

**Mt. Pleasant City Council**  
**MINUTES**  
April 12, 2016  
7:30 p.m.  
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting April 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.  
The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 115 West Main, Mt. Pleasant, Utah

**1. Welcome:**

Mayor David H. Blackham

**2. Opening Ceremony:**

Chaplain Dennis Slack gave several devotional thoughts that he had the public guess the President of the United State that quoted them. His thought to us was that many of the Presidents agree that strength can be obtained from the Bible.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Colter Allen

**Prayer:** Coleen Oltrogge

**3. Roll call:**

Justin Atkinson, Kevin Stallings, Dan Anderson, David H. Blackham, Heidi Kelso, Keith Collier, and Recorder, Jane Banks. Others in attendance: Dennis W. Slack, Colter Allen, Sam Draper, Shane Ward, Kristy English, Mekenzie Strate, Micah English, Claudia and Ron Bennion, Caden Clawson, Jason Clawson, Coleen Oltrogge, Dan Elderedge, Ted Olson, Robert Worley and James Tilson.

**4. Approval of Agenda Items.**

Justin Atkinson made a motion to approve the agenda as written.      2<sup>nd</sup>: Heidi Kelso.  
All: Aye      Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

Mayor David H. Blackham had some corrections on the March 8, 2016 minutes in the Mayor's report. The beautification project with the flowers being order needs to state, "*they were going to cost about \$45.00 for each basket and two additional planters.*"

Heidi Kelso made a motion that the minutes of March 8, 2016 be accepted with the corrections and the March 22, 2016 minutes be accepted as written.      2<sup>nd</sup>: Keith Collier  
All: Aye      Motion carried.

## 6. Adjustments

Discussion on the adjustments was minimal.

Dan Anderson made a motion to accept the adjustments from 3-03-2016 to 3-31-2016 in the amount of \$440.28. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kevin Stallings.

**Roll call:** Justin Atkinson - yes; Kevin Stallings – yes; Dan Anderson – yes; Heidi Kelso – yes; Keith Collier - yes. Motion carried.

## 7. Approval of Claims and Requisitions:

There was some discussion on the claims. Motion to approve the claims was made by Justin Atkinson to approve the claims dated 3-18-2016 to 4-8-2016 in the amount of \$353,998.21. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dan Anderson.

**Roll call:** Justin Atkinson - yes; Kevin Stallings – yes; Dan Anderson – yes; Heidi Kelso – yes; Keith Collier - yes. Motion carried.

### **Mt. Pleasant City Power Department requesting to send Kyle Sorenson to Mesa Hotline School in Grand Junction, Colorado on May 1 – 5, 2016.**

Shane Ward presented a letter to the council requesting their permission to send Kyle Sorenson to Mesa Hotline School in Grand Junction, Colorado on May 1 – 5, 2016. Shane continued that this is for his continuing education as an Apprentice Lineman to get the portion of hours that he needs to become a Journeyman Lineman. He continued that this particular training was budgeted for this year 2015-2016. The total cost came to \$1115.60 for registration, rooms and meals. He will be traveling to the school with the Ephraim crew so there will be minimal travel expense.

A motion was made by Dan Anderson to approve Kyle Sorenson going to the Mesa Hotline School in Grand Junction, Colorado on May 1 -5, 2016 in the amount of \$1115.60. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heidi Kelso.

**Roll call:** Justin Atkinson - yes; Kevin Stallings – yes; Dan Anderson – yes; Heidi Kelso – yes; Keith Collier - yes. Motion carried.

### **Mt. Pleasant City Power Department requesting Shane Ward to attend the Landis+Gyr's Annual Conference, Exchange 2016, being held May 2 – 5, 2016 in Phoenix, Arizona at a cost of \$1499.**

Shane Ward presented the request to attend the Landis+Gyr's Annual Conference, Exchange 2016. He explained that it will bring the entire community of Landis+Gyr customers, partners and industry experts and they will be available for networking, sharing best

practices and exploring cutting-edge solutions to address our common goal—to manage energy better for our business and enhance customer service. He continued that during the conference he would focus on learning more about solutions and best practices that can benefit these projects:

- Customer relations in explaining the way our system works and best used practices.
- Focus on different controls in home displays. Controls on pumps that will help the customer increase our power factor on the system.
- Daily monitoring of PLX system and PLX performance use cases do's and don'ts.
- Vendor show what is here now and what is on the horizon.
- Solving Solar issues using Landis new meters.

He also would be involved in User Group discussions to learn valuable tips and tricks, hear case studies, and make connections with his peers. He will be driving down to the conference.

A motion was made by Justin Atkinson to allow Shane Ward to attend the Landis+Gyr user conference, Exchange 2016 in Phoenix, Arizona from May 2 – 5, 2016 in the amount of \$1,499. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dan Anderson.

**Roll call:** Justin Atkinson - yes; Kevin Stallings – yes; Dan Anderson – yes; Heidi Kelso – yes; Keith Collier - yes. Motion carried.

**Requisition #41220161835 for a Frontend Loader Lease from Honnen Equipment in the amount of \$7500.00 per year.**

Sam Draper, Mt. Pleasant City Public Works Director presented, Requisition #41220161835 for a Frontend Loader Lease from Honnen Equipment in the amount of \$7500.00 per year. He stated that Honnen has the State contract for equipment and the yearly lease would give the city a new frontend loader every year. He continued that the frontend loader that we have now is always breaking down and it is being used out at the Contoy. He also told the council that it was made by John Deere.

There was some discussion by the council and Dan Anderson made a motion to approve Requisition #41220161835 for a Frontend Loader Lease from Honnen Equipment in the amount of \$7500.00 per year. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Keith Collier.

**Roll call:** Justin Atkinson - yes; Kevin Stallings – yes; Dan Anderson – yes; Heidi Kelso – yes; Keith Collier - yes. Motion carried.

## **8. Public Participation:**

Jason and Caden Clawson approached the council. Jason Clawson explained that his son Caden was working on a Boy Scout Merit Badge, Citizenship in the World. He said that he had brought his son last council but did a disservice to him by not getting up and saying something when the opportunity was presented. He was correcting that now. He continued by congratulating the council and the city for all they do. He expressed his appreciation for

Sam Draper and Shane Ward and all who work with them. He said that the three city services that rock his family are:

- Sports
- Library
- Rodeo

He continued by saying that the deal on 500 west should never have happened. He complained about the chip seal roads that are failing. The contractor that is doing 5<sup>th</sup> West and 2<sup>nd</sup> South has had no management and it is a problem. The Power Plant Park has a huge problem with drugs being used there. He said Shopko's are cool but they come and go. We need to keep our city a safe and a good place to live.

Caden Clawson spoke up and said that the Splash pad was great but there are no bathrooms and they don't want us to come to the Library.

Mayor Blackham addressed their concerns and said that the Library and the Rec Center would be open to use the restroom facilities and perhaps we could look into getting some port-a-potties up there.

## **9. Child Abuse Awareness Month.**

Kristy English present the information to the Council about their program to help support those victims of abuse. She explained about the Children's Justice Center and what they do to help the victims of abuse as well as their families. She told the council that JoAnn Otten of Ephraim was going to the State Board of Education to see if they would adopt a course on abuse to be taught in the high schools. She explained that the changes that they have implemented to help the young victims feel safe. The Children's Justice Center is largely made up of volunteers. She asked the council if they would be willing to donate to the center.

Mayor Blackham and council had some discussion and questions and then, agreed to give the Children's Justice Center a donation.

## **10. Resolution 2016-03 Amending Resolution 2014-3 A Resolution Setting Irrigation Rates**

The purpose of the resolution was explained by Mayor Blackham and read into the record.

### **Mt. Pleasant City Resolution 2016-03 AMENDING Resolution 2013-3, A Resolution Setting Irrigation Rates**

**WHEREAS**, the city has not adjusted its irrigation rates for 3 years, and

**WHEREAS**, the rate adjustment of three years ago did not consider the added expense of maintaining our aging irrigation infrastructure, and

**WHEREAS**, the city has been subsidizing the irrigation fund, and

**WHEREAS**, the city general fund is currently subsidizing the irrigation enterprise fund which has greatly compromised other general fund obligations

**WHEREAS**, the rate set in 2013 by the original Resolution has proven inadequate in maintaining our current aging irrigation system;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Mt. Pleasant city irrigation rates are hereby amended as follows:

\$8.00 base rate for any lot receiving city irrigation, plus

\$3.85 per acre, or any portion thereof, to be billed on a proportional basis.

The Mayor, or someone designated by the Mayor, is authorized to consider how much of the lot is actually irrigated for lots over 3 acres, and adjust the billing accordingly.

These rates will become effective for the May 1, 2016 billing.

There was a brief discussion on why the rates need changing and the need to have more in the budget to help defer some of the costs of repairs and maintenance on the system. The only change that was made was the base fee of \$4.00 which was raised up to \$8.00. Some of the language that was in the old resolution was unnecessary. The amount per acre did not change and will still be billed on a proportional basis.

A motion was made by Dan Anderson to accept Resolution 2016-03 Amending Resolution 2013-3 A Resolution Setting Irrigation Rates. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kevin Stallings

**Roll call:** Justin Atkinson - yes; Kevin Stallings – yes; Dan Anderson – yes; Heidi Kelso – yes; Keith Collier - yes. Motion carried.

**11. Planning Commission Report. Public Facilities and Commercial Zone Use for Track 89 Project.**

Connie Roper Planning Commission chairperson was unable to attend. No report was given. Mayor Blackham gave a brief commentary on what the Planning Commission proposed in conjunction with the Track 89 project.

**12. IPA Revised Contract.**

Dan Anderson read from the letter of the first part of the contract. He then turned the time over to Dan Eldereage, an Intermountain Power Agency (IPA) board member, and Ted Olson, the IPA chairman, to discuss the purpose of renewing the Second Amendatory Power Sales Contracts between the Intermountain Power Agency (IPA) and the thirty-five purchasers of the entitlement and capacity (the Purchasers) of the Intermountain Power Project (IPP).

Ted Olson explained what the contract means and the reasons why it would be in our municipality's best interest to sign the Renewal Offer. He indicated that our percentage of entitlement was 0.357% which entitles us to approximately 1200 megawatts. He discussed that IPA has 21% of the shares to veto anything that is not in the best interest of our users. He also talked about orphaned shares if anyone pulled out and they would be available to

be purchased. He also said that he would be available to answer any questions that we may have on any of the projects or the contract. Our new point of delivery will be Mona.

Dan Eldereage spoke about the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary since this partnership began and wanted our partnership to continue to at least 2027 and then to 2077 or until we want to sell it to the California purchasers. He said that all the debt for this partnership will be paid by 2023.

The discussion continued on the different types of renewables and where the power industry was headed. It was discussed that this is a sweetheart deal in that we can take the power back, anytime we want or need it. We keep it for 3 years, but right now it is not costing us anything to be in the partnership with IPA. It was explained that we need to prepare, pass and sign the resolutions and get the contract back to IPA before May 25, 2016. The council decided to vote on the resolution at the May 10, 2016 council meeting.

### **13. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Blackham turned the time over to Robert Worley from Sunrise Engineering to report on the funding resources for the culinary water treatment facility.

Robert Worley explained that the funding options with:

- The Drinking Water Board
- Community Impact Board (CIB)
- USDA Rural Development

He explained each option and what their rates were. He told the council that in talking with the State Engineer that the rates are too low for a grant from the Drinking Water Board. The best they would do is a 3% loan for 20 to 30 years. It would be an increase of \$11.65 to the current bill. The loan would require a 10% payment in reserve and there was not a contingency for additional costs. Robert Worley said that CIB would give a 2.5% loan for 20 years and that would be an increase of \$15.00. Rural Development would give a 2.25% loan for 40 years which would be a \$9.75 increase. He told the council that he felt that Rural Development was our best option. He gave the council the dates for submission which were coming in June and a decision would need to be made.

Mayor Blackham directed that Robert Worley be put on the next council agenda for vote on the approval to move forward with the process of getting the funding in place to help the situation in the city with the culinary water.

Mayor Blackham turned time over to Councilman, Justin Atkinson, to discuss the proposal from Jones & DeMille Engineering for the Phase I-A Street Improvements. Justin Atkinson explained that Jones & DeMille had given the city three options of what could be done on 500 West, 200 South, 600 East. The first option was an HMA and Chipseal at a cost of \$87,019.70. The second option was a 2" overlay over the entire street at a cost of \$130,379.40. The third option was a 3" overlay over the entire street at a cost of \$168,078.60.

The council discussed the options and what was already done. The council felt that a change order in this cycle would be the best procedure and utilize the already mobilized contractor to do the fix. It was decided to put this on the next council agenda for a vote.

Mayor Blackham reported briefly that the '92 Well was up and running and that irrigation should be up and going by next Friday. The public works crew have designated Fridays as Pothole Friday and are rapidly getting the potholes done. The whole crew participates.

Mayor Blackham gave an update on the budget deficit. He stated that it had dropped from \$150,000 to a \$40,000 deficit. The budget is still being worked through.

Mayor Blackham reported that we are ahead on the cemetery preparation for Memorial Day. We are trying the drought resistant fescue grass seed that we heard about last year.

The PLX metering class didn't have enough to have a class to train Jeanne and Natalie. Shane is looking into a WebEx class for them.

Mayor Blackham informed the council that #4 Hydro had much more output this year, since being fixed. The peaking pond for the power was being cleaned out. The old meters were put back on some customer's homes and now, they have stated that their headaches are gone.

It was pointed out that no Blue Stakes was called in on the road. People have not been notified and there has been no dust control. It was suggested that a letter be sent out to the contractor by Jones & DeMille and assess the liquidated damages that have occurred. It was also noted that the drainage on 9<sup>th</sup> South and 5<sup>th</sup> West needs to be totally redone. It is flooding there.

Mayor Blackham turned some time to Jane Banks to give a report on the Tree City Award. Jane Banks told the council that Councilman, Dan Anderson, had gone to the Tree City workshop and the award as well. It was very informative and we were given a plaque and we also won a tree to be planted at the park. We are in our second year as a Tree City and we have sent three of our employees to Arborist Schooling. We also received a grant from the Forestry Division.

#### **14. Adjourn – 10:37 PM**

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Jane Banks, Recorder