

**Mt. Pleasant City Council
MINUTES
January 8, 2008
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held their regular meeting January 8, 2008 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

Pastor Preston, from the Southern Baptist Church gave an opening prayer.
The Mayor led the group in the pledge of allegiance

3. Roll Call

Sandra Bigler Monte Bona Michael Hafen Chris Larsen Coleen Oltrogge Mayor Christensen
Recorder East

Others Present: James Mitchel, Steve Kunik, Bret Kunik, Steven Mondragon, Susan Whiting, Pastor Preston

4. Approval of Agenda Items

Susan Whiting asked why Snow College wasn't on the agenda because they had called and requested to be put on. The Mayor explained that they were inadvertently left off and apologized. He told her that she could speak in Public Participation but that we would not be able to take any action.

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

Second: Chris

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of December 11, 2007 as written: Coleen
Question on the Motion All Aye

Second: Michael

6. Approval of Claims & Billing Adj Report

Councilman Larsen asked why we had paid to pave a lot in Aspen Village. The Mayor responded that we had agreed to pave the lot several months ago and we were unable to find a contractor.

Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$382,445,22: Sandra
Question on the Motion All Aye

Second: Chris

Motion to approve the Billing Adjustment Report: Sandra
Question on the Motion All Aye

Second: Coleen

7. Public Participation

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

Susan Whiting, Snow College, was present to ask the council if they had made a decision regarding Smoke Free Parks in Mt. Pleasant. When they were at council several months ago, the Council said they would

put up signs but wanted to know what the rest of the county was doing. Fairview has not made a decision, Moroni has adopted a smoke free policy, Ephraim is putting up signs. She asked if the council had made any decisions. The Mayor responded that we have not. She asked if we needed help with getting signs or anything else. The Mayor said we would let them know. Susan also wanted to know if they needed Snow College to come back for a decision the council said no they would make a decision and the Recorder would notify them.

8. Steve Kunik Skateboard Plaza

Steve was present to talk to the council about the possibility of the City donating land for a Skate Plaza. He would like an acre of ground to build it on. He had packets for the council to review and discussed the potential of the plaza to bring economic development to Mt. Pleasant. Steve gave some statistics on how much money might be brought into the City if a skate plaza was built and skateboarders from all over the world came to skate here. He has a sponsor that would help with the funding and he is willing to talk to contractors about donating concrete and other materials. Councilman Larsen asked how big the actual skate area would be Steve responded about 10,000 sq feet, the rest would be grass, trees and parking. He estimates the cost of the plaza to be about \$300,000 depending on what we decide to include. He gave examples of the Snow Kiting and how he is the only snow kite store for a couple of hundred miles. The recent Snow Kite Festival brought in people from France, China and all over the U.S.. He believes the skate plaza could do the same thing. He is also working with Fairview to build a skate park but not a plaza and with Ephraim to build a bike park.

Motion to take it under advisement and take the following steps: meet with the equestrian group and see where the skate plaza might be best located, draft a memo of understanding between the City and the skate group stating that the city will provide the ground if the skate group raises the funds to build the plaza. If the funding is not raised the City will still have the ground.: Monte Second: Coleen
Question on the Motion All Aye

9. Out of State Travel Matt Draper Mesquite

IPSA Conference in Mesquite, Nevada in February, Matt would like to attend. Needs permission for out of state travel.

Motion to approve travel to Mesquite, Nevada for Matt to attend the IPSA conference: Chris
Second: Coleen Question on the Motion All Aye

10. Out of State Travel Steven Mondragon Idaho

Steven would like to attend a seminar in Idaho to learn interviewing techniques. He would carpool up with a Sanpete County Deputy. He needs approval for the cost of the seminar plus rooms and meals.

Motion to approve travel for Steven Mondragon to go to Idaho for the seminar: Chris
Second: Coleen Question on the Motion All Aye

11. Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked the council members to review the assignments that he had given out and asked them if they wanted any changes. Monte asked if he could be removed from the Celebrations assignment because much of that is in July and he will not be here for much of July & August, due to his Heritage Highway position. Monte and Michael traded the Celebrations for Water, Irrigation & Sewer second position. The Mayor gave the council information on several training sessions coming up and asked if they would like to attend any of them. The council will review the information and decide if they would like to attend.

The Mayor had a letter from Mark Parrish, who owns two homes in Aspen Village. He stated that his two homes had been vacant for a couple of months and yet he was still being billed for the water/sewer. He does not think that is fair. The Mayor told the group that there is only one meter at Aspen Village so all of the residents are billed for the minimum amount because we have no way of telling what they actually

use. We are not able to tell if someone is using the water/sewer on an individual lot. The Mayor asked the council what they wished to do. They replied that they did not think we should bill him if the water is turned off. The City has planned on putting individual meters up there for some time but we have not got that done. The Mayor said he would try to get that done this year.

12. Council Concerns

Sandra: Alden Johansen talked to her about putting brackets up on the poles on Main Street so that we can hang baskets of flowers. Her concern is how to get them watered. Manti has a volunteer who rides around on a four wheeler and water them every day. She said they would have to be watered even on the weekends and doesn't know if the city workers could do it or not. Monte suggested that we ask Dorothy Walters to water them, we could give her \$50 off of her rent during those months.

She also told the group that we need to build a shed at the cemetery to hold the soil used to cover the graves. It is currently being stored in the back of the dump truck inside the shed but the sand is in the open and it freezes and they are unable to tamp the graves down. The council told her to get some bids for the work. The Mayor said there is enough money in her cemetery fund to cover the project.

Monte: Nothing

Michael: He has been approached by the archery club about getting a key to the Rec Center and also about changing the dead bolt lock on the back door to a regular door knob. They would also like to build a cabinet to put their table and chairs in. They have repaired several tables and they keep disappearing from the area. The Council agreed that would be ok for them to build the cabinet but the Mayor stated they will probably have to replace the door in order to put a new knob on it. The council said that was ok with them also.

Chris: He has been talking to Tom Christensen from Jones & DeMille, about the water project. Tom told him that the engineer they had working on the project was not getting the work done so he has put someone else on the study. He has also determined that the bridge on 900 East will have to have a complete box replacement. They had thought it could be repaired but it is in worse shape than originally thought.

Coleen: She passed out copies of the expenses for the \$37,000 grant that Cindy Ledingham received for the library. She also asked for help in getting the city crew to tear down a wall so that they can continue with the remodeling project. It needs to come out this week. Cindy is pursuing grant opportunities for renovation of the library inside and outside.

13. Adjourn: 9:00 p.m.

Sally East, Recorder