

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2012, in the Plain City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jay Jenkins, Councilmembers LaFray Kelley, Joel Maw, Brent White, Mark Lowther and Bruce Higley
Staff: Diane Hirschi
Also present: Laura Spencer, Mitch Willson, Don Weston, Blake Neil, Porter Meyerhoffer, Mitchell Petersen, Brandon Petersen, Todd Baumann, Shay Green, Kylee Whitney, Amy Broadbent, Travis & Sierra Hess, Nichole Langston, Kyle Ellis, Shiloh Williams

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order. Porter Meyerhoffer led in the pledge of allegiance and Mitchell Petersen gave the invocation/moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: August 16, 2012

Councilmember Higley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, White, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Public Comments:

Sierra Hess, representing the residents of Fox Subdivision, reported that they are concerned about a safe walking route and cross walk for their children that walk to school. She reported that they have to cross 1975 N and it is a very busy road. She reported that there are 26 kids in the subdivision and there will be 34 next year. She looked into UDOT's Safety Act in 1992 and reported that their situation exceeds the criteria. The criterion is 10 or more school kids and at least 500 daily average cars on 1975 N. She noted that 1975 N is going straight to Fremont High. She reported that the parents in the subdivision had a meeting and came up with four suggestions. 1. Make a crosswalk on the east side of their subdivision and have a crossing guard. 2. Make a crosswalk on the west side of the subdivision, but noted that tall pine trees and not a very good shoulder. 3. Make a walking/bike path along 1975 N to 3600 W where the existing crossing is. 4. Get bus service. She reported that right now the mothers are taking turns carpooling. There was a discussion on how far you must be before riding the bus. It was reported that it is two miles. The Mayor noted that he would have Mitch look into this. Suggestion #1 was discussed and Mitch noted that he has already ordered some pedestrian signs and could paint a crosswalk. There was another discussion about how long a school zone can be and possibly dropping the speed limit to 35 mph by the subdivision. The Mayor thanked Sierra for coming and having some suggestions for the Council to work from.

Motion: Monthly Sewer Rate Increase

The Mayor reported that the public hearing was three weeks ago and the council has had a chance to mull it over and talk to people. Councilmember White suggested to raise the rate from \$13 to \$19 per month with two consecutive annual increases of \$2 per month and then review the situation at that time. He is also suggesting that 60% (\$11.50) should go for collections and 40% (\$7.50) to treatment. Councilmember White mentioned some of the treatment projects such as the head works, the screen, building up the dykes and the aeration. Collection projects are on going maintenance of the lift stations and the possible elimination of the lift station on 4700 W and 1500 N. Mitch noted that there are still nine lift stations that do not have emergency backup. He also noted that lift station 13 was only built for one phase of Plain City Meadows. It is currently running six phases of Plain City Meadows, Fox Run, Autumn Leaves, Pheasant Brook and Pheasant Hollow. He noted that it is running 24 hours in a 48 hour period. Councilmember Lowther asked what benefit it is to have our own treatment facility rather than all going to Central Weber. It was noted that the main reason is the cost. Central Weber just raised their rate to \$21.10 and that is just for treatment. It was noted that the residents that are hooked to Central Weber still have to pay the collection fee to Plain City. The Mayor noted that \$6 is a big rate increase. Councilmember White noted that Steve Davis figured we would need to raise it at least \$5.50 to get the sewer to break even. Councilmember Kelley asked if she understood right that the \$6 would break even but probably would not help us with future projects. Councilmember White said that was correct. Mitch asked why collections only got a \$0.50 increase while treatment got a \$5.50 increase? Councilmember White noted that is was just a suggestion and that the sewer fund is only one account. That percentage can be changed at the discretion of the council and if there was a project on either side that needed more it could be allocated. Councilmember Maw and Higley felt the proposed increase is reasonable.

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Councilmember Kelley noted that the people she has talked to seem to think it is alright once the situation is explained to them. There was a discussion about other cities rates. It was noted that some of the rates that were reported to them seem to be incorrect. Councilmember White noted that the \$6 will break even and the \$2 increase for two years would help the city for future projects. Diane reminded the council that every year, the council has the opportunity to look and adjust the budget. Councilmember White noted that based on the projections, the city should be raising the rate by \$10 now. There was a discussion about when the rate increase will be effective. It was noted that Bona Vista sends the bill out the first of the month for the previous month. It was decided that it will begin in October and will show up on the bill that comes out November 1. In July 1, 2013 it will raise by \$2 and then July 1, 2014 it will raise by \$2 again. **Councilmember White moved to increase the monthly sewer rate to \$19 per month for all citizens on the Plain City sewer system beginning on the November 1 billing and an annual increase of \$2 on July 1 of 2013 and 2014 and also that the rate for those residents that go to Central Weber pay the collection fee of \$11.50 plus the \$21.10 that Central Weber charges and any Central Weber increase thereafter as a pass thru fee. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. Councilmember Lowther moved to amend the motion to change the annual increase by \$1 rather than \$2. The motion for the amendment died for lack of a second. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, White and Higley voted aye on the original motion. Councilmember Lowther voted nay. The motion passed.**

Set Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Standards for Single Family Dwellings

Blake Neil noted that Ken Martin thought this was in our ordinance but found out that it wasn't. It is guidelines of what a single family dwelling is. The Mayor asked Blake if they were working on any other changes that would require a public hearing. He noted that there will be a tree ordinance and an amendment to the sign ordinance. It was decided that we could wait and combine all them for one public hearing.

Other Business

Approval of Business Licenses:

There was none at this time.

Approval of Warrant Registers (see register dated 8/17/2012 to 08/31/2012)

Councilmember Lowther moved to approve and pay the bills as presented. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, White, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Report: Planning Commission

Blake Neil noted that he had one inquiry on the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Blake told them to get a letter to Diane. She hasn't seen anything yet.

Reports – City Council

Councilmember Higley reported that there is a Mosquito Abatement meeting on Monday. He also thanked Councilmember White for his work on the sewer.

Councilmember Lowther noted that there was a little problem with the asphalt at the bowery at the Town Square Park that he and Mitch have addressed. He mentioned that ball diamond dirt. The Mayor said he would talk to him about that later.

Councilmember White noted that Don Weston is working on the aeration project.

Councilmember Maw reported that the Planning Commission is having a work meeting with the irrigation company. The Mayor asked if the hole by Curt Knight's house has been fixed. Councilmember Maw will look into it.

Councilmember Kelley also thanked Councilmember White for his work on the sewer. The Harvest Arts Festival is the 15th and a flyer is in the newsletter. She reported that there are some new activities this year. She asked if the inmates could clean up some vacant property. Councilmember Lowther didn't think they could go on private property. She also noted that the elementary school has an activity on Sept 20 and would like to use our sound system. Colette said she would donate her time and run it. It was noted that Colette uses the system in the

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recreation program and is the one that runs it. The council felt it was alright to let them use it since they work with the recreation department. Councilmember Kelley noted that Founders Day will be held at the elementary school this year.

At 8:01 p.m. Councilmember Kelley moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember White. The vote was unanimous.

City Recorder

Mayor

Date approved

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