

**Mt. Pleasant City Council
MINUTES
September 10, 2007
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held their regular meeting September 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 115 West Main, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

1. Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Opening Ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance

Monte read quotes from books by David McCullough and Michael Beschloss, that dealt with politics and some Presidents of the United States.

The Mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Sandra Bigler Monte Bona Ann Deuel Chris Larsen
Coleen Oltrogge Mayor Christensen Recorder East

Others present: James Mitchel, John Hales, Sam Draper, Robert Timms

4. Approval of Agenda Items

Motion to approve the agenda as written: Sandra Second: Coleen

Question on the Motion All Aye

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of August 28, 2007 as written: Sandra Second: Coleen

Question on the Motion All Aye

6. Approval of Claims & Billing Adj Report

Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$203,945.57: Sandra Second: Coleen

Question on the Motion All Aye

Motion to approve the Billing Adjustment Report: Sandra Second: Coleen

Question on the Motion All Aye

7. Public Participation

Participation is limited to 3 minutes unless special permission is given by the council.

John Hales from the Sanpete Messenger was present to talk to the council about his new position with the newspaper as Managing Editor and what he hopes to accomplish. He told the council that he welcomes their comments and if there is something going on that they would like in the paper, please let him know. He also told them about a new feature the paper is going to do on the 145th National Guard Unit that is serving in Iraq. They will feature one of the soldiers or their family every other week. The cost to run this is \$10 per week. The program will run for 24 wks.

8. Department Report Public Works

Sam was present to give an update on what the Public Works has been working on the past quarter. They have done 67 new connections, dug 11 graves since July. They have had a lot of problems with the irrigation system this summer so that is an ongoing project. They installed a new toilet at

the City Park. They have done 10 or 11 repairs on street crossing that the contractor had dug up. Cass has changed 40-50 transponders on water meters in the quarter. They are trying to work on the cemetery and straightening headstones.

9. Sheriff Kevin Holman & Jeff Whatcott

Sheriff Holman was in attendance to make a presentation on his proposal to hire a detective for Sanpete County and his request to help fund the position. He gave the council a handout for the proposal. He also was accompanied by Jeff Whatcott who is the commander for the drug task force, as well as being a detective for Millard County. They feel that having a detective would help on the major crimes cases in the county. This person would also be able to better coordinate with other agencies to document stolen property that is recovered by one of the other agencies. The Mayor said that in May he did tell the Sheriff that Mt. Pleasant would support the project. He does not think that he made a specific commitment as to amount. He forgot to bring it to the council and to include it in the budget. He believes that he can find the money from Capital Projects. We need to commit continuing the funding for at least 3 years. It will take some time for the person to get the position set up and functional. The Sheriff will pick up the short fall in funding from the other cities in the County. He will also provide office space, a vehicle and fuel. **Motion** that we support the detective position for three years, \$8,000 this year and \$10,000 the next two years: Chris Second: Monte
Question on the Motion All Aye

10. Sam Draper Ambulance Discussion

Sam came to voice some concerns he has about the ambulance association. He would like the City to purchase their own ambulance and not be part of the association. He stated that Ephraim and Manti have their own ambulances and they work well. He would be willing to try to find grants to help fund the ambulance. He will not run on the ambulance any more because he doesn't feel that they are giving the proper care. He is also concerned that we are having to run the ambulance with people from Fairview, that means that they have to drive to the ambulance building before they can respond to the emergency. He says the State Association that is over all the ambulances in the State, has sent a letter saying that they will decertify the association if they don't make changes. The Council asked him to get more information and bring it back to them before they will consider action. Sam was present to bring some problems with the ambulance association to the attention of the City Council.

11. Resolution Bulk Water Rates

This resolution is to standardize the rates that are charged for bulk water users in the city. Cass had asked for this resolution so that we can charge the bulk users on an equal basis. **Motion** adopting Resolution 2007-14 "A Resolution setting rates for the use of culinary water by contractors, also known as Bulk Water Rates": Sandra Second: Monte
Question on the Motion All Aye

12. Robert Timms Re: Sam Stewart Fence

Mr. Timms was recently stopped from building a fence on top of the rock wall on the south side of the city cemetery. He was here to ask permission to build the fence. Mr. Timms stated that his cows jump the rock wall and may damage the headstones in the cemetery. He gave the council a

copy of the proposed design for the pipe fence he wants to build on top of the rock wall on the South side of the cemetery. The Mayor read from the ordinance that stated an individual could not build a fence in the cemetery. He said if the council wanted to change that or make a different rule then it was up to them. Mr. Timms said that he thought he had permission to build the fence, he had asked Grant Shelley if he could build it. The Mayor, Sandra and Richard asked Grant and he said he did not give permission to build the fence. Sandra and Chris both expressed their concerns that the fence would destroy the rock wall. Mr. Timms says it won't. Monte had asked Kim Hiatt, an architect, to go and look at the rock wall and determine if the metal fence would damage the wall. Mr. Hiatt said that he thought it would be ok if epoxy was used on the top where the steel rods go into the wall. Mr. Timms also stated that now he is living out there and he has installed a new security camera he will be able to see who is damaging headstones and building in the cemetery. Chris stated that Sam Stewart's property only runs part of the way down the wall and it will look bad if the fence stops midpoint. Mr. Timms agreed to run the fence the whole length of the wall. **Motion** we allow Mr. Timms to continue the Stewart fence project, as long as he works with Kim Hiatt and runs the fence the length of the whole wall: Monte Second: Coleen

A Roll call vote was taken.

Coleen	Yea	Sandra	Nay
Monte	Yea	Chris	Nay
Ann	Yea		

The motion carries.

13. Susan Whiting Snow College Tobacco Free

Susan is with the Snow College Wellness Center. They are making an effort to get all the parks in the County to be tobacco free zones. Some of the other cities have agreed to pass an ordinance other cities are only putting up signs that say No Smoking Allowed in the Park. Chris asked who was going to enforce the program. We do not have the police force necessary to patrol the parks for smoking. It was suggested that maybe the users ask the smokers to not smoke in the parks. Chris asked Susan to send sample ordinances from other cities so that we can see what type of things are being implemented.

14. Appointment of Deputy Court Clerk

Due to changes in the Utah State Law with regards to who may accept Court Fines, the Mayor is proposing to deputize Heidi Anderson and Amy Willden as Deputy Court Clerk. This designation will allow them to accept payment of fines when the Court Clerk is not here.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-15 making Heidi Anderson and Amy Willden Deputy Court Clerks for the purpose of accepting court payments: Sandra Second: Ann

Question on the Motion All Aye

15. Department Head Credit Cards

The Power Department was recently approved for a credit card to be used for lodging etc for that department. The Police, Public Works and Records office would also like to have a credit card so that they can make purchases, if needed.

Motion to approve credit cards for the department heads in the City, with a limit of \$1,000: Sandra Second: Ann

Question on the Motion All Aye

16. Set Public Hearing for September 25, 2007

We need to set a Public Hearing for the parcel of land that we are proposing to vacate at 600 E 700 South. We would like to set it at 6:00 p.m. on September 25, 2007.

Motion to set a Public Hearing to vacate a piece of property that was designated to become a road but is not going to be used to that purpose: Ann Second: Coleen

Question on the Motion All Aye

17. Discussion of what constitutes “Significant Parcel”

State law requires that in “Before a municipality may dispose of a significant parcel of real property, the municipality shall among other things by ordinance define what constitutes a significant parcel of real property”.

Monte suggested that Significant Parcel would be a fairly large parcel of ground and it would have a major effect on the City or be important to the City.

Chris stated this piece of ground would be significant only if we were going to complete the road through that area. If you can’t build on the parcel then it isn’t significant.

The Recorder distributed a copy of the State code to each council member. The Mayor had given them each a copy of suggestions that he had written for the ordinance. The council decided to go with the definition Mayor had written :For the purposes of complying with Utah State Code, it is ordained the parcels of Real Property which do not meet the City zoning for building upon will be declared and considered insignificant parcels”. This definition will be written in an ordinance and brought for council approval.

18. Adjourn: 9:30 p.m.

Sally East, Recorder