

**Mt. Pleasant City Council**  
**MINUTES**  
July 14, 2015  
7:30 p.m.  
REGULAR MEETING

The Mt. Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting July 14, 2015 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 announced that according to the paper Monte Bona was receiving the 2015 Pioneer of Progress Award from the Days of '47 Committee for creative arts and heritage. He is the Executive Director of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and is completing his 20<sup>th</sup> year on the City Council. He then had us listen to a message about our county recorded by John Wayne.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dave Oxman

**Prayer:** Mack L. Wilkey

**3. Roll call:**

Jeff McDonald, Kevin Stallings, David H. Blackham, Ann Deuel, Justin Atkinson, Monte Bona; and Recorder, Jane Banks. Others in attendance: Dave Oxman, Treasurer, Dennis W. Slack, R.L. Taylor, Cameron Parry, Sam Draper, Dan Johnson, Don Edwards, James Cluff, Jon Schuhmann, Jack and Gaylyn Widdison, Bruce and Susan Larsen.

**4. Approval of Agenda Items.**

Ann Deuel made a motion to approve the agenda as written. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff McDonald.

All: Aye Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes.**

Jeff McDonald mad a motion to approve the minutes for the June 9 and June 23, 2015 Council meetings. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kevin Stallings All: Aye Motion carried.

**6. Adjustments**

There were some questions on the adjustments. Dave Oxman explained that he had added the CDRA rental of apartments to keep more accurate records of the rent payments.

Jeff McDonald made a motion to accept the adjustments from 6-01-2015 to 6-30-2015 in the amount of 2,516.31. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Justin Atkinson.

**Roll call:** Kevin Stallings – yes; Jeff McDonald – yes; Ann Deuel – yes; Justin Atkinson - yes; Monte Bona – yes. Motion carried.

## 7. Approval of Claims and Requisitions:

There were a few questions on the claims and some discussion.

Motion to approve the claims was made by Monte Bona to approve the claims dated 6-19-2015 to 7-10-2015 in the amount of \$915,814.77. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff McDonald.

**Roll call:** Kevin Stallings-yes; Jeff McDonald-yes; Ann Deuel – yes; Justin Atkinson- yes; Monte Bona- yes. Motion carried.

### **Requisition # 071020151424 Fiber for SCADA system in the amount of \$29,544.77.**

Cameron Parry for the Power Department explained that this was part of the upgrade to get the Hydros online for accurate reads. The Power Department will also learn how to install and repair that fiber system. Justin Atkinson made the motion to approve Requisition # 071020151424 Fiber for SCADA system in the amount of \$29,544.77.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Deuel

**Roll call:** Kevin Stallings-yes; Jeff McDonald-yes; Ann Deuel – yes; Justin Atkinson- yes; Monte Bona- yes. Motion carried.

## 8. Public Participation:

Jon Schuhmann president of the Community Senior Center thanked Council Member Justin Atkinson for taking care of overseeing the crack seal for the parking lot. It was examined and determined that the parking lot also needs a seal coat. The last time that it had a seal coat was 2007. Justin Atkinson confirmed that the foundation was good but needs sealed and the parking lot striped. There was an addendum made to the Eckles Paving for a change order. The motion to add a seal coat and the striping for the Community Senior Center was made by Monte Bona in the amount of \$4,210.75. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff McDonald.

**Roll call:** Kevin Stallings-yes; Jeff McDonald-yes; Ann Deuel – yes; Justin Atkinson- yes; Monte Bona- yes. Motion carried.

Bruce Larsen spoke about the concerns he has and has had about the Twin Creek Irrigation ponds and the meters on the lines up that are not being read. He felt like the city was not getting their fair share from the pond. It was being sucked dry and a lot of folks were without water to water their yards for weeks. He would like more transparency on water usage.

Susan Larsen said that they come in every year and complain and year after year they are made promises and nothing ever happens. They are hoping that this year something will be done.

Dan Johnson stated that the budget for the irrigation system hasn't changed in twenty years and the issues with the water are the same every year. The public works department should be given latitude to repair the system. He expressed his frustration as to why we can't just give them the money to help them repair the system.

RL Taylor would like to have enough water to have a green lawn for his family when they come to town for a family reunion.

**9. Water Rights Study presented by Robert Worley from Sunrise Engineering.**

Sunrise Engineering was asked to do the Water Rights study. They have compiled three books. He continued that there are types of water. The actual water that you use and the paper right to use that water. They have compiled an inventory report of all the water rights that Mt. Pleasant City owns and put it in one location. It will be easier to access. They have made some recommendations about each of the water right to help protect them in the future. We have some hard copies but also electronic copies. He showed the map through projection. He explained the water rights with points of diversion. The information shows each of the rights that we can take. He showed the approved point of use. He also was showing the council in a book. He stated that some of the water rights proof will be due on November 30, 2015. He also explained that our Water Rights are listed in 8 different ways and it would be a good idea to go into the Division of Water Rights and clean up the name. Consolidate the name and have it put all in one name. The State will send a letter that proof the water and the city will need then to comply.

The City owns three different water rights. The right for the culinary water, Pleasant Creek and Hydro use. We have separated those out. They are all important and have their own function and need. Different allowable uses. Recommendation is to do a 40 year Water Right Plan. If you can show that you need it within the next 40 years, it will become protected. Even if you are not using it now, it will be under that umbrella. The State knows that you will need that water to grow. It will shed light on a lot of things. They have made some rough estimates on usage based on what the average use is today. Roughly approximately 1400 acre feet. It would be wise to dive into that a little deeper and flesh that out. Robert continued that he and Sam Draper had examined the water usage to get the numbers. It may be even more than that. The city owns about 2030 acre feet for their culinary access. The data they have compiled will be of use for in the future as we make decisions of what to do with the various components within the water systems.

Robert Worley then asked if there were any specific questions. Jeff McDonald asked if he could verify about the rights on Twin Creek and Pleasant Creek. He explained that Sunrise Engineering had been asked to do a study on those entities and there are separate books for each of them and recommendations. Kevin Stallings asked if they had broken out how many shares we own. Robert replied that they had not broken that down. He continued that, that data is not available unless you go right to the Irrigation Company.

The discussion continued with Mayor Blackham talking about our percentage in Pleasant Creek pond. The flow into the pond was discussed and the measurement of it.

Sam Draper is on top of the water proofing. Also we need to measure how much water is coming through the Hydros. And on the 13 cfs that we own we need to be documenting that. Recommended that the city do a 40 year plan.

**10. Hub City Days Report presented by City Treasurer, Dave Oxman.**

Dave Oxman presented the report on the expenses on Hub City Days. He compiled the Hub City Days and the Rodeos expenses and revenues. Not all the expenses are in but it looks like it didn't cost the city that much money. The sponsors were very generous with us. The rodeo committee did a great job putting on the rodeo.

**11. Retrofit Avian Protection Plan Presentation by Cameron Parry for Mt. Pleasant City Power.**

Cameron Parry presented the Avian Retrofit Protection Plan stating that UAMPS has spent lots of money to help its members retrofit the transmission lines to prevent avian deaths. It is essentially for raptors because of their wing span. It also helps prevent issues with raccoons. Every time we put up a transformer up we put in a transformer insulation protection kit. It helps prevents from animals and birds from shorting out our lines. It saves our system, time and the raptors. He also had a 27 minute cd for the council to watch. He explained that every time we work on a line we put these up or put up a new line we put the protection on our lines.

**12. Presentation from Public Works by Public Works Director Sam Draper.**

Sam Draper presented his proactive approach to the preventative maintenance and upkeep. We have a loader that is going to need to be replaced. He spoke about the State contract from John Deere for a lease, buy or a lease and buy after three years. He explained the savings from comparable dealers. There was a discussion with the council members with concerns and the best way to proceed. Sam was asked to put a requisition in for it after he talked with Treasurer, Dave Oxman to see where the money could come from.

**13. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Blackham reported that our insurance went up this year, however, we got \$5,400 rebate from the Local Government Trust. The rebate came by implementing a safety program with the Public Works and Power Departments.

It was also reported that the curb and gutter will be completed and Monte Bona got an extension from UDOT and Robert Dowell will sign off on it.

It was also reported that the splash pad will be completed at the latest by August 1, 2015.

**14. Adjourn – 9:57 PM**

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Jane Banks, Recorder