

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2019

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019, in the Plain City Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jon Beesley, Councilmembers Chad Allen, Buddy Sadler, Brad Searle
Excused: Councilmember Todd Davis, Don Weston
Staff: Diane Hirschi, Mike Kerswell, Dan Schuler
Also in attendance: Jed Parry, Paul Taylor, Jarod Maw, James Hansen, Marlie Hansen, Haylie Miller, Lt. Mark Horton

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

Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2019

It was noted that Councilmember Weston also declared his affiliation with the Plain City Fire Department.

Councilmember Sadler moved to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of May 2, 2019 as corrected. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.

Comments: Public
None presented.

Report from Youth City Council

Officer of Communications and Media, Marlie Hansen introduced herself and Youth City Council representative, Haylie Miller; in attendance.

Discussion/Motion: Community Boy Scouts Use of Senior Center

Mayor Beesley indicated; the Community Boy Scout troop arranged to use the Lions Club building for their meetings. Their request for use of the Senior Center was nullified.

Discussion/Motion: Final Acceptance of Edgewood Estates West Subdivision

Public Works Director, Dan Schuler reported completion of a punch list, requisite for Final Acceptance of the Edgewood Estates West Subdivision. He affirmed that he has inspected the project. He commented on housekeeping actions that are underway for finalization of a few developments that have been unduly static. Councilmember Searle commended Dan Schuler for work done to tie up loose ends. Councilmember Allen clarified; monuments on the punch list for Final Acceptance of Edgewood Estates West Subdivision were recently completed. **Councilmember Searle moved to grant Final Acceptance of Edgewood Estates West Subdivision. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Conditional Final Acceptance of Mountain West Phase 4 Subdivision

Dan Schuler explained; Conditional Final Acceptance puts a development under a one-year warrantee statute, and Final Acceptance ends the warrantee period. Councilmember Searle asked if all fees have been collected, by the City, for Mountain West Meadows Subdivision. Dan Schuler noted that there is a balance remaining in escrow (for improvements) for Mountain West Meadows Phase 4. He asserted that the process of finalizing the subdivision has been unreasonably delayed and Conditional Final Acceptance will revive progress and restore order. **Councilmember Allen moved to approve Conditional Final Acceptance of Mountain West Meadows Phase 4 Subdivision. Councilmember Searle seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Final Acceptance of Taylor Parks Phase 1

Councilmember Searle asked if all fees have been collected, by the City, for Taylor Parks Phase 1. Dan Schuler answered in the affirmative, explaining that release of escrow will allow the developer to pay for projected improvements, postponed at the request of the Public Works Department. Councilmember Allen asked if the future improvements have been definitively scheduled. Dan Schuler answered in the negative. He listed variables that will affect scheduling of the construction. The scope of the projected improvements was deliberated. Representing the developer, Jed Parry remitted a check for the expected cost of the future improvements and a written summary of the expected work.

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Mayor Beesley commented on a foreseen cost increase for concrete materials. Councilmember Allen reiterated the importance of forthright completion of requirements for Final Acceptance of subdivisions. **Councilmember Allen moved to grant Final Acceptance of Taylor Parks Phase 1. Councilmember Searle seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Purchase Vehicle for VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) Program

Mayor Beesley referred to discussion on the VIPS Program from previous City Council meetings and briefly described the arrangement. He asserted, the purpose of the VIPS Program is to free up time for law enforcement officers to concentrate on the more serious aspects of their job. He commented on insurance and liability conditions. Councilmember Searle expressed concern over the request for additional financial contributions for services that are included in the contract package Plain City is currently paying for. He voiced unease over possible misinterpretation and exploitation of authority by overzealous volunteers. He commented on VIPS vehicle ownership terms. Mayor Beesley stated that liability will be assumed by Weber County. He made mention of a vehicle that has been repurposed by the Sheriff's Office to dedicated VIPS service. He remarked on disadvantages of establishing a Neighborhood Watch program. He advocated the purchase of a vehicle for the VIPS program. Councilmember Sadler expressed agreement with enhanced security offered through the VIPS program. He proposed exploring lease options for the VIPS vehicle. He spoke to training arrangements. Councilmember Allen commented on potential use of a vehicle provided by Plain City in other jurisdictions, contracted with Weber County Sheriff's Office. He noted concern that the purchase will provide limited benefit to Plain City if the vehicle cannot be solely assigned to service within City boundaries. Weber County Sheriff Lt. Mark Horton compared the proposed purchase of a vehicle for the VIPS program to an agreement that the Sheriff's Office has entered into with the State Parks Department. The State owns, maintains and fuels a boat that the Sheriff's Office mans for Marine Patrol operations. He noted; VIPS volunteers will be covered by the Weber County Sheriff's Office workforce insurance. He denoted strict policies that are in place to deter inappropriate actions by volunteers. Councilmember Allen acknowledged that one of his main concerns is over improper claim of authority by passionate VIPS helpers. Lt. Horton gave further detail on a truck that has been repurposed by the Sheriff's Office to dedicated VIPS service. He indicated; one vehicle is sufficient at this time. He commented on the need for suitable applicants for the VIPS program. He surmised, if an additional vehicle is provided by Plain City, it will only be commissioned for Plain City errands. He listed duties that may be handled by VIPS volunteers. He stated that no Plain City resident has submitted application, to date. Councilmember Sadler suggested getting the program underway, in Plain City, and assessing the need for a vehicle after operations warrant the purchase. Councilmember Searle sought particulars on administration of the VIPS program. Lt. Horton advised that the information will be presented by Sgt. Terance Lavelly at an upcoming City Council meeting. Councilmember Allen proposed utilizing an older City fleet vehicle for VIPS service – possibly on a rotation cycle. Lt. Horton relayed plans for VIPS inmate transport duties. He remarked on setting up a large van for the assignment. **Councilmember Allen moved to table Discussion/Motion: Purchase Vehicle for VIPS Program. Councilmember Searle seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Set Public Hearing for Final Adjustments to FY2019 City Budgets – June 20

Councilmember Sadler advised; the Public Hearing should be set, factoring a (minimum) two-week review before a final vote on the matter. He recommended that improvement of the fence at the sewer lagoons be included as a line-item in the budget. He proposed that funds be dedicated to finishing the fencing at Stillcreek, with intent to exact terms of the development agreement as work proceeds. **Councilmember Sadler moved to Set Public Hearing for Final Adjustments to FY2019 City Budgets for June 6. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Set Public Hearing for Final Acceptance of FY2020 City Budgets – June 20

Councilmember Searle moved to Set Public Hearing for Final Acceptance of FY2020 City Budgets for June 6. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.

Motion: Approval of Business Licenses

There were none.

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Motion: Approval of Warrant Register

See warrant register dated from 05/01/2019 to 5/15/2019. There was a question about the Weber Area Dispatch 911 bill. Diane will talk to the Fire Chief about it. **Councilmember Searle moved to approve the warrant registers as presented. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Allen, Sadler and Searle voted aye. The motion carried.**

Report from Planning Commission

Planning Commission Chairman, Jarod Maw reported reviewing items that were presented for Technical Review that week, and announced approval of a Consolidation of Parcels request by Taya McGeorge (Big Cottonwood Estates). He indicated; function of the newly ratified Mixed-Use and Residential Overlays will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Allen clarified an enquiry for information regarding open space requirements. He asked if there are demands for open space in general subdivision code. Jarod Maw referred to open space percentage provisos in the overlay ordinances, and affirmed that there are no such specifications in regular subdivision regulations, save setback and yard requirements for individual lots. Councilmember Allen weighed placing open space stipulations in rules for conventional developments.

Report from City Council

Councilmember Allen reported a public petition by Stillcreek residents for the City to provide playground equipment at a dedicated park in their development. He commented on plans for park improvement and measures taken to inform Stillcreek residents of progress toward completion of the assembly. He proposed Capital Projects Funds be used in acquisition of land for development of parks, trails, and other open space purposes.

Councilmember Sadler acknowledged discussion with Recreation Director, Tyson Garr, Dan Schuler, and developer, J.C. Christensen on Stillcreek park provisions. He remarked on City Councilmember participation in the 2019 4th of July Parade.

Mayor Beesley announced a Central Weber Sewer District impact fee increase. He reported opening of undertakings for the 3600 West project, including preparations for land acquisition for right of ways. He referred to a pricing chart, provided by J-U-B Engineers for City engineering services and introduced Paul Taylor as the new City engineering delegate from J-U-B Engineers. He commented on the organization of the Plain City Youth Council.

At 8:11 p.m. Councilmember Searle moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Sadler. The vote was unanimous.

City Recorder

Mayor

Date approved