

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015, in the Plain City Hall beginning at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bruce Higley, Councilmembers LaFray Kelley, Joel Maw, Mike McKean and Kris Carrigan.  
Excused: Councilmember Natalie Hale  
Staff: Diane Hirschi  
Also present: Mark Lowther, Craig Call, Tracie Jensen, Steve Jensen, Blake Neil, Nancy McKellar, Kathy Taylor, Ross Taylor

Call to Order: Mayor Higley  
Pledge of Allegiance: Diane Hirschi  
Invocation/Moment of Silence: Councilmember Maw

Approval of Minutes

**Councilmember Carrigan moved to approve the minutes from August 20, 2015 as presented. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, Carrigan and Hale voted aye. The motion carried.**

Comments: Public

Kathleen Taylor asked about the policy for keeping sidewalks clean. She likes to go walking and there are some properties that are overgrown with weeds. The Mayor noted that the sidewalk is in the city right-of-way but it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain them. It was suggested that she get the addresses and the city will send them a letter. She noted her concern for a high density development (Stillcreek) on North Plain City Road. Her concern is how much more traffic that road can handle. Her final question was about the park restrooms and if they are supposed to be open all the time. Councilmember McKean reported that the parks department is supposed to open them at 8 am and lock them at dark.

Ross Taylor noted his concern about the curb next to his house that is coming out of Taylor Parks Subdivision onto 4100 W. It was reported that the sidewalk would end 8,5 feet from the back of the curb. His concern is that the curb is right on his property line and if sidewalk ever comes it will be in his front yard. The Mayor will have Mitch go and look at it.

Mark Lowther mentioned that he is giving some unsolicited advice to the Council and the Planning Commission. He noted that with Kent's trying to come in there will be a lot of emotion. He cautioned the City to not get drawn into the emotion and sit back and keep the interest of the city first in their mind. He said to keep cool.

Steve Jensen inquired about the planning development in relationship with the General Plan, specifically the commercial hub of the city. He noted that according to the General Plan, in 2012 we should have an economic study and have established a citizen economic advisory committee. In 2009 we should have established an urban planning design team. He talked about neighborhood commercial districts on page 62, none mention this site. He feels that the public hearing on September 10 is a planning issue, not a zoning issue. The Mayor reported that the city is currently looking into all of this right now. He noted that we have hired a part-time professional planner. The Mayor noted that he would be willing to meet with him at another time. Steve Jensen noted that he is inquiring about the entire planning concept for Plain City.

Nancy McKellar thanked the council for all they do. She noted that she loves the newsletter but feels she always gets it after the events have taken place. She also is concerned about the sidewalks as previously mentioned.

Public Hearing: Kyle and SueAnn Munk Property Annexation – 3285 W 2600 N

**Councilmember McKean moved to go into a public hearing for the purpose of the annexation of Kyle and SueAnn Munk's property. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, McKean and Carrigan voted aye. The motion carried.** It was reported that this property is located in an island

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of unincorporated Weber County. It was also reported that it includes all of their property. **Councilmember Maw moved to go out of the public hearing and into the regular meeting. Councilmember Kelley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, McKean and Carrigan voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion for Ordinance: Kyle and SueAnn Munk Property Annexation

**Councilmember Kelley moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-03 accepting the annexation of the Munk property. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion.** It was noted that this property will continue to be an A-1 zone. **Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, McKean and Carrigan voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Plain City Stake Request for Use of Senior Center for Blood Drive – Sept 24

Craig Call reported that he is representing the LDS Church and is asking that they waive the fees for the senior center for the use of a blood drive on Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 3-8 pm. **Councilmember McKean moved to waive the fee for the senior center for the LDS church blood drive on September 24. Councilmember Carrigan seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, McKean and Carrigan voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Purchase of Blower for Sewer Treatment Ponds

The Mayor reported that the numbers are starting to fail at the sewer pond. Originally it was thought that we needed to replace the blower, but Dusty found that the blower needed to be reconfigured. Councilmember Maw reported that the cost went from \$6,000 to about \$400.

Discussion/Motion: Cancel September 17 meeting

The Mayor reported that the Utah League of Cities convention is Sept 16-18. He noted that this is a good opportunity to learn new information and bring back to the city. **Councilmember Kelley moved to cancel the September 17 meeting because of the Utah League of Cities convention. Councilmember Maw seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, McKean and Carrigan voted aye. The motion carried.**

Motion: Approval of Business Licenses

New

Tara's Tot Stop Preschool                      Tara Savage                      2067 N 2850 W                      preschool in home  
**Councilmember McKean moved to approve the business license as presented. Councilmember Carrigan seconded the motion. Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, McKean and Carrigan voted aye. The motion carried.**

Motion: Approval of Warrant Register

See warrant register dated 8/14/15 to 8/31/15. **Councilmember Maw moved to approve the warrant register presented. Councilmember McKean seconded the motion.** Councilmember Carrigan asked about the Codale bill. It was for the parks building because some wires had rotten out. It was also noted that the Master Electric bill was for some of our street lights. **Councilmembers Kelley, Maw, McKean and Carrigan voted aye. The motion carried.**

Report: Planning Commission

Blake Neil reported that Stillcreek Phase 2 is looking at a 6-acre park/detention basin. They figure that the park itself will be around 3.5 acres. There will be a walking path and restrooms. There was a traffic study on the lower portion of North Plain City Road, but we still need to have one for the upper portion. Blake noted that he met with the ladies working on the pickle ball court. He handed out a copy of the plat showing the property lines by the Lions Club Park. He noted that the city owns both parcels but is thinking we need to consolidate the line so we can get four courts in. There was a discussion about parking. It was noted that parking is limited at all our parks. Blake noted that these ladies are trying to raise all the money for the pickle ball courts. He reminded the council that the rezone for Kent's Market is on September 10.

Report: Council

Councilmember Kelley reported that there will not be an arts festival this year. She noted that the youth council will be putting in their new officers at their next meeting. They will be presenting them to the city council at our next

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meeting. She is working on the RAMP grant for the pickle ball. She is wondering if she should include new restrooms. The council felt she should. She talked with Brandon about putting up a sign saying "future site of pickle ball courts". He didn't see a problem.

Councilmember Maw reported that we don't need a new blower at the lagoons. He noted that Dusty was frustrated by not getting our own mower. He noted that it is used on the sewer dikes too. It was reported that the type of mower needed cannot be rented. The Mayor has made arrangements to borrow one from Harrisville when we need it for the rest of the summer.

Councilmember McKean reported that they are working on the dying grass at Pioneer Park. They have fixed the sprinklers. He noted that there was an incident at the park but the Sheriff took care of it. We are three weeks into football and flag football just started. Girls' basketball signups will begin shortly. He noted that Daniel is doing great and they are working on some more staffing for the parks and public works.

Councilmember Carrigan noted that Tuesday's open house was well attended and there were some good comments.

The Mayor noted that he met with the residents around Big Cottonwood subdivision to try and resolve the water issue. He noted that the park benches will be put together and the company is giving us one for free for all the trouble. The Mayor read the letter given to them from Pat & Steve Smith. He noted that an open house for the log cabin will be Sept 12 at 11 am. The Mayor thanked the staff, the Council and Diane and the office staff. He noted that we are small in force but we are doing well to provide the services.

**At 8:10 p.m. Councilmember McKean moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Kelley. The vote was unanimous.**

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City Recorder

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Mayor

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Date approved