

**Pleasant Grove City  
City Council Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday December 18, 2014  
12:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Michael W. Daniels

Council Members:

Dianna Andersen  
Cindy Boyd  
Cyd LeMone  
Ben Stanley  
Jay Meacham

Staff Present:

Scott Darrington, City Administrator  
Tina Petersen, City Attorney  
Dean Lundell, Finance Director  
Marc Sanderson, Fire Chief  
Mike Smith, Police Chief  
Dave Thomas, Deputy Fire Chief  
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder  
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director  
Employees from the Fire, Police and Library Departments

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

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1) **CALL TO ORDER.**

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

**BUSINESS:**

- A. To consider for approval the appointment of the new Fire Chief. Appointment to take affect January 1, 2015.

Mayor Daniels noted that if there are qualified people within the organization to take the reins of a position then you don't put people through an artificial process opening the position up and doing a nationwide search and waste time and money to invite people in only to turn around and do what you thought you should have done to begin with. In speaking with the Council we decided to look within the organization to see if we have candidates that have the qualifications, the experience and the vision that we are looking for to be able to take the reins and move the City forward. The Council met together and did evaluations on some individuals within the fire department and found

very qualified people that have many years of experience, maturity, the qualifications, the certifications, the personality and the talents that we are looking for to help take us forward in our Fire/EMS services.

Looking back Mayor Daniels commented that it has almost been to the day in 2006 when he was Mayor first time around that he appointed Marc Sanderson as our Fire Chief. He said that he couldn't think of a better person to have led this City through the challenges that we have been through since that time that he took command. He then thanked Chief Sanderson for his service and for what he has brought to the City and noted that Chief Sanderson will be missed.

At this time Mayor Daniels presented to the Council his recommendation that Dave Thomas be appointed to the position of Fire Chief to the Pleasant Grove City Fire Department. He then called for a motion on the appointment.

**ACTION:** Council Member LeMone moved to appoint Dave Thomas as the new Fire Chief. Council Member Boyd seconded.

Attorney Petersen interjected that the appointment needs to be effective January 1, 2015.

**ACTION:** Council Member LeMone amended her motion to include the appointment date will be effective January 1, 2015. Council Member Boyd seconded the amendment. The motion passed unanimously with the consent of the Council.

Mayor Daniels then asked Chief Thomas to present his wife. Chief Thomas presented to the Council his wife Naomi Thomas.

Next the Mayor asked Chief Thomas if he wanted to say anything. Chief Thomas commented that a few days ago as he was coming off of the freeway on his way to work he noticed a line of traffic coming into the City and an even longer line of traffic leaving the City. As he looked around thought came to him that he knows something that he didn't think anyone else knows. Then he thought those people getting ready for work or getting the children off to school haven't given it any thought that harm awaits. That business person that forgot to turn the heater off and has been running all night and is now over heated and throwing sparks potentially causing a fire all those potential events are out there and he thought that he is the only one that knows that.

He then thought no there are 6 men in a little old building in the middle of town checking every piece of equipment, counting bandages, checking dates of drugs, pulling dip sticks on trucks to make sure everything is ready to go because they know that potential exists. That is why when we go on a call we take everything we need and we have everything we need between the ambulance and the trucks so that we can meet a level of service for those people.

Chief Thomas then pledged to the Council that he will continue the legacy that Chief Sanderson has begun. He thanked Chief Sanderson for his exceptional leadership; he also thanked the Mayor and Council for their faith and trust in him. He then thanked his wife for her support as he accepts the position of Fire Chief.

Mayor Daniels then called for a motion to adjourn.

2) **ADJOURN.**

**ACTION:** At 12:14 p.m. Council Member Meacham moved to adjourn. Council Member Andersen seconded and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:14 p.m.

Note: A small reception was held after the meeting.

Approved by the City Council on January 6, 2015

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Kathy T. Kresser, CMC, City Recorder

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