

**PLEASANT HILL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 09, 2021
6:00 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sara Kurovski called the electronic Pleasant Hill City Council meeting to order on March 9, 2021 at 6:02 p.m. via www.gotomeeting.com. The City Council Chambers was also open and available to the public to participate in the meeting. City Manager Ben Champ read the electronic meeting statement. PRESENT: Len Murray, Ross Grooters, Curt Gause, Dean Cooper, and Mark Konrad. ABSENT: None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Murray/Konrad moved to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Hearing

Mayor Sara Kurovski opened the Public Hearing for item 3a - Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Hearing at 6:05p.m. City Manager Ben Champ explained that Cities in Iowa are required to approve an Annual Budget and Certification of City Taxes this fiscal year prior to March 31st. This is the second of two required hearings and the resolution will adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and Certification of City taxes for the City as has been reviewed by the City Council and prepared and published by staff. Mr. Champ summarized with Council some of the more significant aspects to the proposed budget, as outlined in his annual Budget Memo. The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget as proposed and published maintains a total City Tax Levy Rate of \$11.50. After hearing no comments or questions, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

i. **Resolution #030921-01** - Approval of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and City Tax Certification

Konrad/Gause moved to approve **Resolution #030921-01** - Approval of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and City Tax Certification. ROLL CALL: AYES: Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Konrad, Murray. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT (5 MINUTES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

There were none.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Gause/Cooper moved to approve the CONSENT ITEMS: Council Minutes - dated 02-23-2021, Council Work Session Minutes - dated 03-02-2021, Claims Listing - dated 03-09-2021, Public Works Dept. Monthly Report - dated February 2021, **Resolution #030921-02** - Approve Tax Abatement Report - dated February 2021, **Resolution #030921-03** - Set Public Hearing for Amendments to Chapter 170 - Sign Code, **Resolution #030921-04** - Setting Date for Public Hearing for Modifications to City Code Chapter 171 Home Occupations. ROLL CALL: AYES: Gause, Cooper, Konrad, Murray, Grooters. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Second Reading of **Ordinance 889** - Vacating Public Right-of-Way Known as Morning Star Court

Murray/Cooper moved to approve Second Reading of **Ordinance 889** - Vacating Public Right-of-Way Known as Morning Star Court. City Manager Ben Champ explained that the City Council has prioritized funding for the reconstruction of NE 60th Street, improvements to the 60th and University Avenue intersection, relocation of Morning Star Court, construction of a new section of Martha L Miller Drive. The City Engineer has completed the plans and specifications for the project and a construction contract has been awarded. The project will result in excess street right-of-way after Morning Star Court is relocated. The

property can be vacated from its status as street right-of-way and disposed of to the adjacent owner Kum and Go. The City Council has approved a purchase agreement from Kum and Go for the excess property and has begun the vacation process for the right-of-way status. There have been no comments or questions received since the first reading. . ROLL CALL: AYES: Cooper, Konrad, Murray, Grooters, Gause. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Approval to release Request for Proposals (RFPs) – Copper Creek Lake Park Recreational Rentals
Konrad/Cooper moved to approve the Approval to release Request for Proposals (RFPs) – Copper Creek Lake Park Recreational Rentals. Park and Recreation Manager Ryan Merritt explained that the City of Pleasant Hill has existing concessionaire space near the south side of Copper Creek Lake Park that has been identified as a location to provide recreational rental equipment. Recreational rentals would provide an additional amenity, similar to offerings of Des Moines at Easter Lake and Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines, as well as advance the strategic plan by supporting expanded use of the park. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is recommended to identify qualified vendors to operate recreational rental equipment at Copper Creek Lake Park. The contractual period is proposed for one (1) year, with the option to renew for two (2) additional years. If approved by council, the RFP would be made available to vendors on March 11, 2021. Vendors would then have until March 25, 2021 to submit their proposals. ROLL CALL: AYES: Konrad, Murray, Grooters, Gause, Cooper. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.
- c. **Resolution #030921-05** – Acceptance of Property at 6010 Oakwood Drive for Parkland Dedication
Murray/Grooters moved to approve **Resolution #030921-05** – Acceptance of Property at 6010 Oakwood Drive for Parkland Dedication. City Manager Ben Champ said the City of Pleasant Hill has an adopted Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan that supports and guides long-term investments in the City’s park system. Improvements over time include amenities within existing parks but also the addition of new community and neighborhood parks as the City grows. The City has recently been provided an opportunity for additional parkland from the Estate of Glenn Meacham for property at 6010 Oakwood Drive. The 2.6-acre parcel is located in an area identified as in need of a neighborhood park. The property has been reviewed by staff and the Park and Recreation Commission as property suitable for parkland and supports the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Strategic Plan for the City. The potential acquisition and development of the property has been discussed publicly with the Commission and a public input meeting was held in February. The property contains a home and accessory structures that would need to be removed and the existing trees will remain to the extent possible. The City has funds available to raze the structures and begin making the property available to the public. Over the next few budget cycles, the City Council can continue to prioritize additional improvements and amenities for the space. This resolution would accept the property from the Estate and dedicates the property as parkland. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CLOSING COMMENT

Councilmember Murray said the Polk County Emergency Management Commission discussed the vaccine and spring break concerns at their last meeting, encouraging people to act responsibly.

Councilmember Grooters said the DART Commission meeting had a presentation from the Cardinal Infrastructure to introduce themselves, and their focus is on transportation infrastructure for securing Federal dollars. They also set their FY22 Budget Hearing.

8. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17 (3) Providing for the Strategy Meetings of Public Employers Collective

Konrad/Cooper moved to adjourn into Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17 (3) Providing for the Strategy Meetings of Public Employers Collective. ROLL CALL: AYES: Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Konrad, Murray. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Council returned to open session. Mayor Kurovski announced no action was taken in closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Grooters/Cooper moved to adjourn the Council meeting. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Grooters, Gause, Cooper, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Sara Kurovski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dena Spooner, City Clerk/Finance Director

