

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019, in the Plain City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jon Beesley, Councilmembers Chad Allen, Buddy Sadler, Todd Davis, Don Weston and Brad Searle
Staff: Diane Hirschi, Mike Kerswell, Dan Schuler, Ryan Childs
Also in attendance: Karen Stephens, Debbie Burt, Greg Burt, Jeff Stevens, Julie & Lee Bouwhuis, John Stephens, Steve Thompson, Katherine Thompson, Elayne VanKampen, Tyler VanKampen, Tanner Allen, Blake Neil, TJ Larson, Andrew Weston, Debbie Gough, Sheri Archuleta, Shayla Archuleta, Jim & Carol Jean Beesley, Jarod Maw, Liz Jacobson, Josh Hoffman, Teresa Johnson, Gary Johnson, Bryan Edmunds

Call to Order: Mayor Beesley
Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Searle
Invocation/Moment of Silence: Councilmember Sadler

Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2019

Councilmember Allen moved to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of February 7, 2019 as presented. Councilmember Sadler seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler, Davis, Weston and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.

Comments: Public

Karen Stephens questioned the rationale behind a petition for removal of a stop sign at 2800 W, off North Plain City Road. She indicated that she would like speed-humps in addition to the existing stop sign arrangement. She commented on speeding traffic and observed failures to stop at the intersection being discussed. She noted, recent installation of the stop sign has helped with some traffic problems but has not resolved all of the issues, previously assessed by the Council.

New resident, Debbie Burt reported conditions before and after installation of the stop signs. She spoke of safety concerns. She described perceived intentional disregard for the signs by specific drivers, indicating, license plate numbers of their vehicles have been recorded. She commented on problematic sign placement and visibility. She suggested that the speed limit on the road into the new school be decreased.

Debbie Gough reported seeing trucks run the newly installed stop sign. She stated, there is an obvious reason for placement of the stop sign and commented on enforcement issues. She submitted, traffic levels will increase with area growth and full operation of a new elementary school on the street. She made mention of pedestrian safety concerns.

Jeff Stevens expressed anxiety over worsening traffic flow problems with the opening of a new school in the neighborhood. He commented on inattentive and reckless drivers that regularly pass through the region. He acknowledged, the new stop sign(s) have helped with, but not eliminated community concerns. He suggested that speed-humps be placed, to further slow traffic.

Subdivision developer, John Stephens implied, consenting to Plain City management of vicinity public works matters was a questionable decision. He indicated, there is another access into Remuda that can be utilized by those viewing existing traffic controls on 2800 West Street too restrictive. He pointed out that construction vehicles have been observing the new traffic controls. He commented on law enforcement efforts in the area.

Tyler VanKampen indicated, he is not a resident of the effected community but has friends in Remuda Court. He classified the subjects of stop signs and speed limit as separate. He spoke to enforcement of the speed limit on 2800 West Street. He stated annoyance with placement of stop signs in badly planned locations.

Farr West resident, Teresa Johnson proposed respectful compromise in solving the traffic difficulties at the intersection under discussion. She acknowledged the increased activity seen in the neighborhood, with construction of a new elementary school and population growth. She noted, devices for traffic management should be consistent in placement and enforcement. She echoed safety concerns expressed by previous speakers.

Katherine Thompson spoke of specific incidents of motorists' failure to stop at the newly placed stop sign(s).

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Discussion/Motion: Bryan Edmunds – Asking for Removal of Stop Sign at 2800 W off North Plain City Road

Remuda Court resident, Bryan Edmunds voiced agreement with publicized misgivings about inattentive and reckless driving in the area of 2800 West Street, off North Plain City Road. He related his concerns over the recently installed stop sign with expressed outlooks on safety. He contended, a better solution to traffic problems would be the addition of access to North Plain City Road, directly from the new elementary school. He commented on uncoordinated placement of the controls and natural expectations of drivers, when approaching the intersection being discussed. He voiced endorsement of alternative means of speed management in the area. He mentioned the absence of sidewalks along roadways, leading to the new elementary school. He proposed installation of sidewalks in the vicinity, for pedestrian safety sake. He suggested that speed-bump type devices be positioned for speed control. He reviewed Utah Department of Transportation guidelines for sign placement on roads, specifically an indication that yield or stop signs should not be used for speed control. He referred to UDOT studies that show stop signs are not effective means of speed control. He inferred that a traffic “choke point” has been created with installation of the stop sign in question. He explained why he believes speed-bumps are a better option. Councilmember Allen clarified that Bryan Edmunds’ viewpoint is, speed-bumps are an effective means of speed control. Councilmember Davis asked, if the installation of a single stop sign could be considered effective, if it saved one life. Bryan Edmunds acknowledged the effectiveness of a stop sign that saves lives. He argued that the stop sign in question is potentially dangerous because of its unusual placement and a false sense of confidence it may give motorists and pedestrians that approach the intersection. Councilmember Sadler commented on lawful drivers that comply with the traffic controls. He asserted, safety concerns are eliminated with adherence to the posted speed limit and stop signs. He indicated, enforcement of existing controls is vital to area safety. He remarked on road maintenance problems linked to speed-dumps, speed-humps, and speed-dips. Councilmember Searle commented on enforcement of controls that are already in place and trust in mechanisms that have proven effective in similar circumstances. Public Works Director, Dan Schuler relayed personal experience with maintaining roads that have speed-humps, speed-bumps, and/or speed-dips installed. He reported that several vehicles rolled through the stop sign as he performed a recent traffic study at the intersection. He recommended a three-way stop be put into effect. Mayor Beesley expressed disapproval of integrating speed-humps. Councilmember Sadler proposed placement of flashing lights on the stop signs and a clear appeal to the Sheriff’s office for improved enforcement in the area. He commended community members in attendance for reporting safety concerns and offering solutions. Bryan Edmunds concluded, measures taken to promote pedestrian safety and traffic control in this circumstance, should be consistently implemented throughout Plain City. Councilmember Allen evaluated other means of providing pedestrian safety and traffic control that have not been discussed. He suggested a study be conducted, to determine an overall suitable option. Councilmember Weston commented on ownership of roads through Stephens Estates. He stated, if current speed limits and existing traffic signs are obeyed, pedestrian safety and traffic flow will not pose a dilemma in the area. Councilmember Searle thanked Bryan Edmunds for bringing the issue to the Council’s attention. He expressed gratitude to members of the public that communicated their perspective on the matter. **Councilmember Weston moved to install a three-way stop with flashing light alerts at 2800 W off North Plain City Road and that traffic studies be initiated in the area. Councilmember Sadler seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler, Davis, Weston and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Annexation Concerns – Derek Kennedy Property

Mayor Beesley reported attempts to contact the owners of property adjacent to Derek Kennedy Property – intending to invite them to participate in the proposed annexation. He indicated that his efforts to interact with the neighbors were unsuccessful. City Attorney, Brandon Richards reviewed State requirements for exemption from stipulations that prohibit creation of islands and peninsulas through annexation. He acknowledged, the requirements have been met. He noted, the decision must be made by the Council, if annexation of the Derek Kennedy property is in the best interest of the City, though it will retain a minor peninsula attribute. **Councilmember Davis moved to approve commencement of process for Annexation of Derek Kennedy Property, recognizing the action to be in the best interest of Plain City, notwithstanding the perpetuation of a peninsula attribute. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler, Davis, Weston and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Appointment of Assistant Fire Chief

Fire Chief, TJ Larson explained, Interim Assistant Chief Smith has requested that a permanent Assistant Fire Chief be instated, as he has personal and family devotions that require more time away from the station. He outlined steps taken to reorganize the officer corps. He indicated, Andrew Weston scored the highest marks through the application process and was nominated by a three-person interview panel to be the Assistant Fire Chief. Noting Andrew Weston’s acceptance of the nomination, he presented him to the Council for appointment. **Mayor Beesley signaled for a vote on the**

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appointment of Andrew Weston to Assistant Fire Chief of the Plain City Fire Department. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler, Davis, and Searle voted aye. Councilmember Weston abstained. The motion carried.

Discussion/Motion: Presentation of January Financial Statement

City Treasurer, Ryan Child referred to a printed report that he had distributed to the Council and staff, prior to the meeting. He reviewed restricted and unrestricted fund balances within the General Fund. He reported sales tax revenue increases. Councilmember Searle requested tracking and breakdown of annual sales tax. Ryan Child agreed to work on an enumerated sales tax revenue statement. He indicated, there has been no activity in the Capital Projects Fund, this term. He commented on projected transfers and budgeted expenditures assigned to the Capital Projects Fund. He listed Sewer Fund revenues and expenditures. He reviewed Storm Drain Fund expenditures.

Motion: Approval of Business Licenses

Renewals

C&B Auto Repair	Curt Knight	2166 N 4500 W	auto repair
Randy Marriott Construction	Randy Marriott	4960 W 2200 N	construction & maintenance
RJ Analytical LLC	Rich Mickelsen	4365 W 2575 N	chemical, micro testing
Frog Pond Preschool	Julie Della-Lucia	2414 N 4350 W #C	preschool
Tara's Tot Stop Preschool	Tara Savage	2067 N 2850 W	preschool
Little Pockets Preschool	Karlee Foulger	1628 N 4400 W	preschool
Brain Builders Preschool	Jen Ortgiesen	3820 W 1975 N	preschool

Councilmember Davis moved to approve the business license as presented. Councilmember Weston seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler, Davis, Weston and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.

Motion: Approval of Warrant Register

See warrant register dated from 02/01/2019 to 2/20/2019. **Councilmember Searle moved to approve the warrant registers as presented. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler, Weston and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Report from Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chairman, Jarod Maw reported the setting of a March 14th public hearing on a zoning amendment of George Cook property. He commented on discussion had on an ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units. He reported the reorganization of Commission leadership, noting, he (Jarod Maw) was nominated and accepted the position of Planning Commission Chairman and that previous Chairman, Blake Neil was nominated and accepted the position of Vice-Chair. He indicated, action has been taken to address exterior lighting concerns at the new Dollar Tree store. Vice-Chair, Blake Neil commented on a Technical Review that was held for a proposed Nilson Homes development called Wasatch Ridge. He evoked plans to schedule a work session, involving both Planning Commission and City Council. He reported progress on reworking of the project design.

Report from City Council

Councilmember Allen remarked on comments by Councilmember Weston, at a previous City Council meeting, regarding City cell phone policy and provider. He requested an inventory of City phones, "hot-spots", and plan details. He suggested investigating options that will reduce cost of staff cell phone service.

Councilmember Sadler reported scheduling a presentation by UTOPIA to take place in a work meeting, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Councilmember Davis voiced appreciation for well-executed snow removal by the Public Works Department.

Mayor Beesley thanked the Sheriff's Office for handling of a recent criminal event involving Fremont High School. He expressed gratitude to the Public Works Department for their efforts in removing snow and ice from Plain City roads after heavy snowstorms, of late. He reported the resignation of Planning Commission Vice-Chair, John Leonardi, and offered thanks for his service. He commented on emergency preparedness training for City officials. He relayed points discussed at a meeting with the Fire Chief and Public Works Director, to consider reclamation of an existing City Emergency Management Program.

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At 8:20 p.m. Councilmember Sadler moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Searle. The vote was unanimous.

City Recorder

Mayor

Date approved

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