

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Work Session Minutes
August 9, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Michael W. Daniels

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Ben Stanley
Lynn Walker

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Denise Roy, Finance Director
David Larson, Assistant to the City Administrator
Deon Giles, Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Smith, Police Chief
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Ken Young, Community Development Director
Marty Beaumont, Public Works Director
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director

Others: Rob Smith, Assistant Superintendent at Alpine School District
Dr. Vicki Carter
Steve Patten, Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce and Central Bank
Jake Hoyt, Rocky Mountain Bank & Lindon City Council Member

The City Council and Staff met in the City Council Chambers at 86 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

1) Call to Order.

Mayor Daniels called the meeting to order and noted that Council Members Andersen, Jensen LeMone, Stanley and Walker were present.

2) Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Finance Director, Denise Roy.

3) Opening Remarks.

The opening remarks were given by Assistant to the City Administrator, David Larson.

4) Approval of Meeting's Agenda.

ACTION: Council Member LeMone moved to approve the agenda as written. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

5) Alpine School District Presentation.

Rob Smith introduced himself as the Assistant Superintendent of the Alpine School District and was accompanied by Dr. Vicki Carter. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation for the support the Alpine School District has received from Pleasant Grove City over the years and made particular mention of a recent project at Pleasant Grove High School.

Mr. Smith reviewed the district's annual highlights. He noted that Alpine School District is comprised of 86 schools, 14 municipalities, and 75,500 students, which has grown from 4,900 students over the span of 100 years. This last year Alpine School District opened two new schools; a high school in Lehi and an elementary school in Saratoga Springs. Mr. Smith noted that normally it takes one year to build an elementary school but they built the new elementary school in 6 ½ months.

Mr. Smith explained that with such a large district it is important to divide it into smaller organizations or clusters, which are then managed by board members and staff. Clusters meet with teachers, principals, and Community Council Members as a way of obtaining feedback. It also creates an opportunity to brainstorm ideas on how the district can better serve different areas. Mr. Smith noted that Dr. Carter is formerly the principal of Central Elementary, which has implemented strategies that are recognized nationally.

Alpine School District's graduation rate in 2015 was 92.3%. Mr. Smith explained that there are a certain percentage of students who will not be able to meet graduation requirements. In some of these instances, as is the case with his daughter, the requirements cannot be met due to certain special needs. Therefore, a 100% graduation rate can never be fully achieved. As of this year, current results point to a graduation rate of 93%. The count goes until September 30th. The district is still working with a handful of students through the graduation process. Mr. Smith stated that graduation success is a major goal set forth by the Superintendent.

Mr. Smith mentioned that Greenwood Elementary and Central Elementary were both recognized by the State of Utah as reward schools, which is one of the top honors any school can receive. Central Elementary was also recognized as a Blue Ribbon School on the National level. The Teacher of the Year award was awarded to Melody Apezteguia from American Fork High School, within Alpine School District. The Principal of the Year recipient was also in the Alpine School District; Principal Rhonda Bromley from Lone Peak High School. Mr. Smith noted that the graduating class of 2016 earned \$40 million in scholarships. The previous year's graduates received \$26 million in college scholarship funds. Three of the 14 Sterling Scholars in the State of Utah were also from the Alpine School District as well as seven of the 28 runners up. Alpine

School District was home to 14 State Championships this year as well as numerous other notable extracurricular activities.

Mr. Smith presented four years of a 10-year plan and noted that they are projecting growth of 5,000 students over the next four years, including charter schools. The Alpine School District met with Saratoga Springs City and they indicated that these numbers seem understated. The growth in the area is rapid due to new development that is taking place. Mr. Smith stated that Alpine School District seeks to serve those people. He commented that great things happen when municipalities and schools work together.

Mr. Smith discussed the proposed bond and explained that it is broken out into four different phases consisting of new growth, safety and security, reconstruction projects, and technology. With regard to technology, Mr. Smith explained that their goal is to use devices to leverage student outcomes. Teachers within the district have given professional development opportunities on how to implement technology properly. He explained that the district implemented focus groups, surveyed over 1300 registered voters, and distributed surveys to all of the parents in the district. Of the surveys that were distributed, 8,000 responses were received. Mr. Smith stated that the feedback has been helpful to the district as they have developed proposals to accommodate growth. He noted that they have future plans to construct a new high school, a couple of middle schools, and six elementary schools. The construction process will include the acquisition of property.

Mr. Smith discussed various reconstruction projects and presented photos of Lehi High School. He noted that they have one more phase left to do on Pleasant Grove High School, which will occur in Years 5 or 6 of the 10-year plan. Alpine School District conducted a seismic study on all schools in 2006 in response to concerns about possible earthquakes along the Wasatch Front. District facilities often double as emergency shelters for the community and, therefore, they have developed reconstruction plans for some of the older buildings to maintain the highest level of safety. Mr. Smith noted that Central Elementary is 62 years old, which is just a few years younger than the oldest school which was built in 1948.

With regard to safety, Mr. Smith thanked law enforcement for their participation during interagency meetings. He explained that from the district's perspective, the meetings are very valuable. He discussed different technology that is being implemented in order to increase safety and security throughout the district. Specifically, he mentioned access at Grovecrest Elementary. In touching on the fourth improvement phase – Technology – Mr. Smith stated that infrastructure is being expanded to include video streaming and online testing capabilities.

Mr. Smith stated that Alpine School District has a AAA rating in three out of four categories and is the first agency outside of Salt Lake County to obtain this rating. This was a goal set many years ago, and they are hoping to achieve this rating in all four categories in the near future.

Mr. Smith presented the district's debt service structure and explained that bonds, or mortgages on new structures, are issued with the community's approval for a period of typically 15 to 17 years. The district prefers to issue debt over short periods of time so that there is less interest expense. Furthermore, they seek to create opportunities for layering in new mortgages without raising tax rates, so as to be more fiscally responsible to the community. The district's AAA rating helps

greatly in terms of financing costs, as does the rapid growth and increased property values. They do not anticipate tax increases in the future and are hopeful that the Utah Taxpayers Association will endorse the forthcoming bond. Mr. Smith concluded by stating that he wants to continue to engage with the Council on a regular basis and hopes to present updates twice a year. He reiterated that much can be accomplished when the district and municipalities work together.

Council Member Andersen expressed interest in knowing more about the goings on at Central Elementary. Mr. Smith reported that Alpine School District purchased ground where the old church was once located in preparation for the Christa McAuliffe Space Center addition. He also explained that Central Elementary was built in the 1950s. After seismic review it was determined that the facility needs to be rebuilt. He stated that the classrooms that were added on north side about eight years earlier were constructed in preparation for the eventual rebuild. Therefore, those rooms and that investment will remain and will help reduce disruption to school activities while the rebuild takes place on the rest of the building.

Council Member LeMone asked if there was any news for Valley View Elementary. Mr. Smith answered in the affirmative and noted that those updates will take place toward the end of the 10-year plan. In response to a question from Mayor Daniels, Mr. Smith explained that Grovecrest Elementary will be ready for the new school year next fall. The fields will be built thereafter. Mr. Smith briefly discussed budgetary details.

Council Member Stanley inquired about the financial impact to the average homeowner. Mr. Smith explained that the average value in the community has increased from last bond. The actual tax rate will be less than what it is currently, which is also a direct result of the district's AAA rating. The Alpine School District has been getting rates of around 2%, which helps keep costs at bay.

6) **Discussion on Redefining the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Position.**

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, explained that former Economic Development Specialist, James Dixon, was recently hired by GOED full-time and was on staff part-time with the City. Staff determined that it is time to revisit how the City participates with the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce and whether they should continue to contribute through personnel and/or cash resources. Staff discussed other possible responsibilities that could be included with the position as well as adequate funding. Administrator Darrington mentioned that when he started with the City in 2010, there was a Business Alliance Group that focused on economic development in the City and in neighboring areas. When the City hired David Larson as the Assistant to the City Administrator a few years ago, he was tasked with growing the City's Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Larson was hired full-time and he has significantly increased the Chamber's influence and activities. Mr. Larson's responsibilities were then modified, at which point Mr. Dixon was hired to spearhead the Chamber's efforts.

Administrator Darrington explained that one of the challenges of hiring someone part-time is getting them to stay long term. When Mr. Dixon was hired, it was clear that he wanted a full-time position and he hoped the position would turn into full-time work. At the time, staff communicated

to him that those chances were slim. In the meantime, Mr. Dixon kept job hunting. The City now has a couple of options to consider. They can either fill the position and have that person spend the majority of time running the Chamber or the City can cut a check to the Chamber for them to hire their own Director. Administrator Darrington mentioned that Lindon City has also expressed interest in being a part of the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Administrator Darrington expressed his preference of participating financially with the Chamber rather than committing personnel resources. He explained that there is value in using the Chamber to retain local businesses and grow the City's economic base. In response to a question from Mayor Daniels, Administrator Darrington explained that business retention is a critical part of economic development and was a major focus of Mr. Dixon's position. As such, he applied for economic development grants through EDCUtah. He has also spearheaded efforts for different events, such as the upcoming Economic Development Summit. However, when it comes to large ticket items such as working with large developers in the community or handling tax incentive requests, Administrator Darrington explained that he and Mr. Randy Sant, a consultant to the City, take over. If the City opts to contribute to the Chamber financially, they would still need to fund some sort of position at least part-time, in order to help with business retention efforts, grant writing, and event planning.

Administrator Darrington explained that the scope of the position could possibly be expanded to increase the City's social media presence online. There is currently someone who dedicates four to five hours a week to these efforts, which involves posting articles to the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts. This person, however, is not necessarily interfacing with the public in terms of the City's activities. Administrator Darrington recommended that a social media representative attend Council and Executive Staff meetings so that they can assume the role of answering the public's questions as they arise via social media.

The scope of the position could also be expanded to include marketing efforts. Administrator Darrington stated that the City is missing out on opportunities when events are not sufficiently marketed to the public. Pleasant Grove has placed a heavy burden on local business owners and volunteers to not only develop ideas for community events but to carry them out as well. Many cities have a staff member that assists with the marketing efforts of community events. He suggested that the new position include this role. Furthermore, he stated that having someone on staff with professional grant writing skills would be of great benefit to the City.

Council Member LeMone was supportive of Administrator Darrington's suggestion of contributing to the Chamber financially so that they can hire their own independent Director. She stated that the City has other needs that should be prioritized when revising the scope of the position formerly held by Mr. Dixon. She stressed the importance of effective marketing and public relations efforts and stated that the City is too large to rely solely on volunteers. She stated that now is the time for the City to invest in hiring staff that can assist with community events which not only draw local citizens, but those from neighboring communities as well. While this doesn't mean that this staff member could not head up volunteers to help with individual events, it just means they would be in charge of working out the logistics related to event planning. Council Member LeMone stated that communication is important and translates into transparency.

She was of the opinion that the City needs to devote more resources to the City's online social media presence.

Council Member Stanley stated that philosophically, he did not believe the Council needs to act as the activity committee for community events. He felt that their highest priority should be pursuing economic development in order to grow the City's revenue base and to lighten the financial burden on residents. He was in favor of hiring someone new to fill Mr. Dixon's former position. He commented that Mr. Dixon did tremendous work for the City. He also expressed that the City's current social media representative has done a good job of representing the City in the online community.

Council Member Andersen felt that economic development and the City's role in supporting the Chamber of Commerce are two separate discussions. As a member of several networking groups, she stated that the purpose of the Chamber is to create an environment where people can network and conduct business. Council Member Andersen explained that people do business with those they know, like, and trust and stated that the Chamber is a blessing to the City's sales tax revenue. She also supported the idea of partnering with the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce by way of financial contributions so that they can hire their own Director. In addition, Council Member Andersen expressed support for hiring someone on City staff with professional grant writing abilities since grant writing can be a huge responsibility.

Council Member Jensen agreed with Council Member Andersen's remarks and was also in favor of allowing the Chamber to hire their own Director. He noted that he had sent suggestions to Administrator Darrington regarding ideas on how to expand the scope of the position formerly held by Mr. Dixon. He suggested that the position be renamed the Communications & Marketing Outreach Coordinator. He echoed Council Member Andersen's remarks about the Chamber being a valuable resource for business-to-business networking and how the Chamber's efforts benefit overall economic growth within the City. Last, Council Member Jensen stated that the City needs greater efforts to be made in the areas of marketing and branding.

Council Member Walker agreed with the comments made by Council Members LeMone, Andersen, and Jensen and felt that the best way to support the Chamber would be through financial contributions.

Steve Patten, from the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce and Central Bank, stated that the Chamber's preference also is to receive money from the City, thereby enabling them to hire their own Director. They have had developers express interest in keeping conversations with the Chamber and City separate; thus, independent representation for the Chamber would help meet this request. The biggest issue the Chamber could foresee was whether they would be able to offer the right amount of money for the right job candidate. Mr. Patten explained that other chambers of commerce that operate successfully offer their directors both a decent starting wage as well as commission. Mr. Patten remarked that the Chamber wishes to stay in line with the direction the City would like to take. If they join forces with Lindon City they will also seek to have a united vision.

Jake Hoyt reported that he is a representative of Rocky Mountain Bank, a Pleasant Grove business, and they have been members of the Chamber for about six years. As a banker, he loves participating with the Chamber because it has served as a catalyst in connecting his business to various contracts. He felt that the Chamber had provided him with connections and has fostered community pride. Mr. Hoyt recognized Mr. Larson for what he has done for the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce and stated that last week at the Tri-Chamber Event, there was standing room only at Stone Gate. He stressed that the Chamber has been a great force for good in the community and the Board is full of great community business leaders. Mr. Hoyt stated that as a Lindon City Council Member, he is desperate to get their City involved with the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce because he sees the benefits it provides on a regular basis. He added his remarks to those already made about the Chamber's preference to hire their own Director. He noted that this is similar to how other chambers operate.

Mayor Daniels asked how much the City could realistically contribute to the Chamber. Administrator Darrington explained that Mr. Dixon was paid \$20,000 annually and a large majority of his work was focused on the Chamber's efforts. Therefore, if 90% of his work was chamber related, they could reasonably estimate that the City was formerly contributing around \$18,000 per year to the Chamber. When discussing how much to contribute moving forward, the decision will ultimately come down to a policy discussion. Furthermore, as a City they need to decide how to redevelop Mr. Dixon's former position to include some of the other duties that have been discussed. Administrator Darrington explained that per discussion with Finance Director, Denise Roy, there is approximately \$10,000 of ongoing money in the budget that could either go toward a new position within the City and/or be included in the City's annual financial contribution to the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Daniels asked Mr. Patten how much he foresees the Chamber's business members contributing to the Director position. Mr. Patten explained that their current budget is tight, with only \$2,000 to \$3,000 remaining at the end of each year. This, however, does not account for any additional revenue that would result from Lindon joining forces with the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce. They have considered raising membership dues but have not yet determined whether this would be in the best interest of the community. If so, they would consider implementing a tiered payment system based on the size of the participating business or corporation.

In response to a question from Council Member Stanley, Mr. Patten noted that the Chamber prefers that their Director be hired on full-time. Council Member Jensen asked if Lindon City has indicated any specific dollar amount that they would be willing to contribute. Mr. Hoyt answered in the negative.

Council Member Andersen suggested that the City consider supporting the Chamber in phases. They could start by bolstering the position with a significant financial contribution and over time phase out while the Chamber becomes more independent as an entity. Mayor Daniels asked Messrs. Patten and Hoyt if they feel that the Chamber is far enough along with its own organizational structure that the Board could raise the position to a full-time, long-term commitment. Mr. Patten answered in the affirmative. Mr. Larson expressed appreciation for the comments made about the Chamber's growth and added that he believes the Chamber is at the

point that they are ready to hire their own full-time Director. He stated that the Chamber has been limited because the position has only been part-time up to this point.

Council Member Andersen spoke about the value of existing businesses that have already proven to be successful and explained that all businesses are important to the City's tax base. Mayor Daniels stated that the Council's direction is clear and advised staff to develop a better defined structure on how to move forward in supporting the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce. There was further deliberation on how to expand the scope of Mr. Dixon's former position. Administrator Darrington stated that staff would have a formal proposal ready for the Council by September.

7) **Discussion on Public Works Inspections.**

Public Works Director, Marty Beaumont, explained that there is value to having a full-time Engineering Inspector on a project at all times while work is taking place within the City. It is critical that all construction be of the highest quality. Director Beaumont expressed concern with the fact that currently the City's Inspector only works part-time. He stated that contractors are able to anticipate when no one from the City will be around to check their work.

Director Beaumont stressed that there is significant value being lost by not having a full-time Engineering Inspector. He explained that the three most valuable areas in the City, and where deficiencies exist, are construction observation, testing, and mapping. He explained that infrastructure is expensive and if it is not constructed properly, it could cause major problems for the City in the future. Furthermore, the City only has a one-year warranty on the work that is done regardless of whether it is done by contractors or crew on staff with the City. Director Beaumont stated that while there are great contractors in the area who do good work, projects are busy. Contractors are trying to keep to a schedule and move on to the next project. As a result, they are not always focused. Furthermore, he explained that having efficient mapping between the contractor and the City can save significant amounts of time by eliminating miscommunications on where certain infrastructure should be built.

Director Beaumont explained that hiring a full-time Engineering Inspector comes down to a policy decision and who should pay for the services. He noted that there is \$8 million worth of projects coming up this year. A lot of money has already been spent for inspection services, which they receive through a consultant. Director Beaumont was of the opinion that inspection services should be paid for by the developer and not out of the City's General Fund.

Director Beaumont explained that Engineering Inspectors are paid at a rate of \$20 to \$25 per hour. The total cost of bringing on someone full-time would be around \$80,000, once benefits and equipment are taken into consideration. He presented a chart that detailed all of the expenses more thoroughly.

Mayor Daniels asked how long will it take for the change to pay for itself and was of the opinion that it is a small investment that will pay for itself in as little as six months. Director Beaumont presented a list of different projects and their respective budgets. He noted that if they hired a full-time Inspector instead of paying a consultant, the City could save around 2%. At that point,

approximately \$120,000 would be made available for the Engineering Inspector position, for City projects only. Director Beaumont presented a list of 12 cities that have implemented a certain percentage of their bonds, which are specifically allocated for inspection services. He stated that it would be best for Pleasant Grove City to implement a similar change sooner rather than later.

Next, Director Beaumont presented a list of all of the bonds the City received last year. He explained that depending on the amount of the bond, \$70,000 to \$110,000 would be made available from the development for inspection services. In an effort to be fair to the developer, his proposal was to have the Inspector track his time while they are on individual projects. The City can then bill according to the time spent. If there is money left over after the conclusion of the project, the money would be returned to the developer. Director Beaumont noted that some cities have a flat fee to cover this service.

Mayor Daniels stated that the real benefit to hiring a full-time Inspector is that any infrastructure that is constructed will be done at a higher quality and with fewer problems. Furthermore, overall it would be less expensive for the City. He asked staff what they need to do as a Council in order to move forward in making this change. Administrator Darrington explained that the City needs to first change the fee structure and then subsequently make changes to City Ordinance.

Director Beaumont added as a side note that currently contractors provide the City with testing results for all compaction testing. It would, however, be more beneficial if the City also had on-call geotechnical engineer who would conduct tests when concerns arise. Therefore, the City can do a side-by-side comparison of the results from both tests, which would be valuable in the event of a dispute.

Staff and the elected officials discussed the next steps to be taken. Administrator Darrington concluded that the City could have a full-time Engineering Inspector hired by mid-October.

8) Discussion Regarding North Pointe Transfer Station.

Administrator Darrington provided an executive summary regarding a recent proposal made by the North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District (NPSWSSD). He explained that currently collection is done by Republic Services and waste is taken to the North Pointe Transfer Station. The NPSWSSD is made up of cities in North Utah County, with the largest cities being Orem, Lehi, and Pleasant Grove. Administrator Darrington explained that Council Member Walker has recently been appointed to serve on the board to represent Pleasant Grove. He noted that currently waste is transferred from North Pointe's station to Republic Service's landfill in Tooele and the current contract has 1½ years remaining.

The proposal being made is for NPSWSSD to buy an ownership in the Bayview Landfill in Eureka, which is currently owned by South Utah Valley Solid Waste District (SUVSWD), which serves as both the transfer station and landfill for the cities in the south end of the valley. Capital costs would be \$1.25 million to \$1.56 million depending on how many entities participate. North Pointe has one-time money from the sale of property to UDOT for the Vineyard Connector, which would be used for this expense.

Administrator Darrington explained that the question is whether there would be any cost savings to the City. He explained that the Bayview Landfill is 59 miles closer than the Republic Services Landfill; therefore, the City would save costs on the travel of the waste to the landfill. Furthermore, based on the consultants hired by North Pointe, the cost to dump into the landfill will be cheaper than the current contract with Republic Services. This number is also based on the number of transfer stations that will use the landfill. This group could consist of South Valley, North Pointe, Trans-Jordan, Wasatch Integrated, and Weber County. At this point, staff is only considering numbers that include South Valley and North Pointe. The estimated cost savings per ton would be \$2.00 to \$5.00 per ton. The actual dollar savings to Pleasant Grove City would be \$20,000 to \$50,000 per year, depending on how many other cities participate in the investment.

Administrator Darrington explained that although some municipalities own their own landfills, North Pointe currently doesn't own one. This would take something away from the private sector and require the public sector to provide the service. The private sector will still be involved in the curbside pick-up but they would not be part of the landfill. South Valley is currently looking for a company to manage its transfer station and Bayview Landfill, which would likely be picked up by the private sector.

Republic Services has countered that they will build their own transfer station in Pleasant Grove to compete against North Pointe. They have both the land and zoning to do this and it could potentially benefit the City in that they could bid their services with Republic Services when the City's contract with North Pointe expires in 2019. At that point, Republic Services would own all three parts of the process; pickup, transfer, and landfill. The transfer station would be a conditional use, meaning that they would be permitted to build a transfer station with a conditional use permit. Administrator Darrington noted that they applied for and received a conditional use permit for a transfer station four years ago; however, they ultimately decided not to build it at the time. That conditional use permit has since expired; therefore, they would have to go through the process of obtaining another one through the Planning Commission.

In response to a comment from Mayor Daniels, Administrator Darrington stated that they could have representatives from Republic Services address the Council to explain their side of the issue. He added that a few years ago, North Pointe wanted to lock every city in for 20 years and intended to go through a process that would have taken Republic Services out of the picture altogether. However, after negotiations, North Pointe ultimately backed down. Mayor Daniels remarked that because North Pointe is a public entity, it is competing with a private entity with unlimited funds. Administrator Darrington disagreed and explained that in order for North Pointe to raise rates they have to go through a public process.

Administrator Darrington provided a brief overview of the discussions that have been taking place at North Pointe. He noted that they only meet quarterly and a lot of their discussions on this matter have taken place in Executive Sessions. As such, cities aren't completely aware of what is going on and the initial transparency of North Pointe on this issue has been heavily criticized. Scrutiny among other cities was ongoing.

Council Member Jensen commented that this is a double edged sword in terms of rates and made reference to TSSD. He commented that competition in the private sector is beneficial to driving the lowest rates.

Council Member Stanley stated that he forwarded an email to Attorney Petersen and Administrator Darrington from the Utah Taxpayers Association, which detailed the grave concerns as raised by Senator Stephenson. In the email, Senator Stephenson detailed a \$5 million discrepancy, to which Council Member Stanley expressed concern. He was also concerned with the transparency issues that have been raised by other cities. He encouraged the Council to research all of the facts before Council Member Walker casts a vote on behalf of the City. After further deliberation, Administrator Darrington noted that the item is scheduled be voted on by North Pointe representatives on August 22.

9) Review and Discussion on the August 16, 2016 City Council Meeting Agenda.

The agenda items for the City Council Regular Meeting, to be held on the aforementioned date, were briefly reviewed. With regard to Item 10A, a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of several of the City's existing bonds, Administrator Darrington explained that the GO Bond to build the Recreation Center is at a point that the City can save a significant amount of money by refinancing. At the aforementioned meeting, advisors will present two ways to the Council that they can sell the bonds and subsequently make recommendations to the Council. The City's financial advisors will also present the savings to the City should they choose to authorize the action to refinance.

10) Neighborhood, Staff, Council and Mayor Business.

Community Development Director, Ken Young, announced that a General Plan Update and Visioning Workshop is scheduled for August 30. The meeting will be held at the Fox Hollow Golf Course at 6:00 p.m. The Planning Commission and Department Directors will be in attendance and will participate in exercises and discussions to develop visions that will help them create the goals for the General Plan. He encouraged the Mayor and Council to attend.

Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch, reported that the Library will hold a "1,000 Books" celebration on August 24th. She explained that the Library has a program called "1,000 Books before Kindergarten"; each time children of that age finish 100 books they come in and win a prize. When they reach the goal of 1,000 books, they get to come to a celebration party. Director Britsch reported that Molina Healthcare has donated money for the prizes. The Library has been doing this program for one year and several hundred children are currently participating.

Administrator Darrington clarified the meeting schedule for months with five weeks. He also reported that the Finance Academy starts the following day. Currently, there are seven participants enrolled and they will accept up to 10 registrants.

Parks and Recreation Director, Deon Giles, reported that the Recreation Center will be closed for the rest of the week for annual cleaning. Fire Chief, Dave Thomas, reported that the following day is the promotional exam to fill the Deputy Chief position, which was vacated a few months

earlier. There have been seven applicants from within the department and some are hoping to catch the trickle down positions. Chief Thomas stated that they will conduct one test for all of the applicants. Chief Thomas also reported that the Fire Department just received a Federal Resource Order for an ambulance and two paramedics for the Dry Creek fire that is currently underway. The fire is located six miles outside of Stanley, Idaho, and the department will have personnel there for 16 days. Police Chief, Mike Smith, reported that a Public Relations event is scheduled for the following day at Firehouse Subs for a recent grant the PDPG received. Director Beaumont concluded the staff reports by providing brief updates on projects taking place around the City.

Council Member Andersen reported that she recently met with the Strawberry Days and Rodeo Committees and was pleased to report that they are in the process of better defining their bylaws to create better transparency. Staff and the Council then briefly discussed the responsibility of the sewer dump at the rodeo grounds. Council Member LeMone expressed appreciation for last night's gathering with the City Employees and relayed a suggestion that was made to have the Council serve City Employees next year. Mayor Daniels announced that he will be out of town on August 23rd.

11) Adjourn.

ACTION: Council Member Stanley moved to adjourn. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The minutes of the August 9, 2016 City Council meeting were approved by the Council on September 6, 2016.

Kathy T. Kresser, City Recorder

(Exhibits are in the City Council Minutes binders in the Recorder's office.)