

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2013

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2013, in the Plain City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers LaFray Kelley, Joel Maw, Brent White, Mark Lowther and Bruce Higley
Excused: Mayor Jay Jenkins
Staff: Diane Hirschi
Also present: Rick Kearl, Mitch Willson, Carl Hadley, Craig Butts, Jarod Maw, Paul Hodson, Deputy Stoffers, Gordon Sorensen, Gordon Nozaki and Sheriff Terry Thompson

Councilmember White called the meeting to order and excused Mayor Jenkins. Councilmember Lowther led in the pledge of allegiance. Councilmember Maw gave the invocation/moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: July 18, 2013

Councilmember Kelley 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:

There were no comments.

Public Hearing: Proposed Property Tax Increase

Councilmember Higley moved to go into two public hearings. Councilmember Lowther seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, White, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Steve Davis, City Treasurer, reported that this proposed property tax increase is due to the Weber County Sheriff's changes to the contract. He noted that in previous presentations, the county's portion of the taxes are being reduced and the city is increasing theirs to offset that amount. The Sheriff's contract has increased by \$78,000. With this change, the city will receive an additional \$39,000 from property taxes. The residents shouldn't see any increase because the county's reduction will offset the city's increase. Steve noted that the increase will only cover half of the Sheriff's contract increase. He noted that if this is approved, the certified tax rate will be 0.000583. He noted that we have advertised according to the regulations. Gordon Sorensen inquired about the greenbelt property. Steve Davis said that the County regulates that. Mr. Sorensen is concerned that the rest of us are subsidizing their taxes. Mr. Sorensen asked if the council knows about the county regulations concerning greenbelt. He feels that the council should table this until they find out more information. Councilmember Maw noted that he has a list of cities that are changing their property tax rate and Plain City is the lowest of all the cities. Councilmember White noted that the budget shows this change.

Public Hearing: Vacation and Amendment of Pheasant Hollow Subdivision

Rick Kearl, representing Sierra Homes, reported that they have changed the temporary turnaround so that there will not be any restricted lots. He has the amended plat with all the signatures ready to go. Originally the temporary turnaround was all on lot 8. Now it is partially on lot 7 and 8 and in accordance to the public works standard. The original subdivision will be vacated and the amended plat will then be recorded.

Councilmember Kelley moved to go out of the public hearings and into the regular meeting. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, White, Lowther and Higley voted aye. The motion carried.

Motion: Proposed Property Tax Increase

Councilmember Lowther mentioned that he works for Weber County Sheriff's Office and said he would not be voting. **Councilmember Kelley moved to accept the certified tax rate of 0.000583 that includes the property tax increase. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, White and Higley voted aye. Councilmember Lowther abstained. The motion carried.**

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Councilmember Maw noted that football and flag football are starting. It was noted that the city is asked to water during the day so there is pressure for the houses in the evening.

Councilmember Lowther mentioned that there was an error on the 1500 North project. The contract period was for 260 days rather than the typical 60 or 90. It was suggested that this be watched a little closer in the future. It was noted that sewer has been run and now they are working on the water. It was noted that they are doing well considering the ground water and soil condition.

Councilmember Higley reported that the mosquito board meets on Monday and they are working on their personnel policy. He mentioned that the fire department is doing well.

Councilmember White mentioned his concern about the mistake on the contract for the 1500 North sewer project. He would like to see the documents before signing in the future. He noted that there is a problem tying the sewer into 4700 West. The east line survey was off by one foot. Now they are going to have to cross 4700 West and go on the east side about 300 feet. Since the mistake was from Wasatch Civil, they will be paying for that portion of the project. The problem will be working with UDOT to cross 4700 West. Councilmember White reported that the landfill has been broken into for the 3rd time this year. He mentioned that they are taking an inventory and trying to decide if they want to turn it over to the insurance company.

At 7:47 p.m. Councilmember Lowther moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Higley. The vote was unanimous.

City Recorder

Mayor

Date approved