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**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Michael W. Daniels

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Cindy Boyd
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Ben Stanley

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
David Larson, Assistant to the City Administrator
Dean Lundell, Finance Director
Mike Smith, Police Chief
Dave Thomas, Fire Chief
Ken Young, Community Development Director
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Greg Woodcox, Water Superintendent
Degen Lewis, City Engineer
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director

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 all Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Boyd who arrived late.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jensen.

3) **OPENING REMARKS**

The opening remarks were given by City Administrator, Scott Darrington.

1 **4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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3 Administrator Darrington suggested moving Item 10A to after Item 8A. Mayor Daniels added
4 Item 8B to allow several local groups the opportunity to present themselves and be recognized.
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6 **ACTION:** Council Member Stanley moved to approve the agenda with the aforementioned
7 changes. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous
8 consent of the Council.
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10 **5) OPEN SESSION**

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12 Mayor Daniels opened the open session.
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14 Jennifer Baptista gave her address as 32 North 1500 East. She addressed the Bus Rapid Transit
15 (BRT) Referendum for the County and stated that the sponsors were granted permission to
16 collect signatures on the sidewalk outside of the Fireman's Breakfast. Ms. Baptista stated that
17 she was informed by various other individuals who were collecting signatures that they were
18 harassed and bullied by some of the police officers patrolling the event. Furthermore, she
19 mentioned that a gentleman - Bob Webster - was collecting signatures in another permissible
20 area, where he was approached by five police officers. Ms. Baptista asked if there is an issue
21 with the sponsors collecting signatures in Pleasant Grove and if there is any bias occurring in the
22 City.
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24 City Attorney, Tina Petersen, explained that sidewalks are traditionally public forums. Citizens
25 are allowed to demonstrate on the sidewalk, hold signs, collect petition signatures, etc.
26 However, blocking rights-of-way or harassing other citizens is not permitted. Attorney Petersen
27 stated that she was not at the Fireman's Breakfast and does not know what occurred. She
28 mentioned that she received a phone call from an officer who indicated that the referendum
29 sponsors were not on the sidewalk and were on public property, which is not allowed.
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31 With regard to Mr. Webster, who was collecting signatures at Ace Hardware, Attorney Petersen
32 does not know whether they are located on private or public property. Furthermore, in response
33 to another remark that was made by Ms. Baptista, Attorney Petersen explained that UTA will be
34 renting out a conference room in one of the City's buildings for one of their meetings. They were
35 required to go through the same procedure as any other group for reserving that space.
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37 Ms. Baptista asked if there is a reason why the local law enforcement is responding to a petition
38 complaint. Police Chief, Mike Smith, explained that most officers are not informed of the nature
39 of the complaint. Chief Smith stated that he looked into this complaint and noted that according
40 to Mr. Webster, the officers who approached him were very professional. Additionally, two of
41 the officers who approached him were accompanied by officers in training. While the fifth
42 officer approached Mr. Webster, he ultimately did not stop because he saw that there were
43 already other officers speaking with Mr. Webster at the time.
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45 Chief Smith explained that in looking at the statistics of national issues, most problems arise
46 when there aren't enough officers on the scene. From his perspective, the officers treated Mr.
47 Webster with dignity, and once they understood the nature of his business at Ace Hardware, they
48 moved on and cleared the call.

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2 Mayor Daniels noted that he also received an email from Mr. Webster and summarized the
3 points made by Ms. Baptista. Attorney Petersen emphasized that gathering signatures for a
4 petition can't be done using public property or resources. Public property is not permitted to be
5 used to influence a ballot proposition for either side of the debate. The aforementioned UTA
6 meeting is strictly informational.
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8 *Note: Council Member Boyd joined the meeting at approximately 6:12 p.m.*
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10 In response to a question from Council Member LeMone, Fire Chief, Dave Thomas, recalled that
11 the referendum sponsors set up a canopy near the entrance to the Fireman's Breakfast. Some
12 officers explained to them that they needed to be set up on a public right-of-way, rather than in
13 front of the office. Chief Smith indicated that he would like residents to direct specific
14 complaints to him. He felt as if his officers were placed in a no-win situation and stated that they
15 are impartial to political issues when responding to calls.
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17 Mayor Daniels concluded that collecting signatures and/or distributing information is a first
18 amendment right as long as these activities take place on sidewalks. Furthermore, the activities
19 cannot block traffic, and canopies, tables, or chairs cannot be set up in a way that blocks the
20 right-of-way.
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22 Blaine Thatcher gave his address as 120 North 1400 East and asked about the awarding process,
23 particularly the contract mentioned in Item 9A. Mr. Thatcher recalled that in the past, contracts
24 have been awarded to the lowest bidder if they are deemed qualified. He was of the opinion that
25 all four of the firms that were interviewed were qualified.
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27 Mayor Daniels explained that staff and the Council prepared an RFP and there were multiple
28 responses. Therefore, the Council asked staff to help narrow the decision down to four potential
29 engineering firms. They were required to do a walk-through of the four buildings and were able
30 to ask questions. Subsequently, four firms were selected to present to the Council and be
31 interviewed publicly. After the interviewing process, the Council then made its selection.
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33 Attorney Petersen added that State Statute provides an exception for professional services and
34 the City is not required to hire the lowest bidder. However, for contracting and building fees,
35 cities are required to take the lowest responsible bidder. Quality is ensured by the way in which
36 the bid is described.
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38 Mr. Thatcher noted that the Council did not select the lowest bid out of the four finalists, which
39 were interviewed earlier. Mayor Daniels recalled some of the discussion that took place after
40 each of the firms presented to the Council. The Council was concerned with one particular firm
41 that presented a significantly shorter projected timeline than the other candidates. Furthermore,
42 there were concerns with regard to the highest bidder. The Council deemed it best to go with
43 one of the firms that submitted a mid-range bid.
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45 Don Paas, who resides at 1616 North 210 East, asked questions about the process by which a
46 structural engineering firm was selected.
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1 Attorney Petersen explained that there were four total firms that met the qualifications. There
2 was one low bid, two mid-range bids, and one bid that was much higher. After reviewing the
3 presentations, the Council identified one or two out of the four firms they felt would do a better
4 job of fulfilling the requirements posted in the RFP. The lowest bidder had gaps in their
5 presentation, which concerned the Council. On the other hand, the other firms presented more
6 closely along the lines of what the Council was seeking for the project. Mayor Daniels
7 reaffirmed Attorney Petersen's remarks and Council Member LeMone added that the Council
8 was given packets in advance that contained company profiles and resumes detailing their prior
9 experience.

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11 Molly Andrew gave her address as 1107 Nathaniel Drive and stated that indicated that she is a
12 housewife and mother of four. She was able to verify information by contacting various officials
13 on a number of issues. At this point, she had not made up her mind on the BRT; however, she
14 urged those present to contact the appropriate personnel, as they are more than willing to address
15 the public's questions and concerns.

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17 Donna Jolley, who resides at 1380 East 150 North, inquired about information presented on
18 roads at the previous week's meeting. Administrator Darrington explained that the City needs \$4
19 million per year over 20 years to eventually resolve all of the issues related to Pleasant Grove's
20 road system. Ms. Jolley recalled that Mayor Haynie's plan was to fix two roads per year and was
21 under the impression that this plan is no longer in place. She asked staff to explain where they
22 plan to obtain the needed \$4 million per year.

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24 Administrator Darrington explained that with current Class C Road monies, contributions from
25 the General Fund, and the potential sales tax increase, the City would have \$1.7 million available
26 each year for roads, which is \$2.3 million short of what is needed. He noted that Public Works is
27 preparing a cost estimate to repair the road in front of Ms. Jolley's house. Additional details
28 relative to the City's road funds were reviewed. Administrator Darrington mentioned a 2008
29 Road Bond that is still being paid for by the City. Ms. Jolley expressed concerns with whether
30 the City's roads are being appropriately prioritized.

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32 There were no further public comments. Mayor Daniels closed the open session.

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34 **6) CONSENT ITEMS**

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36 a) **City Council Meeting Minutes:**
37 **City Council Minutes for the April 28, 2015 meeting.**
38 b) **To consider approval of paid vouchers for May 23, 2015.**
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40 **ACTION:** Council Member LeMone moved to approve the consent items. Council Member
41 Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.

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43 **7) BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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45 There were no Board, Commission, or Committee appointments.
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1 **8) PRESENTATIONS**

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3 **A) PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES OF LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. *Presenter:***
4 ***Administrator Darrington.***
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6 Administrator Darrington explained that the Leadership Academy is an educational program
7 designed for City staff, particularly those who are in supervisory roles. The academy is
8 comprised of 12 employees who meet once a week for about two months. The program
9 curriculum consists of reading a book called *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*, by
10 Alfred Lansing, which details a voyage to Antarctica in which the group faced extraordinary
11 circumstances. The captain of the ship used incredible tactics to keep everyone alive and
12 ultimately survive. The book is a great tool for studying leadership traits and how to best apply
13 them within various departments. Administrator Darrington presented the graduates of the latest
14 Leadership Academy Training program.
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16 Randy Johnson, from the Parks Department, shared insights on his experience throughout the
17 training, and provided a brief synopsis of the book. After reading it, the group met and listed
18 various key points they learned from the story. Mr. Johnson was able to extract several
19 important principles in the areas of hiring, trust, respect, focused goals, persistence, community
20 team-building, staying out of drama, taking responsibility, delegating, hope, faith, optimism,
21 courage, knowledge, training, humility, and self-confidence. Each academy participant was
22 given the opportunity to share their own personal experiences and glean from the insights of their
23 colleagues. Mr. Johnson remarked that the Leadership Academy was a valuable educational
24 experience.
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26 **B) INTRODUCTION OF VARIOUS LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS.**
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28 Council Member LeMone showed a brief video of the Pleasant Grove Vikings. Council Member
29 Jensen noted that several coaches, assistant coaches, faculty, etc., representing Pleasant Grove
30 High School were present.
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32 A student provided a brief overview as presented in a recent newspaper article detailing the
33 many achievements of Pleasant Grove High School. Volleyball Coach Alicia Jones then
34 introduced each of her team members. Coach Jones stated that her team took State and Region
35 this year and noted that they are back-to-back region champs and three time State Champions.
36 She expressed pride in her team and commented that they worked very hard this year.
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38 Coach Henry, Baseball Team Head Coach, was thrilled to be working in Pleasant Grove with
39 such a good group of boys. He explained that he approached Council Member Andersen this
40 year with a vision of having an indoor facility where his team could practice throughout the
41 winter. The Council helped provide this for the team, which put them at an advantage when the
42 season started. Last year, his team took second at Region, and this year they took Region and
43 State. Currently, Pleasant Grove's Baseball Team is ranked 7th in the Nation, which was
44 announced in *USA Today*. Coach Henry then introduced the other coaches. He expressed
45 appreciation for the community support and noted that fans pack the stadium at every game.
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47 Randy Hicken announced that this year the baseball team dedicated their season to Sarah Hicken,
48 who is fighting cancer. Their jerseys pay tribute to Miss Hicken by displaying the words "Sarah

1 Hicken Strong". Coach Hicken explained that when he came to the program, they had to work
2 their way up from the bottom. There were several issues with the team, and Coach Henry has
3 done a great job at uniting everyone throughout the past several years. He thanked Coach Henry
4 for all of the work and effort that he has put into the team. Coach Hicken concluded by stating
5 that he is proud to be part of Pleasant Grove. Miss Sarah Hicken was present at the meeting and
6 was recognized by those who were in attendance.
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8 Council Member Jensen commented that he has seen tremendous unity in the community
9 through Pleasant Grove High School and all that they have accomplished. The ways Miss
10 Hicken's peers have encouraged and supported her through her cancer has spoken volumes as to
11 the character of the programs in Pleasant Grove. He thanked all of the coaches and leaders for
12 the hard work and effort they put into creating rich youth programs. Council Member LeMone
13 and Council Member Stanley echoed Council Member Jensen's remarks.
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15 **9) ACTION ITEMS READY FOR VOTE:**
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- 17 **A) TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION A RESOLUTION (2015-016) AUTHORIZING**
18 **THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH**
19 **BOWEN COLLINS AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING**
20 **STRUCTURAL AND LIFE SAFETY EVALUATION ON FOUR BUILDINGS**
21 **OWNED BY PLEASANT GROVE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN**
22 **EFFECTIVE DATE. *Presenter: Administrator Darrington.***
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24 Administrator Darrington explained that the agreement outlines the fee that the City would pay,
25 as well as the schedule. According to the proposal, the fee was set at around \$27,500. Staff
26 would like to keep to the six week schedule and will give Bowen Collins & Associates the
27 trigger date. Furthermore, staff would like to assemble the Public Safety Committee so that they
28 will be able to participate in the big kick-off meeting.
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30 Mayor Daniels reported that he conducted several interviews for the Public Safety Committee.
31 Once interviews are complete, nine names will be presented for consideration, as well as several
32 alternates. He hoped to have a trigger date of June 9, which is two weeks from now.
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34 Mayor Daniels explained that when this item was discussed two weeks ago, he was under the
35 impression that once the contract was executed, the engineers would immediately begin the
36 work. Furthermore, there was discussion about organizing the committee once the work is
37 completed. Mayor Daniels noted that since there will be strong personalities at the table, it will
38 be important to establish ground rules on how the committee will function. If the engineering
39 firm comes back and indicates that the City has a life-threatening problem with any one of the
40 buildings, the Council will need to take action independent of the Public Safety Committee.

41 Council Member Andersen added that if the committee has different criteria they would like to
42 have studied, this may alter the fee with Bowen Collins. Council Member Stanley supported an
43 earlier trigger date. Administrator Darrington explained that the kickoff meeting will be the time
44 the Council indicates to the engineering firm what they are anticipating from the study. If
45 another committee gets involved midway through the study and they want alternative criteria
46 analyzed, it could create more time and expense added to the study as a whole.
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1 **ACTION:** Council Member Jensen moved that the Council adopt a Resolution (2015-016)
2 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Professional Service Agreement with Bowen Collins &
3 Associates for the purpose of providing structural and life safety evaluation on four buildings
4 owned by Pleasant Grove City; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Andersen
5 seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with Council Members Stanley, LeMone, Jensen,
6 Boyd and Andersen voting "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.
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8 **B) TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CREEKSIDE AT ASPEN GROVE PLAT C,
9 VACATING A PORTION OF CREEKSIDE AT ASPEN PLAT A, LOCATED AT
10 APPROXIMATELY 440 WEST 3300 NORTH IN THE RR (RURAL
11 RESIDENTIAL) ZONE. (MANILA NEIGHBORHOOD) *Presenter: Director
12 Young.***
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14 Community Development Director, Ken Young, explained that this item has been ongoing for a
15 few years. Staff has been working with the Creekside in Aspen Grove development to readjust
16 their plat boundaries. They also decided to add another lot. Director Young presented an aerial
17 map of the subject property where the lot lines will be adjusted. The Planning Commission
18 approved the preliminary plat. Council Member Andersen asked if the neighboring property
19 owners are in favor of the change. Director Young answered affirmatively. He noted that staff
20 received a letter of support from the Homeowners' Association.
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22 **ACTION:** Council Member Stanley moved that the Council approve Creekside at Aspen Grove
23 Plat C, vacating a portion of Creekside at Aspen Plat A, located at approximately 440 West 3300
24 North in the RR (Rural Residential) Zone, and adopting the exhibits, conditions, and findings
25 contained in the staff report. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion
26 carried with the unanimous consent of the Council.
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28 **C) TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TWO LOT SUBDIVISION CALLED CASSIE
29 ESTATES PLAT A,) LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 700 NORTH 300 EAST
30 IN THE R1-8 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE. (MONKEY TOWN
31 NEIGHBORHOOD) *Presenter: Director Young.***
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33 Director Young explained that this is a simple two-lot subdivision. He presented an aerial map
34 of the subject property and noted that this item received approval from the Planning
35 Commission.
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37 **ACTION:** Council Member Stanley moved that the Council approve a two-lot subdivision
38 called Cassie Estates Plat A, located at approximately 700 North 300 East in the R1-8 (Single
39 Family Residential) Zone. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried
40 with the unanimous consent of the Council.
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42 **D) TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION AN ORDINANCE (2015-19) AMENDING
43 TITLE 1 CHAPTER 7 OF THE PLEASANT GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE TO
44 COMPLY WITH RECENT CHANGES IN THE ELECTION LAWS OF THE
45 STATE OF UTAH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Presenter:
46 Attorney Petersen.***

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2 Attorney Petersen explained that the proposed ordinance amendment makes two changes. First,
3 the qualifications, filing timeframe, and filing fees for elective office in the Campaign Financial
4 Disclosure section have since been created as their own section. Secondly, the other changes
5 have been mandated by a change in State law. In the Campaign Financial Disclosure section,
6 staff proposed adding definitions as they are found in State Code. One of the most significant
7 changes is that candidates can no longer accept anonymous donations over \$50. If a candidate
8 receives an anonymous donation, they are required by law to either turn the money over to the
9 City's General Fund, or another 501(c)(3) organization.

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11 **ACTION:** Council Member Stanley moved that the Council adopt an Ordinance (2015-19)
12 amending Title 1 Chapter 7 of the Pleasant Grove Municipal Code to comply with recent
13 changes in the election laws of the State of Utah; and provide for an effective date. Council
14 Member Jensen seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with Council Members Andersen,
15 Boyd, Jensen, LeMone and Stanley voting "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

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17 **E) TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION A RESOLUTION (2015-17) AUTHORIZING**
18 **THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN UTAH**
19 **COUNTY AND PLEASANT GROVE CITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF**
20 **THE 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. *Presenter: Attorney Petersen.***

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22 Attorney Petersen explained that this action is formalizing a decision that was made by the
23 Council during the retreat, in which they decided to contract with the County to manage the
24 upcoming municipal election in the fall. The Interlocal Agreement sets the amounts that will be
25 charged to City, and details the services which the County will be providing.

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27 Council Member Jensen referred to page four of the agreement, which states that the City will
28 pay Utah County up to \$7,200 for programming, etc. Attorney Petersen explained that these
29 services can't exceed that amount. Council Member Stanley recalled that at the retreat, it was
30 determined that signing an Interlocal Agreement with Utah County for these services would save
31 the City money.

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33 **ACTION:** Council Member Jensen moved that the Council adopt an Ordinance (2015-19)
34 amending Title 1 Chapter 7 of the Pleasant Grove Municipal Code to comply with recent
35 changes in the election laws of the State of Utah; and provide for an effective date. Council
36 Member Andersen seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with Council Members
37 Stanley, LeMone, Jensen, Boyd and Andersen voting "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.

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39 **F) TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION A RESOLUTION (2015-018) ACCEPTING**
40 **THE MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM SELF-**
41 **ASSESSMENT REPORT IN THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR; AND PROVIDING**
42 **FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *Presenter: Superintendent Woodcox.***

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44 Water Superintendent, Greg Woodcox, explained that this is an evaluation that takes place every
45 year, which helps with the City's insurance rating. Council Member Jensen commented that the
46 City scored a lot of zeros. Superintendent Woodcox noted that this is a good thing. Council
47 Member Stanley expressed appreciation for the effort that goes into this report every year.

1 **ACTION:** Council Member Jensen moved that the Council adopt a Resolution (2015-018)
2 accepting the Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Self-Assessment Report in the 2014
3 Calendar Year; and provide for an effective date. Council Member Andersen seconded the
4 motion. A voice vote was taken, with Council Members Stanley, LeMone, Jensen, Boyd and
5 Andersen voting "Aye". The motion passed unanimously.
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7 **G) TO CONSIDER AWARDING BOWEN CONSTRUCTION THE PIPE PLANT**
8 **RAILROAD TRACK DEMOLITION PROJECT LOCATED AT**
9 **APPROXIMATELY 400 WEST AND 800 NORTH. Presenter: Engineer Lewis.**

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11 City Engineer, Degen Lewis, explained that removing the railroad track is the first step in
12 clearing the pipe plant property. Staff contacted several railroad demolition firms when they
13 initially bid out the project, because some of the product could potentially be reused. However,
14 these firms determined that the amount of track was too small to warrant the effort. The three
15 that ended up bidding were salvage companies. Bowen Construction's bid was for \$61,726.50
16 including all of the track staff was able to identify on the property. The total amount of track
17 was estimated at 4,500 lineal feet remaining on the ground and an additional 470 feet that is
18 stacked elsewhere on the property.
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20 In response to a question raised by Council Member Jensen, it was confirmed that the company
21 will patch the section of Center Street where the railroad will be removed. The crossing itself
22 will be removed as well as all of the signaling. In response to a question from Council Member
23 Stanley, Engineer Lewis explained that Bowen Construction also bid in any salvage value.
24 Furthermore, they have been advised not to work during Strawberry Days.
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26 **ACTION:** Council Member Boyd moved that the Council award Bowen Construction the Pipe
27 Plant Railroad Track Demolition Project located at approximately 400 West and 800 North.
28 Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried with the unanimous
29 consent of the Council.
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31 **10) ACTION ITEMS WITH PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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33 a) **PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED**
34 **PLEASANT GROVE CITY FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET. THE**
35 **FINAL BUDGET INCLUDES THE FEE SCHEDULE AND THE**
36 **PLEASANT GROVE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET. (CITY**
37 **WIDE) A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Recorder's Office,**
38 **70 South 100 East, the Library, 30 East Center Street, and Community**
39 **Development, 86 East 100 South.**
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41 *Note: Item 10A was discussed after Item 8B.*
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43 Finance Director, Dean Lundell, provided additional information on the proposed budget. He
44 explained that the City's biggest revenues are sales and property taxes. He showed a chart of
45 how these numbers have varied in the past several years. While revenues were lower in 2008
46 and 2009, they have been gradually improving. Sales tax revenues in the State are distributed by
47 way of a formula. Half of the money is based on where the sale occurred. For example, if \$1.00
48 is spent in Pleasant Grove, \$.50 stays in Pleasant Grove. The other \$.50 is distributed based on

1 State wide need. In other words, much of the City's sales tax revenue is driven by the State wide
2 economy. Currently, the economy is healthy, and the forecast for 2016 is showing similar
3 trends.

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5 Property tax is typically fairly stable and is largely determined by growth that takes place in the
6 City. Director Lundell presented another chart representing those figures. He noted that the
7 trend line from 2010 to 2016 is almost in line with the exception of one year. He then presented
8 a pie chart of General Fund revenues that showed each source of revenue as follows: Property
9 taxes (25%), Sales tax (37%), and Other taxes (21%). Business Licensing and Intergovernmental
10 Revenue, Charges for Services and Miscellaneous Revenues were all smaller sources of revenue
11 that contribute to the General Fund.

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13 A chart showing General Expenditures was presented with Public Safety being shown as the
14 largest portion at 44%. The next largest expenditure is Parks and Recreation at 18%. General
15 Government at 13%, includes items such as staff, utility bills, building cleaning, insurance, etc.
16 Public Works is the Street Department, which includes filling in potholes and other related street
17 matters. Each year the City spends \$511,000 on capital equipment, such as vehicles, computers,
18 and desks. Dispatch costs around \$382,000 on an annual basis, a portion of which is funded
19 through a tax included on phone lines. While this tax is actually a State tax, the City receives a
20 portion to help pay for dispatch. Director Lundell explained that \$195,000 was transferred out of
21 the General Fund into the Class C Streets budget. He also noted that the total Class C budget for
22 the year is \$740,000. The expenditures used to fund the programs at the Rec Center and Library
23 were then reviewed.

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25 A table showing an overview of upcoming Capital Projects was presented. Director Lundell
26 explained that the money used to fund these projects is generally surplus from the General Fund
27 from the previous fiscal year. The other items are related to Enterprise funds. For example,
28 secondary and culinary water projects are funded by way of ongoing revenues. Additionally,
29 some of the revenue is from bonds issued in 2013.

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31 The utility rates for next year were reviewed, several of which will be raised next year. The
32 increase in water rates is based on 800,000 gallons used per month. For a one-quarter acre lot,
33 the increase will be an additional \$2.41 per month. However, the drought surcharge will
34 decrease from \$1.25 per month to \$.62 per month.

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36 Mayor Daniels opened the public hearing.

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38 Blaine Thatcher gave his address as 120 North 1400 East and was interested in hearing the
39 Council's impression of the proposed budget.

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41 Council Member Jensen commented that the sales tax revenue is quite high, which is a good
42 thing. As more development comes to the City the sales tax revenue will increase, which will
43 help offset some of the costs presented. Furthermore, the Council always asks staff to prepare a
44 balanced budget. Council Member Jensen was of the opinion that a balanced budget has been
45 presented. It is difficult to cut corners, as has been previously suggested, because the City is
46 already running lean on what they have to spend on upcoming project needs. Council Member
47 Jensen stated that overall he was happy with the City's General Fund.

1 Council Member Andersen stated that she relies heavily on Director Lundell's expertise, and
2 noted that he has won awards for his ability to effectively budget for a City. Furthermore,
3 anytime she has a question about the budget, Director Lundell is able to explain the answer in
4 understandable terms. While she is not in favor of additional increases to the citizens, she
5 understands that these increases are largely due to an increase in the cost of materials.
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7 Don Paas asked what the Council's role is in making recommendations on the budget. Council
8 Member Jensen agreed that the role to which Mr. Paas was referring is paramount, because the
9 Council represents the citizens. It is also the citizens' opportunity to approach the City with their
10 questions. Council Member Jensen was impressed with the work Director Lundell did on the
11 budget.
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13 Council Member Andersen explained that her role is to review the 84-page budget chapter by
14 chapter and page by page. She then enumerates her questions and leaves notes in the margins.
15 She subsequently follows up with each department head on each of those items. She was very
16 impressed with the work they are able to accomplish with the limited funding that is available.
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18 Council Member Stanley expressed concern with some of the rate increases, as well as with the
19 money spent to rent half the amount of water from Orem than the previous year. However, there
20 are always areas where compromise is required or where the majority vote will prevail. The
21 Council needs to take a holistic approach, be willing to make difficult decisions, and set
22 priorities. He agreed with Council Member Andersen that the City's departments accomplish a
23 great deal with limited resources. In general, he supported the budget but had concerns that were
24 noted on the record in past meetings. He felt that the budget as presented is worthy of approval
25 tonight.

26 In response to another question from Mr. Paas, Council Member Stanley explained that the staff
27 and elected officials meet the beginning of each year for an extensive all-day budget and
28 planning retreat. This is the Council's opportunity to bring up concerns one at a time and delve
29 deeply into discussion on each item.
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31 Council Member LeMone explained that Pleasant Grove needs more business to increase
32 revenue, and great strides have been made to meet this objective. She reviewed Director
33 Lundell's accolades as Finance Director, making special mention of his expertise in creating
34 balanced budgets and bond writing. Council Member LeMone felt staff does a great job every
35 year of doing whatever they can to maximize their budget. She remarked that the process of
36 creating the budget lasts for months because of the contributions of all. This is a serious matter
37 as it deals with taxpayer money. Furthermore, Council Member LeMone stated that in speaking
38 with elected officials from other cities, she has collected various ideas on how to save citizens
39 more in the coming years.
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41 Council Member Boyd commented that staff and the elected officials do not take the budget
42 lightly. Budget discussions take place all year long and directors come forward with their
43 projects for review and approval. At times, the Council decides that a certain project or projects
44 are not financially feasible and they are not approved. Council Member Boyd stated that all of
45 the City's employees are very creative in making the most of their resources. In order to do this,
46 they often offer a lot of volunteerism. She supported all of the City's programs and had
47 personally been heavily involved with many of them.
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1 Mayor Daniels stated that because he owns a business, he looks at budgets differently than when
2 he worked for other employers. There are two factors he looks for when assessing a budget.
3 First, is enough revenue being generated to cover costs. Secondly, are the areas in which
4 significant amounts of money can be saved being identified. In some cases, this may require
5 elimination of programs or services that part of the community would like continued. For
6 example, the Council may propose eliminating certain programs, which generates public support
7 from a general standpoint. However, once it is specified that the Council is interested in
8 eliminating the softball program from Recreation, citizens will arrive in droves to address the
9 Council on the matter.

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11 The budget presented is a reflection of priorities and decisions the public has made over a very
12 long time. Commitments made cannot change overnight just because someone suddenly decides
13 they no longer want to pay for it. Mayor Daniels likened this reality to paying for a mortgage.
14 There are many instances like this in the City and they are working toward eliminating these
15 kinds of debts and saving the types of monies that are necessary.

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17 Mayor Daniels explained that currently there are conflicting priorities among the public. Right
18 now, there are at least three or four top priorities which were identified as (1) Roads, (2) Water,
19 (3) Public Safety, and (4) eliminating programs that are losing money, such as Fox Hollow Golf
20 Course. For the coming year, Mayor Daniels asked Director Lundell to change the formatting of
21 the reporting on a quarterly basis. He wanted to see year over year performance, what the budget
22 was in the prior year and quarter, what the budget was projected to be, how the City is doing
23 terms of revenues and expenses in each category, and then track all of this information. Some of
24 these revenues are going to trail and won't be absorbed until later in the year, and vice versa.

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26 Mayor Daniels stressed the importance of the Council educating itself on how a city budget
27 differs from a home or business budget. He was concerned about the number of emails he
28 receives on ideas for solving the budget crisis. The suggestions that come forward often lack the
29 depth of understanding of what is legal and required by the State of Utah. The Council has been
30 asked to gain this understanding and then assess how much it will really cost the City to resolve
31 the problems identified as priorities by the public.

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33 Policies that are implemented are comprehensive, and address problems as a whole over a period
34 of time. Mayor Daniels explained that his job is to manage the budget in the best interest of the
35 public and educate the citizens as best as he can about where that money is coming from and
36 where it needs to be spent. Furthermore, it is his job to help the Council move in the right
37 direction in allocating these resources.

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39 Matt Godsey, who resides at 1026 East 1100 North, made reference to the third page of the
40 Engineering section, and noted that the original fiscal year budget totaled \$94,000, and has been
41 increased to \$519,000.

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43 Director Lundell explained that most of the difference can be attributed to contract engineering.
44 He also explained that most of the engineering projects are directly related to development. In
45 2009, when development was slow, the City needed a lower budget for contract engineering.
46 However, over the past four years that has increased dramatically, especially with projects like
47 doTERRA. Director Lundell explained that he does not want to put the larger amount in the base
48 budget, because down the road it may not be needed. Furthermore, more revenue may be

1 available later for bigger projects. Mayor Daniels added that additional money collected is
2 directly related to fees collected that are associated with that construction.

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4 Mr. Godsey asked if this principle also applies to the Fire Department's budget. Director Lundell
5 noted that overall, the budget for the Fire Department didn't change much. Personnel has been
6 reorganized, which was reflected in their budget. Mr. Godsey asked additional questions about
7 specific line items within the budget. First, he asked how long the City will be paying on the
8 Class C Road Bond. It was reported that the bond will be finished in 2018. Additionally,
9 Director Lundell noted that the lease payment line item is mostly for equipment. Other Class C
10 Road revenues were reviewed.

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12 In response to a question from Council Member Andersen, Director Lundell explained that the
13 lease on the Vac Truck was a capital lease. Furthermore, while the City purchases some of their
14 equipment some is leased. The total cost of running Dispatch is \$598,000 with \$215,000 coming
15 from a State grant and the remainder from the General Fund. Recreation, the Swimming Pool,
16 and Arts and Culture are funded from programs, however, they don't cover the entire cost. As a
17 result, they are partially subsidized by the General Fund as well.

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19 Council Member LeMone expressed appreciation for Mr. Godsey taking the time to educate
20 himself on matters related to the budget. She explained that it is important for the City to start
21 cutting costs starting with very simple things, such as cutting back to only one referee for youth
22 soccer games. This mindset with the employees will leave room for creatively finding more
23 ways to save money over time. Mr. Godsey agreed that small daily actions of cutting back make
24 a huge difference in the overall budget.

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26 Council Member Andersen emphasized that the City runs on a very lean budget. To illustrate
27 this point, she made reference to the huge snow storm that hit Utah last Christmas. The City of
28 Taylorsville, which is similar than Pleasant Grove, received criticism for not clearing the roads
29 soon enough, yet they had double the manpower and equipment Pleasant Grove did. She noted
30 that both cities have 120 miles of roads to clear, and Pleasant Grove was still able to clear the
31 roads in a timely manner. Furthermore, Pleasant Grove City pays employees at the lower end of
32 the pay scale.

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34 Mr. Godsey did not disagree that the City runs on a lean budget. He understands that many of
35 the budget problems have been inherited by the current staff and Council; however, he was
36 concerned with whether the City can show a trajectory of bouncing back from past losses. In the
37 end, the City needs to be more fiscally responsible. He noted that they cannot run in the negative
38 forever.

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40 Frank Mills gave his address as 466 East 100 South and commented that the school groups that
41 presented tonight were great. He recalled that in 1955, Pleasant Grove High School won every
42 State Championship in every athletic, academic, and arts competition. Mr. Mills asked which
43 Council Member was over the golf course last year. Council Member Andersen noted that this
44 was her responsibility. Furthermore, it was noted that the City subsidized the golf course in the
45 amount of \$240,000 last year, and \$220,000 more was budgeted this year.

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47 Additional financial figures were discussed. Council Member Andersen reviewed the history of
48 the Fox Hollow Golf Course and stated that in 1969, the tri-cities entered into an Interlocal

1 Agreement. It was noted that American Fork owned the land. In 2007, a 20-year bond was
2 issued for improvements, and the \$240,000 annual budget amount helps cover the payment of
3 that bond. Mr. Mills was of the opinion that the City should pull out of this bond. Director
4 Lundell explained that according to the bond documents, Pleasant Grove is still responsible for a
5 portion of the facility operations. Mr. Mills made suggestions on how to rearrange the budget for
6 the golf course to free up funding for other projects such as roads.
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8 Council Member LeMone explained that there is a liquidation clause in the operating agreement
9 that requires that all three cities agree to liquidate the assets of the golf course. That does not
10 include the real property that is owned by American Fork. Even if Pleasant Grove wanted to
11 liquidate all of the equipment and lease the land, the bond will not be paid off until 2027 and
12 they are not in a position to sell the golf course. The land belongs to American Fork and,
13 therefore, American Fork will maintain the title. Council Member LeMone contacted an
14 American Fork Council Member, who indicated that their City is not interested in selling at this
15 time. In speaking to Mr. Mills' point about pulling out of the bond commitment, Council
16 Member LeMone stated that the City has legal obligations that prevent them from doing so.
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18 Attorney Petersen explained that when Pleasant Grove City decided to be involved in the
19 remodeling, the bond counsel indicated that a separate entity needed to be created which was
20 identified as the Tri-City Golf Course Agency. The Interlocal Agreement, which Pleasant Grove
21 signed, specifies that the Operative Agreement will be in effect for 30 years after the, or the date
22 upon which all contractual bonds of the Tri-City Golf Course Agency have been retired, but in
23 no event later than 50 years after the effective date. Upon termination of the Interlocal
24 Agreement, the title to all of the assets of the Tri-City Golf Course Agency shall revert to the
25 parties in proportion to their commitment to secure the bond payments.
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27 Mr. Mills argued that the aforementioned section of the agreement was part of the original
28 agreement entered into over 30 years ago. Attorney Petersen replied that the City re-signed this
29 agreement in 2007. There was continued deliberation on the issue, as well as ways to use impact
30 fees and the funds that will be freed up after the bonds have been retired. Council Member
31 Andersen noted that Provo City is doing something unique in that when their bonds retire, the
32 money used to pay those bonds will be put into a Transportation Fee on the utility bill.
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34 Mr. Mills stated that he would like Director Lundell to present information on how much
35 Pleasant Grove's portion of the sales tax is increased compared the portion the City receives from
36 the State. He felt this was valuable information when assessing Pleasant Grove's economic
37 development. Mr. Mills spoke about a previous Economic Development Director, Paul
38 Blanchard, and explained that while Mr. Blanchard worked for the City, several businesses came
39 to Pleasant Grove. In order to boost economic development and increase sales taxes for the City,
40 staff and the elected officials need to seek out businesses and sell them on the benefits of
41 choosing Pleasant Grove. While there has been great industrial development that has brought in
42 property tax revenue to the City, businesses are needed to boost sales tax revenues.
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44 Mr. Mills pointed out that business owners are interested in the quality of the roads in the areas
45 where they consider starting or expanding their businesses. He once again urged the Council to
46 take a serious look at how to address the quality of the City's road system. He stated that Road
47 Impact Fees are implemented as part of the solution.
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1 Mr. Mills asked about the salaries of the personnel who operate the golf course and TSSD, and
2 wanted to know if they are higher than what the City pays their own employees. He reiterated
3 previous points made and expressed concern with the amount the City is spending on these
4 programs. In response to Mr. Mills' remarks, Council Member LeMone stated that the Council is
5 addressing salary issues and working toward raising employee salaries to where they are mid-
6 range in comparison to other cities. It was noted that the Pleasant Grove City Council does not
7 approve the TSSD budget, however, former City Council Member Jay Meacham is on their
8 Board.

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10 Council Member LeMone commented on remarks made by Mr. Mills regarding her commitment
11 to bring more businesses to Pleasant Grove. She explained that she initiated a discussion to
12 rezone the Grove area to reduce high-density housing and replace those zones with commercial.
13 Furthermore, she voted against high-density housing in areas where the City hasn't already had a
14 legal obligation to allow that type of development. The current Council has also voted in favor
15 of several businesses that have since come to Pleasant Grove. Mr. Mills stated that the housing
16 developments that have come to the City in the past four years exceed the commercial retail
17 developments.

18
19 Bill West gave his address as 48 North 1400 East and asked what the exact payments are for the
20 Fox Hollow Golf Course. Mayor Daniels replied that they do not have those documents
21 available but according to his quick calculations, the payments are around \$82,000 per year for
22 Pleasant Grove's portion. Therefore, if the City is subsidizing the golf course a total of \$240,000
23 per year, this means there is approximately \$150,000 of additional subsidy being paid each year.

24
25 Mr. West asked if it would be better to close the golf course than to continue to subsidize it.
26 Mayor Daniels replied that this is the same question Mr. Mills was asking and at this point the
27 Council does not fully understand the answer. However, they have been under the belief that
28 they do not have the ability to shut down operations or remove themselves from the agreement.
29 The City needs to look at the agreement to determine if there is a way to still honor the bond
30 payment while saving the money being spent on the additional \$150,000 subsidy. Mr. West
31 stated that the public would love to hear the results of their investigation on the matter.

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33 Mr. West stated that Iron County recently sold their ambulance service for \$1.5 million to Gold
34 Cross, which eliminated their emergency services altogether. He asked if Pleasant Grove has
35 looked into pursuing a similar option. Mayor Daniels replied that this has not been discussed as
36 a Council, however, it is something they could review. However, there may be some
37 ramifications of pursuing this option with both the citizens and members of staff. Mr. West felt
38 that it would be worthwhile to review this possibility.

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40 Mr. West noted that the budget for the Fire Department is nearly \$2 million and asked if there
41 was any way to reduce this amount. Fire Chief, Dave Thomas, reported that last year there were
42 over 350 fire related calls. Mr. West explained that it was his understanding that there were only
43 two structural fires last year. Council Member LeMone commented that the Fire Department is
44 also comprised of paramedic services as well.

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46 Mr. West asked in what other ways the City can save money and suggested that there may be
47 other staff positions that could be eliminated. He mentioned that contract engineering alone will
48 cost the City hundreds of thousands of dollars and was of the opinion that this money could be

1 spent more creatively and effectively. Mayor Daniels responded that the City is looking at the
2 potential savings by contracting structural engineering services out to a third party, as opposed to
3 hiring additional engineers directly as a City.
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5 Furthermore, Mayor Daniels explained that staff and the elected officials are trying to develop a
6 human resources function that is needed for the staff that currently exists in the City.
7 Throughout this process, the City has discovered that they haven't been very successful at
8 developing management programs, but rather it has been more of a shared effort. Director
9 Lundell noted that currently the City has 105 full-time employees, 50 part-time employees, and
10 several seasonal employees.

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12 Mr. West suggested combining dispatch. Council Member Boyd explained that having local
13 dispatch is what provides such a high level of service to the community. Chief Smith explained
14 that all calls come to Pleasant Grove, except in the event that a cell phone call hits a cell tower in
15 another City. Mayor Daniels stated that Pleasant Grove has been approached by other cities to
16 take on their dispatch, and after quoting a price staff found that these cities are only shopping
17 around to see if they can get a better deal in their area.
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19 Council Member Stanley added that he has done research to see if Pleasant Grove could do
20 something similar, however, the reality is that a lot of money is collected through a 911 service.
21 If the City joined County dispatch, 911 funds would no longer come to Pleasant Grove.
22 Furthermore, the City enjoys greater control by managing their own dispatch. Council Member
23 Boyd stressed that time is wasted when emergency calls go through extensive routing prior to
24 dispatch of emergency services. Chief Smith commented that even if the dispatch center was
25 eliminated, the City would still have to retain office personnel. Mr. West provided additional
26 history on the golf course, and reiterated previously made points.
27

28 Mayor Daniels spoke about the importance of the community coming forward in unity to voice
29 the decisions they would like the Council to make, especially when it comes to eliminating
30 services such as dispatch and emergency. So far, the Council has not felt this unity, but has
31 instead sensed a massive divide, especially when it comes to public safety.
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33 Mr. Thatcher was of the opinion that the City has decreased services on roads and funded
34 increases in every other department by using funds that could have otherwise gone toward roads.
35 Mayor Daniels asked Mr. Thatcher to provide financial figures to back up his statement. Mr.
36 Thatcher reiterated his previous statement that the spending trend for each department has
37 increased every year for the last 10 years, whereas road funding has decreased or remained
38 relatively constant. It was noted that Class C Road funds come from the Gas Tax, over which
39 the City has no control. Mayor Daniels explained that the City has subsidized roads in the
40 amount of \$200,000 per year from the General Fund.
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42 Mr. Thatcher commented that as he has participated in various budget discussions, he is unable
43 to identify a rational solution from the Council on how to address the major road issues. Mayor
44 Daniels explained that according to an outside study, \$3.5 to \$4 million will be needed over a 20-
45 year period bring every road in Pleasant Grove from failing to a sustainable, drivable surface.
46 This time frame can be reduced with additional funding.
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1 Mr. Thatcher stated that the City is still be short a significant amount of funding. Mayor Daniels
2 agreed. In response to Mr. Thatcher's concern that the City is not taking action to resolve the
3 problem, Mayor Daniels referenced the road studies presentation given by J-U-B Engineers, as
4 well as two other road discussions that took place since that presentation. Mayor Daniels stated
5 that the Council is currently working on a plan that has to go to the public.

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7 There was continued deliberation on the subject and Mayor Daniels explained that the study is
8 not yet complete. One component that still has yet to be completed is the implementation of the
9 Gas Tax that the State Legislature approved this year for Class C Road Funds. Additionally, the
10 \$.0025 sales tax increase needs to be voted on by the public in order to be implemented. In
11 2018, the final road bonds will be paid off, which will free up an additional \$700,000 in the
12 budget for roads. Once all of these revenue sources have been considered, the City will have
13 approximately \$1.75 million available each year for roads. This still creates a shortfall and the
14 public needs to decide what services they are willing to cut in order to fill the gap. There was
15 continued deliberation on previous discussion points.

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17 Council Member Andersen remarked that all cities are dealing with similar issues related to
18 roads, and will also soon be implementing some sort of a transportation fee. Council Member
19 Boyd explained that the miles of roads in Pleasant Grove have not increased over the past 10
20 years, with the exception of subdivisions where developers have built roads. However, the
21 population has increased, thus demanding more police officers, more recreational resources and
22 other needs throughout the City which warrants funding increases. The roads themselves have
23 not increased over the past decade; however, the budget has increased by hundreds of thousands
24 of dollars for those same exact roads. Council Member Boyd stated that roads are discussed in
25 nearly every Council Meeting and they are working on a plan to solve the problem.

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27 Steve Swayze, who resides at 1141 North 300 East, made additional remarks on the City's
28 overall budget. Mayor Daniels noted that the actual money that pays for road construction does
29 not come out of the General Fund. The portion of road funds in the General Fund is paying for
30 the people and the other services related to roads, but not the actual roads. Administrator
31 Darrington added that the City receives just under \$1 million in Class C Road Funds from the
32 State and Pleasant Grove reserves \$200,000 from the General Fund, with the understanding that
33 there is a bond payment. Sometimes there is a fluctuation in what is spent in a given year,
34 depending on the Class C Road Fund balance and which projects are prioritized in a given fiscal
35 year.

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37 Mr. Swayze stated that if roads are the City's top priority, they will be required to cut spending in
38 all other areas. He expressed his support for the Council making the necessary cuts to address
39 the issue. Mr. Swayze commented that from a citizen's perspective, it is frustrating not to hear
40 much discussion about budget cuts. He noted that primarily the discussion is about increasing
41 revenue and charging the citizens more. He acknowledged that the Mayor and Council have
42 tough jobs, and difficult decisions to make.

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44 Mayor Daniels asked Mr. Swayze if he would be willing to help garner support from the
45 majority of the citizens as the Council begins to make decisions on budget cuts. Mr. Swayze
46 answered in the affirmative, and urged the Council to not only develop a plan, but also make the
47 public their allies. Council Member Stanley expressed the support the citizens have showed by
48 attending meetings, voicing their opinions, and sharing their suggestions. He agreed that the

1 Council needs to evaluate every possibility. Furthermore, the Mayor and Council need to more
2 efficiently communicate to the public why certain expenses are legitimately justified. There was
3 brief discussion about whether the Council occasionally appears to be defensive when
4 approaching the public with budgetary items.

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6 Council Member Stanley remarked that the best communication the Council can send the public
7 is that of taking action in vetting all of the suggestions that come forward. He believes that the
8 public is in charge and that they have intelligent and creative ideas on how to solve some of the
9 City's big issues. Council Member Boyd agreed that the Council needs to research each of the
10 ideas that have come forward in public discussions. Mayor Daniels acknowledged that it takes
11 courage for citizens to share their ideas in a public forum. Council Member Andersen enjoys
12 hearing from and the Council genuinely wants to listen.

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14 Mr. Paas asked for additional clarification on what is required to maintain the roads on an annual
15 basis. Mayor Daniels explained that according to the study from J-U-B Engineers, \$3.6 million
16 to \$4 million is required for maintenance, and over a 20-year period, these funds will also cover
17 improvements. Mr. Paas suggested floating the bond for one year. This would involve the City
18 paying interest one year and subsequently extending the bond by one year. This could infuse
19 additional project start-up funds. Furthermore, he asked the Council to assess which City assets
20 and/or properties can be sold.

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22 Mr. Mills explained that the formula for Class C Road Funds is partially calculated on road
23 mileage. He stated that the older roads were not designed to sustain heavy construction traffic,
24 and asked if impact fees could potentially be used to improve the roads in certain neighborhoods.
25 Furthermore, he pointed out that the City has several capital projects planned for sewer, water,
26 storm drain, and secondary water, all of which are projects that damage roads. Mr. Mills asked if
27 it would be possible to allocate a portion of the capital project fees towards roads.

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29 Diane Moss gave her address as 391 East 200 South and remarked that down the road, budget
30 cuts aren't as painful as they might seem at first. There is much to gain in the end by being out of
31 debt. Ms. Moss looked forward to having nice roads in the City, having higher property values,
32 and seeing good people move to Pleasant Grove.

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34 Jennifer Baptista, who resides at 32 North 1300 East, asked for clarification on the time frame of
35 the road projects and when to expect the forecasted funding to be implemented into the budget.
36 Ms. Baptista was of the opinion that some of the frustration with the public is that it is unclear as
37 to when they can expect these improvements to be made. Furthermore, the revenue from the gas
38 tax and \$.0025 sales tax will not be available until 2017. Ms. Baptista also commented that she
39 reviewed the Fox Hollow Golf Course budget and last year there was a negative balance in that
40 budget, despite all of the money contributed to it by each city.

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42 Molly Andrew remarked that the City is looking in hindsight at many of the decisions made in
43 the past by former City officials. She wondered why cuts weren't made in the past and remarked
44 that at this point, the City would be reaping those rewards. Ms. Andrew asked why the golf
45 course bond was passed in 2007 and what considerations were made as part of that decision.
46 Mayor Daniels replied that the City felt like they were locked into a commitment with the other
47 cities prior to the bond and so the additional investment was justified with the anticipation that
48 the money would help Fox Hollow become self-sustaining.

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2 Ms. Andrew asked when the last time taxes were raised. Administrator Darrington explained
3 that there have been two GO Bonds that were voter approved. One was for the Rec Center and
4 another was for the swimming pool. The Council, however, has not imposed a property tax
5 increase in at least 25 years.

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7 Mr. Mills commented that each year natural growth causes an increase to the Class C Road
8 funds. Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of keeping the channel of communication
9 open between the City and the citizens. Mr. Mills expressed that it was offensive to him when
10 the Council proposed an MBA Bond without the vote of the people. He felt this created a divide.
11 Council Member LeMone was of the opinion that the process to which Mr. Mills referred
12 worked out in an appropriate way. The Council proposed an idea, received input from the
13 public, and then changed their course of action based on the feedback received. Mayor Daniels
14 summarized the discussion points that took place.

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16 Roger Green, who resides at 665 East 200 South, pointed out that based on the charts presented,
17 the swimming pool has a budget of \$175,000 and the Rec Center has a considerably lower
18 budget. Director Lundell explained that the swimming pool budget is specifically for the pool,
19 whereas the recreational funds also include community programs. Mr. Green was of the opinion
20 that the swimming pool and recreational programs are beneficial for the community, because
21 they give kids a place to go during the summer. Removing those programs could have
22 unintended consequences with the youth.

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24 Mr. Mills concluded by commending staff for their work in creating a balanced budget.

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26 There were no further public comments. Mayor Daniels closed the public hearing.

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28 Council Member Jensen commented that the Mayor and Council listen to the citizens. Now it is
29 the responsibility of the staff and elected officials to further research their suggestions and make
30 necessary changes. Council Member Stanley remarked that this has been a healthy discussion
31 and requested that staff help answer some of the questions raised tonight.

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33 *Note: There was a 10-minute break in the meeting beginning at 9:51 p.m.*

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35 **11) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – NO ACTION TAKEN:**

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37 There were no further items of discussion.

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39 **12) DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2, 2015 MEETING**

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41 Administrator Darrington informed the Mayor and Council that he will be sending them an email
42 with information needed for next week's meeting.

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44 **13) NEIGHBORHOOD AND STAFF BUSINESS**

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46 Chief Smith reported that last week he received a call from an emotional resident, regarding a
47 small dog who was playing in a front yard and suddenly fell down ill, possibly due to a spider
48 bite. The resident ended up taking the small dog to the Fire Department, where Brandon

1 Victoree gave it chest compressions and was able to get its heart beating again. This action
2 ultimately saved the little dog's life. Chief Smith stated that this level of service speaks volumes
3 to the level of commitment that public safety personnel have for the community.
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5 Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch, thanked everyone who helped with the Memorial Day
6 program, and noted that it was very successful. Administrator Darrington reported that Marty
7 Beaumont accepted employment as the new Public Works Director. He would be appointed and
8 sworn in next week. Mr. Beaumont will begin his employment with the City on June 15.
9 Attorney Petersen announced that the City now also has a new part-time Prosecutor named
10 Darrin Johns. Furthermore, it was discussed during the Directors Meeting that they will be
11 bringing in a group of new employees on June 9 to be introduced to the Council. Attorney
12 Petersen also has a new temporary employee and is currently interviewing for a permanent
13 position. City Recorder, Kathy Kresser, announced that filing for candidacy begins on June 1.
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15 **14) MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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17 There was no further Mayor and Council business.
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19 **15) SIGNING OF PLATS**

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21 There were no plats signed.
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23 **16) REVIEW CALENDAR**

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25 There were no other additional calendar items to review.
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27 **17) ADJOURN**

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29 **ACTION:** Council Member Stanley moved to adjourn. Council Member Andersen seconded
30 the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Council.
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32 The City Council Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 p.m.
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34 Minutes of May 26, 2015 were approved by the City Council on June 23, 2015.
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39 Kathy T. Kresser, City Recorder

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