Pleasantville City Council Meeting

March 16, 2021 at 5:30pm

Mayor Steve Marsh opened the meeting with council members Carol Allen, Kody Jurgens, Kyle Patterson, and Clinton Wallace present. Council Member Jordan Van Ness joined at 5:55pm.

Police Chief/City Administrator, Joe Mrstik, explained to the council that the fireworks will be held on Sunday July 4th as there will not be anybody available to shoot off fireworks on Saturday July 3rd. He explained the Chamber of Commerce is planning to hold the parade and activities on Saturday. Mrstik informed that the Betterment Committee is planning the Pig Out Celebration for the weekend of June 4th and 5th. Parks and Rec Director, Jordan Flaws, has a committee for the Firecracker 5K. Mrstik also informed the council that he received an email that the DNR awarded the city \$1000 for a tree grant.

Flaws informed the council that little league sign up is over and there are about 218 kids signed up.

Mayor Marsh asked if the clean up days have been changed. Public Works Director, Shawn Breazeale, informed that the clean up days are now scheduled for Oct. 9th with the household hazardous waste day. Otto asked if this information could be posted to the city's Facebook page.

Breazeale informed the council that there are streetlights out at the intersections of Business Hwy 5 and Hwy 5 and Hwy 5 and Pleasant St. He has the lights ordered and will replace them at the same time. He informed that he is still working through issues at the WWTP. He has contacted Kelly Evens with ISG to help with some issues.

Aaron Hurt informed the council that he would paint the open shelter at the park if the city would purchase the paint.

Josh Kitsis shared his concerns about the city lifting the pit bull ordinance. He expressed the city could be liable if there was issue with a dog bite. Mrstik explained there is a dangerous animal ordinance that will stay in place that would consider any dog dangerous if they were to bite an individual. This would just be removing a specific breed. Attorney, Bob Stuyvesant, explained that the city is not accountable unless a dog was to bite an individual and the city was informed about it and did not act on the issue. Stuyvesant explained that he represents several small towns and they have maintained specific breeds. However, a lot of larger cities are removing the specific breed.

Motion by Otto, seconded by Wallace to approve the consent agenda as follows; approval of previous council meeting minutes, approval of February 2021 financial reports, approval of water consumption report for February 2021, approval of employee comp time, approval of Police Report, and approval of the following bills: All voting in favor, motion carried.

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Revenue received during month of February 2021: General Fund \$5,984.33; Memorial Hall \$921.17; Recreation \$13,359.53; Road Use Tax \$14,890.13; Employee Benefits \$757.46; Debt Service \$930.34; Equipment \$500.00; Water \$37,477.65; WA-Jasper St. Water Main \$30,247; Water Sinking \$2,081.81; Sewer \$52,264.40; Construction WWTP \$5,000; Sewer Sinking \$26,708.63; Storm Water \$2,217.90; Storm Water-Jasper St. Storm Wa \$6,469.00

New Business:

Mrstik informed the council that the Marion County Development Commission is going to have a commercial economic study done about potential growth. He informed them that the chamber has contributed \$500. Wallace asked what representation Pleasantville will have for the study. Mrstik and Marsh will be in contact with Carla and will request to have a seat on the committee. Council member Jordan Van Ness joined via zoom at 5:55 pm. Motion by Patterson, seconded by Otto to approve \$500 contribution for the Marion County Development Economic Study. All voting in favor motion carried.

Flaws informed the council that there are a couple fields that need new infield surface. He informed them that he would like to use the same material the school has, it is made to last a lot longer. The company is out of MN and they recommended he order 100 ton for two fields. The cost with delivery is \$6100.50. There is about \$10,000 left in the budget for park improvements for this fiscal year. He also informed them that he has volunteers lined up to help with the prep work. Motion by otto, seconded by Wallace to approve up to \$6100.50 for new surface material for 2 ball diamonds. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Wallace, seconded by Patterson to set a time and date for a public hearing the for the CDBG grant for the Evergreen UV Disinfection Lamp for April 20, 2021 at 5:30pm. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mrstik informed the council that the city has a quit claim deed for the property at 307 E Monroe. We are waiting for the owner to sign the deed and bring in the abstract. There is \$2683 owed in delinquent and current taxes that will need to be paid. City Clerk, Rachel Reed, informed the council that there is \$4736 left in the budget for nuisance abatements. Motion by Wallace, seconded by Otto to approve payment of delinquent and current taxes in the amount of \$2683 once the quit claim deed is signed by the owner. All voting in favor motion carried.

Council member Jordan Van Ness left the meeting.

Mrstik provided the council a quote for a new patrol vehicle from Karl Chevrolet. The 2021 Chevy Tahoe is \$36,332.50, they will be coming out with the 2022 models and the price is going to increase. He explained he would like to secure the price for the 2021 model. The equipment is an additional \$12,778.18 and the police markings are an additional \$839 for a total of \$49,949.68. They have given a trade in price for the Ford explorer of \$5000. Mrstik explained that he would like to get a quote from Pella Motors with a trade in price as well. He also explained that a lot of the equipment will be transferred from the Explorer to save on equipment costs. Mrstik explained that due budget cuts this current fiscal year there was not a transfer from the general fund to the police vehicle replacement fund in the amount of \$7500 and there will not be a \$7500 transfer in FY2022. He currently has \$26,687.10 in a vehicle replacement fund and \$5100 in police equipment. The police equipment replacement fund will have

\$6900 for a total to go towards the new vehicle and equipment of \$33,587.10. We have budgeted money from the local option sales tax fund to pay for the difference due to the budget cut. Wallace asked how long it will be until we need to trade the Tahoe Mrstik drives. He explained that he bases that off usage and mileage and he is not actively on patrol, he informed them it will be 7-10 years before the current Tahoe needs traded. Otto asked if there are not two officers on duty if the current Tahoe can be used as the primary police vehicle. Mrstik informed the council that he has an issue with that. Jurgens expressed concerns with raising taxes and purchasing a new vehicle although he understands it is different funds. Mrstik expressed that he feels the city should give the officers a safe and dependable vehicle. Wallace stated he understands Jurgens concerns but also understands the point of importance and safety. Motion by Wallace, seconded by Patterson to approve the state bid for the Tahoe and equipment not to exceed \$45,000. \$33,587.10 to come from the equipment replacement fund and the difference to be paid from the local option sales tax fund. Otto aye, Patterson aye, Jurgens abstained, Wallace aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Otto, seconded by Patterson to approve Resolution 1-10 setting a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money for the WWTP Digester project for April 20, 2021 at 5:30pm. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Otto to adjourn, seconded by Wallace. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor Steve Marsh

Attest: Rachel Reed, City Clerk