

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

January 29, 2025 at 5:00pm

Mayor Kody Jurgens opened the meeting with council members Aaron Hurt, Rachel Lopez, Jon Koehn, Kyle Patterson, and Jordan Van Ness present. Rachel Lopez was present via zoom.

Council Member Hurt, asked if LMI funds can be used for sidewalk projects. City Clerk, Rachel Reed, explained that the council can approve use of LMI funds for sidewalk projects if the property owners fall within the income guidelines.

Reed informed the council that she had an initial meeting with MIPA on the comp plan. A kickoff meeting will be held the first week in March at the Memorial Hall. At that meeting, Andrew Collins will explain what the comp plan is and ask for feedback from the community. Reed informed the council that she will be attending a meeting with Knoxville, Pella, and Marion County Zoning to discuss the comp plan and future land use.

Parks and Rec Director, Jordan Flaws, informed the council that he held 8 tournaments for basketball this season with 12 teams each tournament. He announced that little league registration opened last week.

Linda Vroegh at 903 Linden Pl., explained that there is a significant of storm water that is pumped to the street in front of her driveway. She provided pictures for the council to review. The pictures show a significant amount of ice buildup. She explained, in the summer months the water is backed up to the cul-des-ac. She asked the council if there is a code that prevents water drainage into the city street or if the water can be rerouted to the storm drain. The council would like this added to the agenda for the next council meeting to discuss remedying the issue as it is a health and safety hazard.

Mark Smith at 205 E Jasper St., talked about the issues of abandoned vehicles and people parking on the street. He had discussed this with the council at the meeting last month. Attorney, Terry Krapfl, will follow up with Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Koehn to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of December 2024 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for December 2024, approval of employee comp time, approval of Police Report, approval of liquor license renewal for Casey's General Store, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	COPIER	196.37	JONATHON FLAWS	REF 1/18/25	630
ADAM CHOAT	WITHHOLDING REIMB	12.46	JONATHON FLAWS	REF 1/25/25	270
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATOR	SHAWN MEDICAL	32.96	JORDAN FLAWS	CONCESSIONS FOOD	73.96
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATOR	GROUP INS	42	JOSH FLAWS	REF	300
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	UV SYSTEM	343.75	KNOXVILLE HOSPITAL	RANDOM SCREEN	36
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	88.91	LANCE EYSINK	AR15 ARMORER TRAINING	550
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	191.05	LARRY FLAWS	REF	180
BANLEACO	LED LIGHTING	297.11	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	LIFE INS	362.87
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BEN ZOSS	REF	300	MARION CO EXPRESS	PUBLICATIONS	347.48
BEN ZOSS	REF 1/18/25	390	MEDIACOM	LIB PH/INTERNET	311.39
BEN ZOSS	REF 1/25/25	270	MEDIACOM	STREET DEPT	175.81
BROWN SANITATION	RECYCLING	810	MEDIACOM	PH/INTERNET	329.95
CARGILL, INC.	SOFTENER SALT	4,538.42	MENARDS ALTOONA	SUPPLIES	968.97
CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER	NOV CLEANING	475	MENARDS ALTOONA	MAT/SOAP	102.65
CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER	DEC CLEANING	487.5	MENARDS DES MOINES	MH WATER HEATER	400.99
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	800	MICROBAC LAORATORIES	WW TESTING	572
CENTRAL IOWA TOWING	PD TOW TO KARL	207.45	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	4,732.42
CHRIS WEBER	REF 1/11/25	570	MILLER VENTURES LLC	LIB MAINLINE CLEANOUT	220
CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE	UTILITY WATER	413.99	NAPA AUTO PARTS	FUEL/OIL FILTER/PETERBILTS	1,414.99
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	70.18	NORTHCOTE MEATS INC.	CONCESSIONS	773.92
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COWDEN SANITATION	SANITATION	600	NORTHLAND SECURITIES	RATE STUDIES	14,000.00
DAN CLARK	REF	240	NOTARY ROTARY	NOTARY STAMP	29.95
DAN CLARK	REF 1/18/25	270	P & P SMALL ENGINES	BELT	57.98
DMACC	SPRING TERM-TJ	2,006.00	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAXES	1,472.61
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,386.14	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAXES	19.82
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	207.75	TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAX	1,027.13
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,639.62	PITNEY BOWES	INK	127.8
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,020.70	PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE	147.35
ELITE PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	135	WRESTLING ALUMNI	YOUTH TOURN 1/5/25	2,537.50
PLEASANTVILLE EMS	QUARTERLY PAYMENT	20,841.50	POSTMASTER	WA BILLS	305.76
ERIC GREEN	WRESTLING REF	200	POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	313.04
FAITH HATCH	WRESTLING REF	200	QUILL CORPORATION	PAPERTOWELS/PAPER/DATER	188.95
FARM & HOME	SUPPLIES	297.98	QUILL CORPORATION	MOP HANDLES/SUPPLIES	109.58
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	METERS	43,371.11	RGE & ASSOCIATES	AUDIT	5,700.00

FORBES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	LIB COPY MACHINE	187.2	RON JENS	WRESTLING REF	200
GALLS, LLC	UNIFORM	443.95	SAFE BUILDING LLC	MECHANICAL PERMIT	75
GRAINGER	PHOTOCNTROL	83.07	SANGOMA USA INC	PHONE SYSTEM	196.79
GRAINGER	air handler unit-WW	176.62	M. SHINN TRUCKING	SALT	2,409.80
HACH	SUPPLIES	410.59	SMITH FERT AND GRAIN	GEOMELT	863.39
HARVEY ELECTRIC	REWIRE BRINE PUMP	514.08	DES MOINES REGISTER	SUBSCRIPTION	55
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE	80	TITAN MACHINERY	EQUIP SUPPLIES	327.8
HERRMANN COMPUTER SVC	IT SERVICES	390	TRANE US INC	AIR EXCHANGE UNIT	995
MARION CO HUMANE SOCIETY	ANIMAL CONTROL	417.5	U S CELLULAR	PD/WW COMMUNICATIONS	296.56
I & S GROUP, INC	ENGINEERING	638.75	VERIZON	PD/WW COMMUNICATIONS	120.03
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	4.6	VISA	TOURN/BB/SINGLET	494.42
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	408.23	VISA	BATTERIES/PROGRAM/SUPPLIES	301.11
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	WA EXCISE TAX	1,415.20	VSP	VISION	179.64
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	WA EXCISE TAX	1,321.52	WAGNER & MILLER PLUMB	WATER HEATER C	99.8
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	390.8	WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH	GROUP INSURANCE	10,392.40
IPERS	IPERS	6,362.00	WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH	GROUP INSURANCE	10,462.40
IPERS	IPERS	166.05	Accounts Payable Total		182,778.51
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	6,757.41	Payroll Checks		
JAY FLAWS	REF	180	*** REPORT TOTAL ***		182,778.51
JAY FLAWS	REF 1/18/25	540	GENERAL		66,165.12
JAY FLAWS	REF 1/25	150	MEMORIAL HALL		7
JAZMIN MORRISON	CANVA	41.4	ROAD USE TAX		11,561.81
JIM FLAWS	REF	270	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		19,001.33
JIM FLAWS	REF 1/18/25	420	EQUIPMENT		43,200.00
JIM FLAWS	REF 1/25	150	WATER		24,015.14
JOHN BARTELLO	WRESTLING REF	200	SEWER		18,778.42
JONATHON FLAWS	REF	330	STORM WATER		49.69
			TOTAL FUNDS		182,778.51

Revenue received during month of December 2024: General Fund \$25,831.85; Road Use Tax \$19,520.72; Employee Benefits \$5,740.15; Local Option Sales Tax \$14,385.58; TIF \$3,360.38; Debt Service \$8,291.93; Water \$39,518.85; Water Sinking \$13,318.84; Sewer \$46,922.59; Sewer Sinking \$26,415.50; Storm Water \$2,056.28.

New Business:

Chelsea Kain with the Pleasantville Betterment Committee informed the council that the Pig Out Celebration will be held June 13th and 14th this year. They had originally planned for the first weekend in June, but in order to hold the car show they had to move it to the second weekend. They are requesting all four streets around the square be closed on the 14th for the celebration. They anticipate the car show will be larger than last year and are requesting for the street closure to extend down Monroe Street to Columbus St. for the duration of the car show. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve street closures as requested. All voting in favor motion carried.

Kain explained to the council that the Betterment Committee would like to continue to host food truck vendors at the ballfields on Mondays March through September. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve food truck vendors at the ballfields on Mondays. All voting in favor motion carried.

Chip Schultz with Northland Securities presented the sewer rate study to the council. He explained that the Iowa Finance Authority requires the city to have net revenues of 110% higher than the total debt payments in a year. The last sewer rate adjustment was July 2018. The operating expenses for the wastewater treatment plant have increased, not only because of the rising cost of supplies and equipment, but because of hauling of sludge from the digester. The city had to put a new digester in because sludge can no longer be stored in the lagoons. The recommendation is for the city to impose an 8% increase in Spring of 2025, another 5% increase fall of 2025, 5% increase July 1, 2026, and a 2.5% increase every July going forward. The council agreed to have an ordinance prepared for increases for 5 years.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve Development Agreement between the City of Pleasantville and East Elementary Apartments, LLC, IEDA Agreement # 24-CTBF-EMERG-06. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Koehn to approve Resolution 25-01, approving loan forgiveness on Water Revenue Gond, SRF Series 2022, dated September 2, 2022. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Patterson to approve \$15,000 from the LMI fund to Habitat for Humanity's Critical Home Repair Program. All voting in favor motion carried. The council would like to know if sidewalks are a part of this program. Reed will check and report back next month.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to table the police officer pay scale. All voting in favor motion carried. Reed reminded the council that they have not set a pay rate for Josh Lenger yet. This will need to be done before he starts.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve \$1,215.40 for the purchase of a computer from EmbarkIT for the police station. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to approve the quote from Karl Chevrolet for \$930.91 for a spotlight for the 2018 Tahoe. All voting in favor motion carried.

Public Works Director, Shawn Breazeale provided the council with quotes for a used wheel loader/tractor. Breazeale explained that he received a couple quotes. The first one is from Nichols Equipment. This wheel loader was a lease unit return. AgriVision lease these once a year to move anhydrous tanks. It only has about 300 hours on it and comes with a used snow pushing blade. One quote was from Kubota, that unit is a 2022 with about 2,500 hours on it for \$50,000. The other quote from Kubota was for a new wheel loader for \$104,300. Breazeale explained that we have had issues with our current tractor, we had to put a new transmission in it a couple of years ago and he is nervous that it could happen again. He would like to sell our tractor on Purple Wave and put that money back in the equipment replacement fund. He recommends approving the wheel loader from Nichols Equipment and splitting the payment between the RUT minor equipment replacement, tractor replacement, and snow removal replacement. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve the purchase of the wheel loader from Nichols Equipment in the amount of \$80,000, to come from the equipment replacement funds that Breazeale recommended. All voting in favor motion carried.

Breazeale explained to the council that they have completed the inspection of sidewalks on Polk Street and letters have gone out to property owners who need to do repairs or maintenance. He asked the council for direction on what streets they would like them to inspect next. They agreed to have Breazeale start on the streets on the east side of town and move west.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve Resolution 25-02, approving mayor appointments. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve Resolution 25-03, approving council appointments. All voting in favor, motion carried. Reed addressed the council about the plan with her position and her raise. The council had approved a raise with additional duties on an interim basis in August. At that time, they stated they would determine by December if it was necessary to appoint a city administrator. Mayor Jurgens informed the council that she is performing all the tasks a city manager would perform. He explained that she can't rely on her salary on an interim basis. Mayor Jurgens encouraged the council to put this as a priority. Council members Hurt and Van Ness would like to discuss the duties and what the goals are going to be. Breazeale praised the work Reed has accomplished. He informed the council of the work and tasks she completed. Council members Hurt and Van Ness will meet with Reed to discuss it further.

Reed informed the council that the P&Z Resolution needs to have a member removed as he has moved out of the city. Reed asked Mark Smith if he would like to serve on the P&Z Commission. Smith stated that he wants to help the city any way possible and would be willing to serve on the commission. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Koehn to approve Resolution 25-04, appointing the P&Z Commission, and replacing Chad DeJoode with Mark Smith. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Koehn to approve Resolution 25-05, appointing the Board of Adjustments. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Van Ness, seconded by Patterson to approve Resolution 25-06, designating depository and authorizing officers. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve Resolution 25-07, setting the time and day of the city council meetings for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. All voting in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Reed asked the council if they had any feedback for her to report to Brian on the new website. The council would like to make sure there is a page with employee and council contact information and that there is a link to the city's Facebook page.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk