

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 2, 2021

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting at City Hall on Thursday, December 2, 2021 also accessible via ZOOM beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Jed Jenkins, Buddy Sadler, Don Weston and Todd Skeen  
Present via Zoom: Mayor Jon Beesley, Councilmember Rachael Beal  
Staff: Diane Hirschi, Dan Schuler, Melissa Miller  
Present: Luigi Panunzio, Jake Jones  
Also Present via Zoom: Brandon Richards, Debbie Robinson, Marci Doolan, Jim Beesley, Kerry Gibson

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

Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2021

**Councilmember Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2021 as presented. Councilmember Skeen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Jenkins, Beal, Sadler, Weston and Skeen voted aye. The motion carried.**

Comments: Public

None offered.

Report from Planning Commission

No report.

Discussion/Motion: Final Approval of Phase 1 of Diamond E Subdivision – approx. 3200 W 2600 N

Mayor Beesley reported that Nilson Homes have presented a letter stating that in good faith, the stub road will continue into JDC Ranch. There was a discussion about taking the “in good faith” out of the letter. The council feels that it is necessary that this road goes into the future JDC Ranch. Councilmember Sadler suggested that he would like a development agreement that would be more legally binding than a letter. He also noted that lot 13 needs to be restricted on the plat. This lot will not be buildable until the road goes through. **Councilmember Sadler moved to give Final Approval of Phase 1 of Diamond E Subdivision with the condition that lot 13 be restricted on the plat, take out the “in good faith” on the letter and having a development agreement concerning the stub road will go into JDC Ranch. These conditions must be met before pre-construction begins. Councilmember Weston seconded the motion. Councilmembers Jenkins, Beal, Sadler, Weston and Skeen voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Donation to YCC Crisis Center - \$4,000

It was reported that we donate every year. There was a question about the amount. **Councilmember Weston moved to approve the \$4,000 donation to the YCC Crisis Center. Councilmember Skeen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Jenkins, Beal, Sadler, Weston and Skeen voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Lincoln Hills & Associates Contract

A contract with Lincoln Hills was put in the council packet. Lincoln Shurtz and Casey Hill started up an appropriations company for local municipalities. Their purpose is to help smaller cities get money that is available to the State. Jon introduced Kerry Gibson. Kerry noted that he is a partner in this company. He mentioned that there is ARPA funding available and he would like to help Plain City get some for expanding the sewer plant. Their goal is to help smaller cities get some of the funding rather than Salt Lake or West Valley. Mayor Beesley reported that the contract can be canceled within 30 days if the city isn't satisfied. If the City is interested in this, Kerry would propose that we stay in the contract for at least a year. Councilmember Skeen noted that he would like to have more information and perhaps set up a work meeting to discuss this further. Councilmember Beal felt that this came out of nowhere and also would like more information. Councilmember Jenkins concurred. **Councilmember Skeen moved to table this until a work meeting is scheduled. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion.** The Mayor noted that he will be home on Sunday and he will email everyone to schedule a work meeting on Monday. **Councilmembers Jenkins, Beal, Sadler, Weston and Skeen voted aye. The motion carried.** Kerry Gibson noted that he is hesitant to put it off very long due that the fact that the legislative session begins January 15.

Discussion/Motion: Cancel December 16 meeting

Mayor Beesley asked to cancel this meeting due to having a Christmas dinner for the employees. **Councilmember Sadler moved to cancel the December 16 meeting. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion. Councilmembers Jenkins, Beal, Sadler, Weston and Skeen voted aye. The motion carried.**

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Motion: Approval of Business Licenses

There were none.

Motion: Approval of Warrant Register

See warrant register dated 11/18/2021 and 11/30/2021. **Councilmember Sadler moved to approve and pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Skeen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Jenkins, Beal, Sadler, Weston and Skeen voted aye. The motion carried.**

Report from City Council

Mayor Beesley thanked Councilmember Weston for his ten years of service on the Council. Also thanked him for his work with the sewer, fire and landfill. Mayor Beesley welcomed Luigi Panunzio and Councilmember Jenkins to the council in January. He noted that the Christmas Tree Lighting is Saturday and apologized for not being in town. His wife will do the count down.

**At 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Sadler moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Skeen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.**

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City Recorder

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Mayor

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2021

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting at City Hall on Thursday, December 9, 2021 also accessible via ZOOM beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jon Beesley, Councilmembers Jed Jenkins, Rachael Beal, Buddy Sadler, Don Weston and Todd Skeen  
Staff: Diane Hirschi, Melissa Miller  
Present: Kerry Gibson  
Also Present via Zoom: Brandon Richards  
  
Call to Order: Mayor Beesley

Discussion/Motion: Lincoln Hill & Associates Contract

Mayor Beesley introduced Kerry Gibson and asked if the council had any questions. Councilmember Beal inquired that she thought Melissa was hired to do this as grants. The mayor noted that this is different in that this company lobbies at the capitol for funds. Kerry Gibson reported that he is a partner in a full-service government affair lobbying firm. They do not write grants. They lobby for funds controlled by Utah constitution and has a formula to receive funding. They can help craft policy that is favorable to the city with legislation appropriations. The legislative session is 45 days but their company works all year long trying to help the clients that they represent be heard and to facilitate that their projects are positioned well. He used an example and showed how they can help position a client's application so that it is seen, heard and funded. Kerry explained that their firm can match a need with a funding source. He reported that they will meet their clients frequently to visit and come up with priorities to help the client become successful for funding sources. Mayor Beesley pointed out the we have shovel ready projects and we just need the funds to help save the citizen's money. Kerry agreed with the Mayor in that most funding goes to larger cities. They can help Plain City in competing for these funds. Kerry noted that their firm is the best of this type in the state of Utah. They are heard, trusted and respected and can help the city be heard. Councilmember Skeen asked who identifies the projects. It was noted that the city council will. That is the purpose with meeting regularly with Kerry. Councilmember Beal asked if we can cancel if we don't feel that we are getting what we put into it. Kerry reported that there is a 30-day cancelation clause. He noted that we can pay either monthly or annually. He is pretty confident that we will see a return by hiring the right people to do what they are good at. Councilmember Skeen is still concerned about the direction. It was explained that the council can decide who they want to meet with and work with Kerry. He will then sit down frequently with them. Kerry noted that the priority list may change frequently. Councilmember Beal asked if there will be extra fees. Kerry noted that that proposal was built on the size of our city, our budget and potential projects so no there won't be extra fees. Councilmember Beal asked if there would be conflicts with other cities. Kerry noted that his team is set up to work together to meet the city's needs. Councilmember Jenkins noted that on one hand Kerry said they are fighting for us and now he is saying that we send him the projects. Which one is it? Kerry noted that it is a combination of both. They want to focus on the city's needs for policy and funding. Mayor Beesley noted that it would work in conjunction with our strategic plan. Kerry noted that he would like to meet at least quarterly with whoever the council chooses to give the discretion with. Councilmember Weston asked if there was ever any money left on the table. Kerry answered not very often. Councilmember Weston likes the fact that there is a 30-day option to cancel. He also agrees that our city needs a voice. Councilmember Beal asked when this contract will be effective. Kerry noted that it was dated December 1<sup>st</sup>, but can be anytime. He noted that we need to get started quickly before the legislative session. Councilmember Sadler feels that there is no way we can have the access they have. We need to pay for that access in order to compete with other cities. He feels that we need to see what happens and he would like to have the council kept informed along the way. He would like to see a reports in public meetings. **Councilmember Sadler moved to accept the contract with Lincoln Hill Partners effective December 10, 2021. Councilmember Skeen seconded the motion. Councilmembers Beal, Sadler, Weston and Skeen voted aye. Councilmember Jenkins voted nay. The motion carried.**

**At 5:53 p.m. Councilmember Sadler moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilmember Skeen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.**

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City Recorder

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Mayor

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_