

**Mt. Pleasant City Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 28, 2007**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held their regular meeting August 28, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 115 West Main, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

**1. Welcome**

The Mayor was out of town for meetings so Monte Bona was acting as Mayor Pro Tem. Monte welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Opening Ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance**

Monte led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Monte Bona, Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Bigler Ann Deuel Chris Larsen Coleen Oltrogge  
Recorder East

Others Present: Chief Wilberg, Daniel Mower, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Alden Johansen, James Mitchel –  
Messenger, Creamer & Noble, Sunrise Engineering, Jones & DeMille Engineering, Ray Jensen, John Hill

**4. Approval of Agenda Items**

Item number eight should have read Info/Action Mayor Pro Tem Bona asked that it be corrected.

**Motion** to approve the agenda as corrected: Sandra  
Question on the Motion All Aye

Second: Coleen

**5. Acceptance of Minutes**

**Motion** to accept the minutes as written: Sandra

Second: Chris

**6. Approval of Claims**

**Motion** to approve the claims in the amount of \$144,904.77: Chris  
Question on the Motion All Aye

Second: Coleen

**Motion** to approve requisitions for the power department for batteries for unit #2 \$5,413.85, transformer  
for Timberhawk \$7,160, transformers for stock \$19,265 total of \$31,838.80: Sandra  
Second:Ann Question on the Motion All Aye

**7. Public Participation**

Mr. & Mrs. Smith, who live at 116 N 900 East, actually on the county side of the road. Came to speak to the council about the ATV's, dirt bikes and harassment they are having trouble with on their road. They have a large number of dirt bikes going very fast up and down that road and they run until late at night. Last weekend was very bad as far as noise was concerned. Sunday Mr. Smith asked them to slow down because one bike went by at probably 60 miles an hour. After that several bikes came in front of their house and yelled at them and made obscene gestures. They kept revving their motors and making noise. The Chief went down to the high school and talked to the boys on Monday and told them they had better leave the Smith's alone and stop riding their dirt bikes in the city limits. They are not legal to ride in city

limits. He also told them he would cite them next time.

### **8. Department Report Police Department**

Chief Wilberg was present to give an update on the activities of his department. He gave the council a report that he had prepared showing the tickets and citations and the amount of time spent on each type of activity. He reported that during the summer there have been a couple of burglaries at the Sinclair and Hub City Liquor. They have worked hard on both of those cases and apprehended the people who committed the crimes.

He had a request that Nichole Sherman be allowed to attend a clinic to learn the humane way to perform euthanasia by injection. We have a number of dogs that can't be adopted and although she tries not to put them down, she has to on occasion. This would make her job easier and more humane. The training is in Pasadena, Ca December 6-7, 2007.

**Motion** to allow Nichole Sherman to attend training in Pasadena, Ca December 6 & 7, 2007, the trip expenses not to exceed \$1,000: Sandra  
Question on the Motion All Aye  
Second: Coleen

### **9. Creamer and Noble Engineers Presentation**

Mr. Noble introduced his team members and stated they would like to rebuild the bridges and work on the road project. The council was given a copy of the Power Point presentation. They suggest that we put two bridges on 400 East and straighten out Main Street some. They would help us prioritize the streets and see which ones need to be completed first. Chris Larsen asked some questions about the bridges and the Council thanked them for coming.

### **10. Sunrise Engineering Presentation**

Mark Huntsman introduced his team members. Zane Pentz made a presentation regarding their ideas and plans for rebuilding the bridges and designing a drainage system. His presentation also included some estimates of the cost of the engineering study and the bridges. The Council asked questions and thanked them for coming.

### **11. Jones & DeMille Engineering Presentation**

Tim Jones introduced Tom Christensen and gave a history of his companies involvement with the road and bridge project thus far. They helped us complete the application to take to the CIB board last year. They have also gone with us to meet with UDOT and others. They are very familiar with this project. Tim & Tom discussed several options for replacing the bridges and using a design build concept for the bridges and the street project. The Council thanked them for their help and interest in the project.

### **12. Ray Jensen Complaints about the City**

Mr. Jensen and John Hill were present to discuss the problems with the #1 pond on Twin Creeks and the feed lot that is being operated illegally on property by the cemetery. Ray told the council that he had counted 65 head of feeder calves, 2 horses and 3 donkeys on about 1/4 acre of ground. They are using the rest of the 9 acres in that parcel to grow hay and potatoes etc. In order to water the crops they are using all the water in the pond. They have no rights to water in the pond. The City owns shares in the pond and that water is to be used for the other citizens on the Twin Creek irrigation system. Mr. Jensen also asked why the City doesn't use the shares of water they

own to water the cemetery and city park? North Sanpete School District also owns 15.5 shares of water in the pond that they are not using. The council informed Mr. Jensen that the Mayor had sent a letter to Mr. Stubbs who is leasing that property giving him until August 30, 2007 to produce proof that he has shares of water to use on the ground. If he can't produce the shares then he has to cease and desist from using that water. Chief Wilberg also stated that he had written a letter to Mr. Stubbs giving him until August 31, 2007 to remove the animals from the ground. He is only permitted to have 1 large animal on 1/4 acre and he far exceeds that number. Mr. Jensen responded that he would be watching to see if the City corrects the problems.

### **13. Council Concerns**

#### **Ann: Nothing**

**Coleen:** She is still working on the rest room at the airport. Cass believes that we should build a new addition to house the rest room. She is trying to get bids from contractors to build the room. She attended the League conference in Cedar City and she would like to see Mt. Pleasant improve the city park and hold races etc for youth. She would also like to see them install a water feature that goes up in a spray and then turns off and then back up again. She would like to see this for the summer as a place for the children to go since we do not have a swimming pool.

**Sandra:** She reported that she spoke with the North Sanpete School District about helping to pay for the new signs for the City, in return we would add the name of North Sanpete High School to the sign. The Superintendent called the school board members and they declined to participate in the project.

**Monte:** He gave an update of the meeting with UDOT, with regards to the new signs on either end of town. They will not let us put signs on City land that doesn't have curb and gutter unless we place them at least 30 feet from the edge of the road. They would let us put the signs on private property, if the owners agree to let us put the signs on their land. They discussed putting the signs by the Old Depot that is already owned by the City and at Lasson Park. The council was not in favor of those sites. The funding for the signs right now consist of \$10,000 from Preserve America, we got \$5,000 from the sale of the bill board that we previously used, Wasatch Academy will pay a share proportionate to the part of the sign that has Wasatch Academy on it. We are looking at other sources for funding.

Monte also relayed information from the Mayor asking the council to choose an engineer so that he can get started on the financing for the bridges and streets. Monte described how much time Jones & DeMille had already donated to the project. He then asked for a straw vote on an engineer. The council was unanimous in their support of Jones & DeMille. Monte indicated that he would pass that information on to the Mayor.

#### **Chris: Nothing**

As an addition to the council concerns the Chief of Police and Officer Mower were present to discuss the request by Sheriff Kevin Holman to help fund the position of detective. The Sheriff had told Monte that Mayor Christensen pledged \$10,000 at the Mayors and Commissioners monthly meeting a couple of months ago. He told them the money was in the budget. Monte asked the council if they were aware of this pledge, they were not. He then asked Jim if that was

what he had been told and Jim responded yes. There was a discussion of how to proceed at this point. Did the Mayor have the authority to commit the funds without council knowledge? He is the budget officer in a city of the 5<sup>th</sup> class. Jim said he did not know where the item was in his budget. He had been told that it was in his budget. Sally was asked if she knew where it was and she responded she had no idea. They discussed what portion of this person's time would be allocated to Mt. Pleasant and Jim said he didn't know. Several aspects of the detective position were discussed. Chris Larsen said that he wanted the Sheriff to come and make a presentation to the council. Monte responded that there wasn't time for that now, the Sheriff wanted to come and pick up the money. It was suggested that Sandra, Chris and Jim meet with the Sheriff and discuss the situation and obtain more information, Mayor will be back in the office later this week and we can find out if he committed the \$10,000. Monte said we needed to support the Mayor and if he committed the funds then we were obligated to pay the money.

**14. Adjourn: 10:30 p.m.**

**Sally East**  
Recorder