

Pleasant Grove City Council Minutes
June 3, 2008
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Michael W. Daniels

Council Members:

Jeffrey D. Wilson

Mark K. Atwood

Cindy Boyd

Bruce Call

Excused:

Lee G. Jensen

City Recorder:

Amanda Fraughton

Deputy Recorder:

Mary Burgin

Others:

Frank Mills, City Administrator

Gary Clay, Finance Director

Tina Petersen, City Attorney

Lynn Walker, Public Works Director

Deon Giles, Leisure Services Director

Ken Young, Community Development Director

Richard Bradford, Economic Director

Degen Lewis, City Engineer

Karen Bezzant, City Treasurer

Libby Flegal, NAB Chair

The City Council and staff met at the City Council Chambers (south entrance), 86 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniels noted that Council Members Boyd, Call, Atwood and Wilson were in attendance. He excused Council Member Jensen.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Director Bradford.

3. OPENING REMARKS

Opening Remarks were given by Director Giles.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING'S AGENDA

Mayor Daniels noted that Administrator Mills would like to add a brief item immediately following the approval of the agenda.

ACTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Call seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Call, Atwood, Wilson and Boyd voting, "Aye."

Administrative Mills then came forward. He then asked the following City employees to come up: Director Giles, Superintendent Rasmussen, Assistant Superintendent Whatcott and facilities specialist Candland. Administrator Mills explained that an estimate for installing wire for the sprinkler controllers at the freeway entrance ran about \$6,000 to \$8,000.00. However, he said that this crew of men from the City was able to do the job for \$600.00! The landscaping sprinkler system in that area is now working, thanks to them. He then presented each of them with a token of appreciation for their efforts in behalf of the City.

The Mayor, Council and public applauded and thanked the men for their hard work in saving the City residents a large sum of money for their efforts.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (Consent items are only those which have been discussed beforehand, are non-controversial and do not require further discussion):

MINUTE REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

1. Work Session Minutes for May 6, 2008
2. To consider approval of Change Order No. Five and Partial Payment No. Twelve to HDX L.C, a Dunn Company, for the Pressure Irrigation System – Schedule 6 Project.
3. To consider approval of Change Order No. Three and Partial Payment No. Ten to Dunn Construction, LC for the Pressure Irrigation System – Schedule 5B Project.
4. **To consider approval of Partial Payment Number 2 to Cody Ekker Construction, Inc. for the 500 South Water Improvements Project.
5. To consider approval of paid vouchers (May 25, 2008)

Mayor Daniels asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the consent items and if there were any questions or concerns with them.

ACTION: Council Member Call moved to approve the consent items. Council Member Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Call, Wilson, Boyd and Atwood voting "Aye."

6. OPEN SESSION

Mayor Daniels explained that the open session was a time when people could come forward to express their concerns regarding issues generally not on the agenda. He asked that they state their name and address. No one came forward

7. NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Chair Libby Flegal said that the board is full with representatives and is running well at this time.

8. LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

No one came forward from the library.

9. BUSINESS:

A. STRAWBERRY DAYS ROYALTY PRESENTATION.

Mayor Daniels welcomed the Miss PG Royalty as well as the Junior and Senior Rodeo Queens to the meeting.

Miss PG, Staci Spinder, came forward and thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting them to the meeting. She said that there were many activities that her First Attendant, Kami Alldredge; Second Attendant, Kelly Coombs; Third Attendant, Briana McCurdy; and fourth attendant, Heather Nielsen explained to the Council. These included the Mammoth Parade on Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m. Also, Huck Finn Day on Friday, June 20, 2008. Also, everyone would be invited to the baby contest on Wednesday, as well as the quilt show, children's art show and more.

The Senior Rodeo Queen, Martina Wardle, announced that the PRCA Rodeo will be held June 18 through 21, 2008. Her court consists of first attendant Elisa Lewis and second attendant Stormy Henderson.

The Junior Rodeo Queen, Amanda Anderson announced there will be a jumbo screen for everyone at this year's rodeo. Her first attendant is Colleen Southwick and her second attendant Amber Wright.

B. TO CONSIDER AWARDING BID TO GENEVA ROCK PRODUCTS, INC. FOR THE STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT 2008. THIS PROJECT IS TO OVERLAY 200 SOUTH FROM 300 EAST TO APPROXIMATELY 1650 EAST AND OVERLAY 600 WEST FROM CENTER STREET TO 2600 NORTH. ALSO INCLUDED WITH THIS PROJECT IS THE FULL RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTIONS OF 200 SOUTH, 600 WEST, 1500 EAST AND CHERRY HILL DRIVE.

Mayor Daniels read this item. Director Walker then noted that the low bidder for the Street Rehabilitation Project in 2008 was Geneva Rock Products, Inc, with a bid of \$990,371.00. He said this bid was actually 21% below the engineer's estimate. The City has worked several times before with Geneva Rock Products, and he said they were easy to work with.

Director Walker explained that there were sections on 200 South from 300 East to approximately 1650 East that were badly in need of repair. Also, the Cherry Hill subdivision will have work done, as it is badly damaged, he said.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any comments regarding this item. There were none. He then asked for a motion.

ACTION: Council Member Call moved to approve Geneva Rock Products, Inc. for The Street Rehabilitation Project 2008 in the amount of \$990,371.00. The project is to overlay 200 South from 300 East to approximately 1650 East and overlay 600 West from Center Street to 2600 North. Also included with this project is the full reconstruction of portions of 200 South, 600 West, 1500 East and Cherry Hill Drive. Council Member Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Wilson, Call, Atwood and Boyd voting, "Aye."

C. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009, INCLUDING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM THE WATER, SEWER AND OTHER ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND. THE PLEASANT GROVE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET IS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL BUDGET (JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009).

Director Clay said that there hadn't been any comments from anyone in the City regarding the final budget and RDA budget.

Mayor Daniels then opened the discussion to a public hearing.

Mr. Robert Williams asked if the work on 2000 West was in the General Budget. Director Walker said it was not part of the General Budget.

Mr. Herb Carlson then asked where the water and sewer were grouped into. Director Clay said they were in the Enterprise Fund. He said they were not part of the General Fund.

No one else came forward. The Mayor closed the public hearing and brought the discussion up to the Council. He noted that this had been a tough year for the budget, and he wanted to commend Director Clay and Treasurer Bezzant for their hard work.

Administrator Mills noted that if they look at the allocation of revenue from the water and sewer, the administrative fee comes from the enterprise account. Director Clay explained that this is for the expense of reading the meters and sending out bills, etc.

Attorney Petersen said it needed to be part of the public record that the Council and Mayor had seen Director Clay's power point presentation on the budget in a previous meeting; and that they had reviewed and discussed the individual accounts at previous budget workshops, etc, and are familiar with the detail included in the final budget.

Mayor Daniels said that the Council and himself have seen the entire budget and have made very few minor changes. He also said it had been on display for two full weeks at City Hall and the Library.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mayor Daniels then asked for a motion.

ACTION: Council Member Wilson moved to approve Resolution No. 2008-011, adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, including the allocation of revenue from water, sewer and other enterprise funds to the General Fund. The Pleasant Grove Redevelopment Agency Budget is included in the Final Budget (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009). Council Member Call seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Wilson, Boyd, Call and Atwood voting "Aye."

D. TO DISCUSS AMENDING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Mayor Daniels explained that two years ago, staff had prepared a comparison of cities about the same population as Pleasant Grove, for the compensation for the Mayors and Councils. The Mayor said he went through the numbers and found there was really no rhyme or reason to how the various cities paid their Mayors and Councils.

He then explained that for a city the size of Pleasant Grove, the Mayor's compensation was above the mid-point. The Council compensation was below mid-point. It has been approximately 10 years since there has been a review of the compensation for the Mayor and Council in Pleasant Grove. He told the Council that this item was for the benefit of the Council to find out what they had learned in the past week.

Mayor Daniels then commented that he knew that it was awkward for the Council and himself to talk about their own salaries, but he needed for each of them to weigh in on this item.

Council Member Wilson said that he had met with Administrator Mills and Director Clay. In talking to them, he explained that he thought that maybe it would be best to look at this item in 2009, after a third party has looked at a comparison study, as will be done for all city employees this next year. He said he thought it would be appropriate for it to become effective, then, in July of 2009.

Council Member Call said that he was a little confused as to why the Council needed more money. He said any increase would be so small; it really wouldn't make much difference one way or another. He also said that being on the Council really shouldn't have anything to do with being compensated, anyway.

Council Member Boyd expressed her view that discussing compensation should have to do with the position, not the person. She said it is difficult to discuss overall. She noted that she felt that there really wasn't a need to wait for a year for an increase. She said the decision could be made by the Council now.

Mayor Daniels then said he would like to make a suggestion. He said in the spirit of what Council Member Wilson had said, that maybe it would be a good idea for the Council to wait until a third party can come in and provide a more up-to-date survey of other city's pay scales before making a decision. He said it is common practice for a council to decide upon a raise in compensation; but for the raise not to take place until a new council comes in.

Council Member Boyd said she felt if the decision was to be delayed, that it only be delayed until next year's budget, and not for another 18 months.

Mayor Daniels said it was unfortunate that Council Member Jensen was not in attendance at the current meeting, as he had been the one to raise the question in the first place.

Council Member Atwood then commented that the current survey that the Council had probably wasn't too helpful, as it was two years old. He also said that he agreed with Council Member Call's comment that he wasn't aware that most people he had known over the years ran for office for the money. Additionally, he told the rest of the Council and Mayor that he felt that the figure chosen should be mid-point—not high or low.

After further discussion, Mayor Daniels said he has learned a lot about serving in local government the last few years. He said that those that can serve are not always those that can afford the time and the money to serve the community. He said the majority of the people are working, raising families and just living each day. When one is in a public service positions, such as being the mayor, he said that he has learned it actually costs money and time to serve. He said every trip that he has taken (such as the bond trips) has been vacation time away from his regular full-time job. This is time he can't take with his family. He said this wasn't a sob story at all, but only telling the reality of public service. "It shouldn't be a sacrifice to serve—it should be economically neutral," The Mayor said.

Council Member Boyd said this was a positive motivation to serve, as the Mayor said.

Mayor Daniels then asked the Council if they had come to any conclusions. Council Member Call said he felt the decision, for the reasons stated, should be put off until spring.

Attorney Petersen then told the Mayor and Council that they could now direct staff to bring up the subject again in March of 2009; with a decision to be made on a future agenda.

Council Member Boyd asked if Council Member Jensen wanted to bring the subject back up, if he could prior to next spring. Attorney Petersen said yes, that the Council could vote to reconsider putting the decision off if they wanted.

ACTION: Council Member Boyd moved to continue this item until February or March of 2009, so that staff can bring back more current information regarding compensation for the Mayor and Council. Council Member Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Wilson, Boyd, Call and Atwood voting "Aye."

10. STAFF BUSINESS

- Treasurer Bezzant reminded those present that there was an upcoming insurance meeting for employees.
- Chief Sanderson said that the firemen fed over 2,500 people at the annual Firemen's Breakfast. He said he thought that perhaps the turnout was so good because it was later in the month and the weather was really good.
- Chief Paul reminded everyone that John Lloyd's retirement party would be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 in the basement of the library from 3 to 5 p.m. Also, he told the Mayor and Council that Pleasant Grove Public Safety had received a certificate of

appreciation for local support for the intellectually disabled. The Chief then handed the certificate to the Mayor.

- Recorder Fraughton said that a special Council meeting would be held on June 10, 2008 at 7 p.m. Also, that the work session will be scheduled on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 due to the Primary election being held on that Tuesday, June 24.
- Attorney Petersen said the on-going issue of boundary adjustments with residents between Cedar Hills and Pleasant Grove continues to surface. A plat proposed by Cedar Hills includes Mr. Flinder's home as well as several others that are on the east side of 100 East (Canyon Rd.). She said two of the residents would not want to boundary adjust out of Pleasant Grove. She then explained that the recorder in Cedar Hills said they were not legally required to personally notify the residents, so they were thinking of going with the statute that only requires you post the intention of the boundary adjustment. It then leaves the burden of protest to the resident. She told the Mayor and Council that she is concerned in the City making a boundary adjustment without contacting the residents.

Council Member Boyd said she would prefer that Pleasant Grove at least sends the residents a letter about the possibility of a boundary adjustment.

Administrator Mills said that Cedar Hills said they did make contact with the residents. Recorder Fraughton said that Cedar Hills' Recorder Kim Holindrake said they were going to send the letters.

After further discussion, the Mayor asked if copies of the letters sent by Cedar Hills be sent to staff in Pleasant Grove. He said that the Council could then look at the resident's reaction, then Pleasant Grove can take whatever action is needed.

Council Member Boyd again said that she felt it imperative that City staff at least sent the residents letters.

- Administrator Mills said a letter was being sent from Mayor Daniels to the Mayor of Lindon regarding the new non-resident status that will take place on July 1, 2008. Mayor Daniels explained that if people had already signed up for classes, etc, they would be allowed the resident rate. Director Giles said that with any programs that start after July 1, 2008, Lindon residents will be charged the non-resident rate.

Administrator Mills next explained that there will be a project involving all of the City employees that want to be involved with the landscaping project on Thursday morning, June 12, 2008 at 7 a.m. at the new recreation center.

There will be a meeting at the Lion's/Sportsman's Club on July 2, 2008 with a quorum of the Council, the Mayor and the HOA's that have been involved with the past due city utility accounts. He said there are anticipated approximately 150 to 200 people that should attend. It isn't anticipated that there will be any problems at the meeting as the associations and the City staff have learned a lot through the negotiations that have taken place.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Council Member Call said he would be out of town in the next few weeks, and would send his schedule to the Mayor.
- Mayor Daniels said that the next day, Wednesday, June 4, 2008, would be the new police officer orientation in the Public Safety Department. He invited the Council to come by and meet the new officers.

12. SIGNING OF PLATS

There were no plats to sign.

13. REVIEW CALENDAR

Mayor Daniels reminded everyone that Strawberry Days would be coming up the week of June 15 through June 21. A special Council meeting would be held on June 10, 2008. The Primary election would be held (for the county and state) would be held on June 24, 2008. Work Session would be on June 25, 2008 (Wednesday).

14. APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

Mayor Daniels asked if the Council had reviewed the purchase orders for May 25, 2008.

ACTION: Council Member Call moved to approve the purchase orders for May 25, 2008. Council Member Wilson seconded and the vote was unanimous with Council Members Call, Wilson, Atwood and Boyd voting "Aye."

15. ADJOURN

ACTION: At 8:02 p.m. Council Member Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Atwood seconded and the motion passed unanimously with Council Members Call, Wilson, Atwood and Boyd voting, "Aye."

This certifies that the City Council Minutes of June 3, 2008 are a true, full and correct copy as approved by the City Council on July 1, 2008.

Signed _____
Mary Burgin, Deputy Recorder