

Pleasantville City Council Meeting

February 25, 2025 at 5:30pm

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

Mayor Jurgens gave appreciation to public works for snow removal and allowing him to assist and operate the new wheel loader.

Council Member Van Ness would like Reed to proceed with quotes for a commercial appraisal for the city lot located north of the Adkins Development.

Reed informed the council that the Comp Plan kick-off meeting is scheduled for March 6th at 6:00pm at the Memorial Hall.

Councilman Hurt asked Chief Choat what the status is of the new officer. Choat explained that he has passed the required tests and is scheduled to complete his medical and eye exam. After that he will go to the Lied Center in Ames for training for the ILEA. The academy is a 16-week program, and he will done by July.

Library Board Member Jazmin Morrison introduced their newest board member, Nick Clark. She informed the council that they have had 678 Facebook interactions for the month of January, approximately 1000 followers, and 122 Google profile views which leads to phone calls and website clicks. They have a few upcoming events; a Partent Pause program Feb. 28th, children's story time March 3rd, a Lego Contest for the month of March, and the Iowa PBS STEAM Trailer will be there March 13th-25th.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of January 2025 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for January 2025, approval of employee comp time, approval of Police Report, approval of liquor license renewal for Pleasantville Golf & Country Club, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACCESS SYSTEMS INC	COPIER	200.77	PEOPLES BANK	ACH FEE	10
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	234.44	PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE	201
BANLEACO	LED LIGHTING	297.11	PLEASANTVILLE CHAMBER	MEMBERSHIP DUES	500
BLUE SOMBRERO	ACH FEE	3	QUARTZ LAMPS, INC	UV LAMP BULBS	1,715.00
BROWN SANITATION	RECYCLING	630	QUILL CORPORATION	ENVELOPES	106.77
CASEY'S MASTERCARD	GAS/TEMP SENS/DWALT/TEMP	1,826.20	RACHEL REED	MILEAGE TO COMP PLAN	19.6
CELESTE CRAFTY CORNER	JAN CLEANING	375	SHIELD TECHNOLOGY	PD SOFTWARE	290
CENTRAL IA HOUSING	CRITICAL HOUSING REPAIR	15,000.00	SNYDER AND ASSOCIATES	FINAL RISE #24	6,338.17
CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE	WA UTILITY	367.61	STOREY KENWORTHY	DELINQUENT NOTICES	236.13
COLONIAL LIFE	COLONIAL PRETAX	70.18	STOREY KENWORTHY	CHECKS	337.05
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS	PUMP FLEX SHAFT	1,600.00	TRANE US INC	AIR EXCHANGE UNIT	311
COWDEN SANITATION	JAN/FEB SANITATION	300	TROY GILCHRIST	CELL STIPEND	20
CUMMINS SALES	GENERATOR SERVICE	997.42	TROY GILCHRIST	CELL STIPEND	20
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	SNOW PLOW BLADES	1,387.99	TYLER FLESHER	CELL STIPEND	20
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,805.89	TYLER FLESHER	CELL STIPEND	20
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,914.48	US AUTOFORCE	F450 FRONT TIRES	296.88
ELITE PEST CONTROL	LIB PEST CONTROL	40	USA BLUE BOOK	BOTTOM VALVE RAVEN	148.8
EMBARKIT	COMPUTER	1,215.40	U S CELLULAR	COMMUNICATIONS	288.9
FAREWAY FOOD STORES	GATORADE/POWERADE	48.49	VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	HYD HOSES	223.9
FARM & HOME	BRAKES/TOWEL/BOLTS/CLEANER	149.11	VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	RADIO	288.2
GALLS, LLC	UNIFORMS	390.53	VERIZON	COMMUNICATIONS	120.03
HACH	WA TESTING	138.15	VISA	PH/SUPLIES/VALENT	1,599.16
HAWKINS INC	SUPPLIES WA	50	VSP	VISION	218.63
MARION CO HUMANE SOC	ANIMAL CONTROL	417.5	WELLMARK BL CR/BL SH	GROUP INSURANCE	16,786.88
I & S GROUP, INC	GENERAL ENGINEERING	213.75	WILLIAMS MACHINE SHOP	HIGH SERV IMPELLERS	260
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	WARRENT SYSTEM	300	WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS	PD LAPTOP	500
IHYDRANT	HYDRANT COMMUNICATION FEE	900	Accounts Payable Total		168,748.98
ILEA	J LINGER TESTING	100		Refund Checks Total	
ILEA	TESTING	300	Payroll Checks		31,876.13
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	SALES TAX	420.44	**** REPORT TOTAL ****		200,625.11
IOWA STATE DEPT OF REV	WA EXCISE TAX	1,464.18	GENERAL		39,125.47
IPERS	PROTECTED IPERS	6,887.43	MEMORIAL HALL		3.5
KELTEK INCORPORATED	LIGHTS FOR TRACTOR	275	ROAD USE TAX		11,890.82
MARION COUNTY EXPRESS	PUBLICATIONS	294.59	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		15,323.02
MEDIACOM	PH/INTERNET	505.81	TIF - LMI FUND		15,000.00
MENARDS ALTOONA	FLOORING/SUPPLIES	598.77	CAPITAL PROJ-ADKINS DEV		6,338.17
MICROBAC LAORATORIES	TESTING	706.25	EQUIPMENT		80,600.00
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	6,062.21	WATER		14,969.85
NICHOLS EQUIPMENT LLC	JD LOADER	80,000.00	SEWER		17,344.54
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	STATE TAX	1,035.02	STORM WATER		29.74
PELLA COOP ELECTRIC		2,350.16	TOTAL FUNDS		200,625.11

Revenue received during month of January 2025: General Fund \$27,215.37; Road Use Tax \$19,949.23; Employee Benefits \$1,205.46; Local Option Sales Tax \$30,759.72; Debt Service \$3,149.96; Capital Proj-Park Proj \$20; Capital Proj-WA Quality Proj. \$187,360; Water \$36,718.73; Water Sinking \$13,318.84; Sewer \$46,9993.88; Sewer Sinking \$26,415.50; Storm Water \$2,229.43.

New Business:

Sophia Rollins explained that she is a Senior in High School and was assigned a class project that she would like to see come to life. She gave a presentation to the council on replacing the Pleasantville signs on Hwy 5 just outside of the city limits. She explained that she has talked to both property owners and received permission to replace the signs in their current locations. The signs she is proposing are 10'x20' aluminum signs with laminate coating. The sign designs have room for business logos on them so she has reached out to all the businesses and asked if they would help sponsor the project. The total cost of the signs is \$6,105.74. She has received \$2400 from businesses to sponsor the project and is asking the city to help cover the remaining cost. The council expressed their appreciation for the work she has done on this project.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to approve up to \$3,705.74 for Sophia's project to replace the welcome signs. All voting in favor motion carried.

Christopher Watkins with Marion County Economic Development talked to the council about the Boost-Like meeting that was held in November. He explained through IEDA, communities can apply for a grant and receive funding for BOOST meetings. Due to the immediate need for the meeting Carla Eysink and Chris organized a BOOST-Like meeting and brought experts in from across the state to meet with locals. The visit consisted of tours, discussion, and networking. He explained at the conclusion of the meeting the experts were asked to give feedback on observations and recommendations for Pleasantville to consider for continued economic development efforts. He explained the top recommendations were for more signs along Hwy 5 to help people know what is downtown, more wayfinding signs so people know where to go, and for the town to have a brand identity to set it apart from other towns. He explained that they kept talking about Smokey Row and recommended the town develop on the history of Smokey Row. He emphasized that Pleasantville is a prime location for growth and that Marion County Economic Development will help the city in any way possible. Councilman Hurt talked about the natural gas issue and explained we are challenged with the issue of not being able to supply natural gas to developments until we reach a resolution with MidAmerican. Chris informed the council that they have had discussions with the county lobbyist about that issue as well and explained that Pleasantville is not the only community that is challenged with that issue right now.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve Ordinance No. 2501-2025, amending sewer user charges. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Koehn aye, Lopez nay, Hurt aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to waive the second and third reading for Ordinance No. 2501-2025, amending sewer user charges. All voting in favor motion carried.

Reed explained that she has met with the budget committee and the committee is comfortable moving forward with the proposed police officer pay scale. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Hurt to approve the police officer pay scale as follows; certified part-time \$28.49/hr., non-certified \$25.28/hr., after completion of ILEA \$26.78/hr., 1-year \$28.81/hr., 2-year \$30.22/hr., 3-years \$31.74/hr., 4-years \$33.32/hr., and top out at 5-years \$34.99/hr. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to set a public hearing for the proposed property tax levy for March 25, 2025, at 5:30pm. All voting in favor motion carried.

Reed explained to the council that the city will be forced to upgrade the current software by December. She expressed her concern about going to the cloud-based software with SimpleCity because of all the negative feedback she has received from other city clerks. She explained that she has had other software companies give demonstrations over the last few months. Reed informed the council that it was discussed with the budget committee and her recommendation is for the council to approve the quote from Edmunds GovTech. There would be a one-time implementation fee of \$10,000 and a one-time conversion services fee of \$9,500. The yearly software services subscription is \$7,500 and yearly hosting services are \$2,500. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Van Ness to approve the quote from Edmunds GovTech for new software. All voting in favor motion carried.

Engineer, Jordan Stoermer, explained to the council that the change order for W Pleasant Street & Hwy 5 Improvements Project is a deduction of \$159,584.22. This is due to removing the additional overlay on Hayes Dr., seal coat on 35th Ave, chain link fence around the lift station, and the project did not require all the seeding/fertilizing/mulch that was included in the original contract. Breazeale explained that there are a couple issues that need to be addressed. Valve extensions need installed, and the pumps need checked. Stoermer recommended the council approve the change order and pay app and hold the payment until Breazeale confirms the issues have been addressed. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to approve change order #5, a

\$159,584.22 deduction to the contract with the new contract amount being \$6,274,344.12, to Vanderpool Construction for W Pleasant Street & Hwy 5 Improvements Project. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Lopez to approve pay app #13 to Vanderpool Construction for W Pleasant Street & Hwy 5 Improvements Project in the amount of \$314,094.31 and to release the payment when Breazeale confirms the issues listed above have been addressed. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Patterson to table the project acceptance for the W Pleasant Street & Hwy 5 Improvements Project. All voting in favor motion carried.

Councilman Van Ness explained to the council that he and Councilman Patterson had a meeting with Reed regarding the city administrator position. Expectations were put into a job description as the city did not previously have a job description for the position, just an ordinance. Van Ness reached out to each council member and provided them with a copy of the job description and feels the council should move forward with the appointment. Councilman Hurt asked what the council is trying to achieve with the position. He feels it's a heavy workload to combine with another position and he was opposed to it when the city first combined this position with the public works director several years ago. Van Ness and Jurgens talked about the need for the position and that the city is not able to have a full-time city administrator. As the city grows it may need to be reconsidered in the future. Patterson feels that Reed is doing the duties that a city administrator would do. Choat shared that he has worked in many small towns with administrators, and he sees that Reed is doing the work those other administrators do and is doing a better job than others he has worked with. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Van Ness to approve Resolution 25-08, appointing Reed as the City Clerk/Administrator. Van Ness aye, Patterson aye, Koehn aye, Lopez aye, and Hurt nay. Motion carried.

Josh Kitsis explained to the council that when he purchased his property, he had a significant amount of storm water in his back yard. In order for him to tie into the nearest storm drain he would have had to go through his neighbor's yard. He contacted his neighbor, Linda Vroegh, and she would not allow him to do that. He then contacted Jurgens, who was a council member at that time, and Breazeale. He stated that he was informed that he could drain the storm water to the cul-de-sac. Kitsis quoted IA Code 468.621. If the city would like to re-route his discharge line he is requesting that the city cover the cost of it. He is also requesting that the city reimburse him \$4,022.35 for the cost of the discharge line that he had installed. Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, explained that on behalf of the city, chapter 468 does not address the issue at hand. He explained that his property is private property, and the city is not responsible for reimbursing him or to install his storm water drainage system. Engineer, Joey Whitehouse, and Breazeale discussed possible solutions. The council agreed to have Whitehouse review the area and provide the council with possible solutions and cost estimates. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Lopez to table the storm water drainage on Linden Pl. All voting in favor motion carried.

Old Business:

Stuyvesant informed the council that there was a trial scheduling conference regarding the petition filed against Adkins Specialized Carriers LLC, the trial has been set for 2 days beginning Oct. 7th. He also informed the council that he received an email from Adkins' attorney requesting a meeting with the city. Jamie Myers, a developer who owns Premier Companies LLC, will be in attendance with Adkins and his attorney. The council agreed to have them attend the March 18th council meeting.

Stuyvesant informed the council that he received an email from Officer Goods' attorney informing him that they no longer want to meet with the city council. She informed Stuyvesant that they will be filing a lawsuit.

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

Mayor, Kody Jurgens

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk