaix from Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) came forward. He indicated that the Mountainlands Association of Governments (MAG) were conducting a study to identify east-west transportation solutions in the northern portion of Utah County. The study, he said, aimed to connect communities, develop long-term corridor preservation strategies, support the local economy, retain the quality of life of the residents and alleviate congestion through the year 2040.

The State Legislature has funded the project \$30 million. Because of so much growth, he said there is a critical need for coordination in the northern part of the county to make sure that transportation corridors are provided. Currently, there are four such studies taking place. These include the Geneva Road Project, the East-West Connector, the I-15 Project and the Mountainland Corridor.

He explained that a method called "scoping" is used to evaluate transportation needs. In this kind of study, he said that such questions such as what the issues would be in a certain area and how would a road in a that particular location fit environmentally. Also, would the road be an asset to that area. Additionally, traffic patterns are carefully studied. All of these elements, he said, are wrapped up into this scoping phase.

Next, lines are drawn on the map. He said that the current schedule for the "scoping phase" of the Vineyard Connection and the environmental studies as well as the public hearings is very aggressive. Additionally, UDOT is seeking input from area residents, city officials, business owners and commuters at a public open house on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the

Timpanogos Special Service District at 5050 West 6400 North in American Fork. He invited everyone to attend, and said if they couldn't be there, they could go to UDOT's website and make comment.

Mayor Daniels then observed that for the most part, the upcoming projects were outside of Pleasant Grove City limits. He asked if the main impact on residents would be the connection. Mr. Dupaix said that Pleasant Grove does have a tie-in at their freeway interchange, and would be influenced as to how the corridor develops.

Council Member Boyd said that the projected Vineyard Connector would be of benefit to the small city of Vineyard. Mr. Dupaix said that with the changes taking place in and around the old Geneva property, UDOT felt that now was the time to look at what solutions could be implemented.

6. Discussion of items for the upcoming January 22, 2008 City Council meeting

- a. **Approval of appointed positions: City Administrator, City Recorder, Deputy Recorder, City Treasurer, Department Directors, City Attorney, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Budget/Financial Officer, City Engineer and Building Official.**

Mayor Daniels read this item. He said these people will be reappointed.

- b. **Re-appointment of Justice Court Judge.**

Recently, the Pleasant Grove Court was recertified for the next four years. Mayor Daniels reminded the Council that there is a current movement with the State Legislature to take the justice courts away from local jurisdiction; making them more of a state agency. He said that this could be of major concern to the City, as it would require the City to continue to financially support the Court, but no longer have a say in how it is operated. He asked that the Council go to the State Legislative website and read up on this proposed bill.

- c. **To appoint Mayor Pro Tempore.**

The Council appoints a Mayor Pro Tem each year, the Mayor explained.

- d. **Public Hearing to consider Lone Peak Development's request to vacate lot 6 of the Northfield Estates Subdivision, Plat "A," and to create a 14-lot subdivision known as Sunbrook Subdivision, Plat "A," located at approx. 1150 West 1800 North in the R1-20 (Single Family Residential, 20,000 sq. ft. lot area) zone. NORTH FIELDS NEIGHBORHOOD**

Administrator Mills indicated that Director Young was not able to attend this meeting. He mentioned that he had a question regarding the lot to be vacated. He wondered if it would be large enough for a neighborhood park as well as a detention basin. Engineer Lewis said it would be okay for a park, but not large enough for a detention basin. He also said that Director Giles said that his department would be able to maintain the small park, but would not have the budget to put anything in that area besides grass and a few trees. Engineer Lewis did say that one of the neighbors said that perhaps the neighborhood could donate some play equipment, however.

- e. **To consider Jeri Bingham's request for a six-month extension to complete the improvements for Parley's Place, Plat "A," for property located at approximately 1100 North 1400 West in the R1-10 (Single Family Residential, 10,000 sq. ft. lot area) zone.**

Engineer Lewis said that one of the developers with this project took off several months ago, and Mr. Bingham needed an extension to get the project back on track. He said the project was at risk of default without an extension.

- f. **To consider the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with American Fork City, Lehi City and Eagle Mountain City to provide for reciprocal borrowing of materials between members' libraries.**

Mayor Daniels noted that this was now the implementation of the cooperative library system for some of the Northern Utah County area that had been discussed in Council meeting about a year ago.

Council Member Boyd asked why only these few cities were included. Mayor Daniels said because most of them are the cities that currently have libraries.

Administrator Mills then mentioned that in the agreement, it has assigned Cedar Hills the Pleasant Grove library as their Home Library; when in fact, he said the Cedar Hills' Home Library is Highland Junior High's library. He added that some issues, such as this, need to be worked out in the agreement. He also mentioned that a person from each city would need to be hired to administer the system in their city. Attorney Petersen said Librarian Harrison has already budget for such a position.

Mayor Daniels then asked Administrator Mills to please bring up the same concerns at the regular Council meeting on January 22, 2008.

- g. **To consider the adoption of a Resolution of the Pleasant Grove City Council approving an Interlocal Agreement relating to the Pleasant Grove City Manila Creek Park Recreation Facility Project, between Alpine School District and the City of Pleasant Grove for a term ending June 30, 2010.**

Administrator Mills remarked that this proposed interlocal agreement is regarding the Manila Creek Park up on 3300 North. He said that it will spell out the joint use of the property between the City and Alpine School District (ASD). This would include parking as well as the fencing between the park and ASD property. He said the fence was to separate the park from the Schow farm. Also included will be easements for pipe that will need to be laid in that area.

Mayor Daniels asked why there was a date limit on the agreement. Attorney Petersen said the time limit is required by State statute. Administrator Mills said the ASD board had already approved this agreement in December of 2007.

Council Member Boyd asked if there were any pictures or layouts from the Herriman Pond that had been more or less the model for the Manila Creek pond. Director Walker said that Director Giles had the pictures of the Herriman pond project, if she wanted to see them. He added that JUB engineer Marty Beaumont also had pictures.

Mayor Daniels said that a meeting was in the organizational phase with the neighbors to the south of the project (not Creekside).

h. **To consider approval of Pleasant Grove City's Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.**

Administrator Mills said that he had handed out this report to the Council to study and look at prior to next week's meeting.

i. **To consider adoption of a Resolution amending the City's Articles of Incorporation for the October 16, 2007 E. Johnson Disconnection/Annexation for property located at the intersection of 4000 West and Cedar Hills Drive on the east side of 4000 West and the south side of Cedar Hills Drive, including the portion of 4000 West fronting the subject property. Property owners, Eric Todd and Noreen Johnson.**

Mayor Daniels explained that the Council had already approved the disconnection of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson from Pleasant Grove. Attorney Petersen then noted that State law requires that a city have the City Recorder send in their Articles of Incorporation whenever the City boundaries change, as they did with this disconnection.

7. Mayor, City Council and Staff Business

- Director Bradford said there were over 40 people at the Business Alliance meeting the previous Friday in the downstairs of the library. Council Member Call spoke to the group regarding the branding of businesses, which was a very popular subject. Director Bradford invited the Council to attend the meetings, if possible, so they can become more informed as to the growing business community in Pleasant Grove.
- Director Walker reported that the excavation of the pond at the new park site on 3300 north was going well. Mayor Daniels said he had been contacted by a couple of people who were concerned with the noise associated with the project. He asked if their concerns had been dealt with. Director Walker said they had been answered.
- Council Member Jensen asked about the status of the Hammons' Project in The Grove. Mayor Daniels said they had submitted their plans. He added that they will probably start digging in or around March of this year. Engineer Lewis noted that his office will be sending back comments on the plans in the next few days to the Hammons organization.
- Council Member Boyd asked if there could be a way to track concerns that are brought up in the Open Session portion of the Council meetings. She said she really wanted to know what was happening with the residents of Pemberly and The Gables and their water billing situation. Mayor Daniels commented that if the Council follows such items in the minutes, there can be follow up by staff. Council Member Atwood said that if the people don't come

back to the Council, and the Council Members don't always all know what the resolutions to certain problems might be. Mayor Daniels said that it would probably help if the Council went back through the minutes so they know which staff member was assigned the investigation and possible resolution of the resident's question. Otherwise, he said a separate tracking system would need to be set up.

- Mayor Daniels said that he would like to address a concern. He said that he was aware that emails have been coming into himself and members of the Council lately regarding potential projects within the City. The Mayor said he had copied one of these emails, and wrote to the Council of the importance of remaining neutral. He said the issue has to come before them, as a body, so the public has due process. He said he is also aware that there are people that are not only sending emails, but are lobbying the Council and Staff. He said he has made it clear that unless the entire Council is prepared to recuse themselves, they are to remain neutral and weight the evidence presented to the Council on the merits. The Mayor made it plain to those in attendance that the function of the Council is not to be any part of public pressure.

Attorney Petersen agreed. She told the Council that it was very important that they not allow people to lobby them. She said the Council is welcomed to discuss ordinances or other legislative functions, but not individual projects. She added that the developers have been told not to lobby outside of Council meeting. Attorney Petersen told the Council that individual projects that are being touted by developers through public clamor are not part of the Council's function to take part in.

8. Adjourn

ACTION: At 8:14 p.m, Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Atwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously by Council Members Atwood, Wilson, Jensen and Boyd voting "Aye."

This certifies that the Work Session Minutes
For January 15, 2008 are a true, full and correct
copy as approved by the City Council on
January 22, 2008.

Mary Burgin, Deputy Recorder