

Pleasant Hill City Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 25th, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
212 Cedar St., Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

Present

Council Members: J. W. Hanes, John King, and Tria Cartner

Staff: Shelby Teufel, Kristen Ayers, Robert Driscoll, Jessica Elliott, Amy Johnson, Tony Bakken and Justin Wieberg

Absent: Mayor Mark Guffey

Legal Counsel: Jeremy Cover

Press: Rick Kuenzler

Public: Megan Klotz, Cathy Gilbert, Mark Crain, Teresa Schaefer, and Cathy Dawn

Mayor Pro Tempore King called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Shelby Teufel called the roll of officials. A quorum was declared.

Mayor Pro Tempore King led with the Pledge of Allegiance and inquired if there was anyone present for public comment. No members of the public were present for public comment.

Consent Agenda:

2. 1/11/2021 - Regular Council minutes

3. Financial Reports - November 2020

4. Financial Reports - December 2020

A motion was made by CW Cartner to approve the consent agenda, seconded by CM Hanes.

Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by CW Cartner to approve the regular agenda, seconded by CM Hanes.

Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

Items for Consideration

5. Resolution 21-03 RTP MoPAC Phase 3

Justin Wieberg, Parks & Facilities Director, addressed the Council for agenda items 5 and 6 collectively. Wieberg indicated that grant funding for the MoPAC Phase 3 trail extension is in question under the Transportation Alternatives Program and that City staff wanted to gain more opportunities to receive funding. Weiberg indicated the total project costs for MoPAC Phase 3A is now \$140,000. Funding through the Recreational Trails Program is 80% grant funded, 20% local match. Funding through the Land & Water Conservation Fund is 50% grant funded, 50%

local match. The local match has already been allocated within the City's existing budget. Wieberg indicated that approval by the Council is needed to apply for these grants.

A motion was made by CW Cartner to approve Resolution 21-03, seconded by CM Hanes. Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

6. Resolution 21-04 - MoPAC Phase 3 LWCF

A motion was made by CW Cartner to approve Resolution 21-03, seconded by CM Hanes. Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

7. Bill No. 21-04 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 - Section 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pleasant Hill, Missouri to Amend Court Costs for an Assessment of Costs to be Paid to the Statewide Court Automation Fund

Whitney Weber, Court Administrator, addressed the Council to advocate for a statewide court automation system. Weber indicated that this statewide system will assist municipal court clients with a database to see all municipal court cases, regardless of jurisdiction. Weber indicated that municipal courts statewide are required to switch their court records systems to Show Me Courts no later than September 1, 2021. The attached bill includes a request to add \$7 per ticket to court costs to pay for this statewide court automation system. This will reduce the City's expense by \$5,000 on existing software maintenance. Weber indicated that once the City switches to Show Me Courts, she will provide labels on the back of the tickets on how to access the statewide system.

CW Cartner asked if other municipal courts are utilizing this system. Weber indicated that others are utilizing this system and locally Lee's Summit has converted and that Belton is in this process of transitioning.

Teufel indicated this is one of the court automation enhancements planned. The City has chosen to transition to Show Me Courts first and then plans to implement electronic ticketing later.

A motion was made by CM Hanes to approve Bill No 21-04, seconded by CW Cartner. Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

8. Presentation - Prohibited Parking Near Mailboxes

Kristen Ayers provided an overview of the United States Postal Service's request that the City prohibit parking within 50 feet of a mailbox. Ayers provided a map of streets that would be most impacted by this type of regulation, effectively making the street no parking. The subdivisions that would be most affected were Sunnyside, Henley Meadows, Wildwood, Stone Creek, and some parts of Hunter's Ridge.

Ayers provided an overview of similar regulations in other communities showing a range of options, none of which enacted a 50 foot restriction.

Ayers is looking for guidance from the City Council. CW Cartner inquired about the communication strategies the USPS has utilized and whether the City could assist in this communication. Staff was unaware of the messaging the USPS has utilized but indicated that they likely provided a warning to customers. Other discussion included that if we need to enact regulations that Council would prefer that the restrictions be limited to normal postal delivery hours and with a lesser limit than 50 feet. Direction to staff was to coordinate with the USPS and communicate the concern to our residents. Staff could draft an ordinance as a backup for a time period in which we need to enact a regulation but no future agenda item will be scheduled as a follow up.

Other -

Chief Driscoll indicated the Police Department has been heavily involved with grand jury cases and is currently working 17-18 cases.

CM Hanes made a motion to go into closed session at 7:31 pm pursuant to RSMo. 610.021(1), seconded by CW Cartner. Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

Prior to entering the closed session, attendee Cathy Dawn asked to address the Council as public comment.

CM Hanes made a motion to rescind the last vote to go into closed session at 7:32 pm, seconded by CW Cartner. Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

Cathy Dawn addressed the Council indicating she had a request in to the City since November to hold a concert at the Cass County Fairgrounds. She is now being told that she needs to provide additional information and that everything has been submitted with the exception of answering the question, "Why did you choose Pleasant Hill?" Ms. Dawn indicated that she has 13 shows booked including Hunter Mounce, MoBandy, Jenny Fricke, Brandon Ireland, and is working on REO and Shooting Star. After addressing staff directly, Justin Wieberg indicated that a site plan has not been provided and that was the biggest piece that was needed. Ms. Dawn indicated that she had sketched the site plan previously and provided it to him, but could do that again. Council indicated that Ms. Dawn needed to work with City staff for review and that she could be scheduled on a future date once all items were received.

CM Hanes made a motion to go into closed session at 7:37 pm pursuant to RSMo. 610.021(1), seconded by CW Cartner. Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

Present for the closed session were CM Hanes, CW Cartner, Mayor Pro Tempore King, Shelby Teufel, Jeremy Cover, and Kristen Ayers. No action was taken in the closed session.

CM Hanes made a motion to move back to open session at 8:41 pm, seconded by CW Cartner. Vote as follows: CM King aye, CM Hanes aye, CW Cartner aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Pro Tempore King adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor Pro Tempore, John King

Attest

City Clerk, Jessica Elliott