

PLAIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 19, 2007

The City Council of Plain City convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2007, in the Plain City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jay Jenkins, Councilmembers Darwin Smith, Brent White, Bruce Higley, Don Weston and Chad Costley  
Excused: Diane Hirschi  
Staff: Martha Bodily  
Also present: Officer Rex Cragun, Debbie Christensen, Jay Christensen, Galen Lord, Dennis Lund, Byron Krenek, Ross Roddom, Vernon East, LaFray Kelley, Janeal Mikesell, Carl Miller, Celeste Canning, Gordon Nozaki, Jim East, Jennybeth Koford and Drew Moyes

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order. Councilmember Weston gave the prayer/moment of silence and Councilmember Costley led in the pledge.

Approval of Minutes: April 5, 2007

Councilmember Weston asked to be "excused" in the minutes. **Councilmember Costley moved to approve the minutes from April 5, 2007 as corrected. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Councilmembers Smith, White, Weston and Costley voted aye. The motion carried.**

Councilmember Higley arrived.

Comments: Public

Ross Roddom asked the City Council if residents could have use of retention pond property. They have heard that West Point has deeded some retention ponds to residents. Mayor Jenkins stated that the City is currently looking in to that option.

Public Hearing: Annexation of Peninsulas and Islands

Mayor Jenkins mentioned that the City has been going through a year long process of filling in the gaps within the city area. The annexation was split into three separate motions; the first two are done and this is the third motion for annexation. **Councilmember Smith moved to begin the public hearing for the annexation of peninsulas and islands in Plain City. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Councilmembers White, Higley, Costley, Weston and Smith voted aye. The motion carried.**

Dave Barnes lives in one of the islands within Plain City boundaries. He is seriously opposed to being annexed in. They contacted people to sign a petition against annexation. Out of about 600 acres, felt that they had signatures for approximately 400 of those acres. Mayor Jenkins asked why they were against annexation. Mr. Barnes stated that they were satisfied with the way things are now, and would not be interested in changing.

Jay Christensen is also against annexation. He feels that he hasn't seen anything to show a potential benefit for him. With 300 acres owned, if there were a tax increase, it could be substantial for them. He is also concerned if Plain City can keep up the same service that they have received from Weber County i.e. road maintenance, drains etc. Mayor Jenkins mentioned that hundreds of hours were put in by Plain City residents to help Mr. Christensen's dad when he was sick. What about a sense of community? Mr. Christensen stated that he had spent 15 years behind "that" desk himself and also more than 20 years on the irrigation board. He felt that he does have a sense of community.

Dave Skeen stated that he has not received any notice about annexation, nor has he seen his land serial number listed. When 2200 N was put in, sewer was also mentioned, but Plain City didn't follow through. His property line actually goes across 3600 W to the canal. He would like the school utilities to run along the other side of the road, not on his property.

Motion for Ordinance: Annexation of Peninsulas and Islands

**Councilmember White moved to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting. He also moved to table the Motion for Ordinance until the next Council meeting. Councilmember Costley seconded the motions. Councilmembers Costley, Smith, Higley, White and Weston voted aye. The motions carried.** Councilmember Smith also mentioned that people may contact the Council before the next Council meeting.

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Report: Planning Commission

Buddy Sadler reported that the Planning Commission amended the subdivision ordinance concerning the PRUDs. They recommended a conditional use permit to the Parkvale on the Trail (new name change) and also to Stillcreek.

Discussion/Motion: Parkvale Conditional Use Permit

This issue was not ready to discuss. **Councilmember White moved to table this issue until the next Council meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Councilmembers Weston, White, Higley, Smith and Costley voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: Stillcreek Conditional Use Permit – Maintenance Building

The Council discussed the location of the sales building which would then be used as a maintenance building. Originally the building was not on the plat at all. The next phase was using the old shed as a sales office. Finally, Stillcreek requested to build a new building as a sales office and then use as a maintenance facility. It would be built outside of the privacy fencing in an area that was previously planned as a green area. Some felt that a temporary sales office seemed o.k. because it would eventually be gone. Others did not like the idea of the building being right along the road. Council felt like Stillcreek should leave it as it was originally planned. **Councilmember Smith moved to decline the conditional use permit for the Stillcreek Maintenance Building. Councilmember Higley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Higley, Costley, Smith, Weston and White voted aye. The motion carried.**

Discussion/Motion: General Plan

Map had been updated; the Council looked over the map. The Council did point out a few last changes, one area that is out of the boundaries of Plain City – the Council would not like it to be zoned. Also, the commercial area near it by the Box Elder County line (edited on the map). Lastly, they wanted the trail to be shown running all the way to the river. There was some concern about commercial planned near the new elementary. Too close for alcohol to be sold – actually measures o.k. The Council had not had any other feedback from residents since the previous work meeting. **Councilmember Smith moved to pass the new Plain City General Plan, including the changes made in the current Council meeting. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Councilmembers Weston, White, Higley, Smith and Costley voted aye. The motion carried.** The Council thanked the Planning Commission and the group who worked on the general plan. It was a long process. Buddy requested that maps be available in the future for residents to see as the Council discusses the issues.

Discussion/Motion: Sidewalk Project

Jennybeth Koford said there have still been no decisions made on the sidewalk grant. She did find out that the other grant (for sidewalks on state roads) is a lump sum to be distributed among all who apply. The City would probably not get more than \$20,000. That is not a lot of money to work with. Jennybeth questioned if it was still worth the effort to apply for the grant. The Council felt it was still worth the effort to see what money the City could get. They could always turn the money back in if it isn't enough to do something with. Mayor asked Jennybeth to find out some more particulars about how the money is distributed.

Discussion/Motion: Cemetery

The Council was not ready to discuss this project.

Other Business:

Fire Department Purchase

Councilmember Smith discussed a possible purchase of another brush truck by the Fire Department. The amount of \$6400 is available in their budget. Most of the equipment is included on the truck already. The Fire Department has bid on it, but there is no guarantee they will get the bid. The Council felt that it was another great deal for a brush truck. **Councilmember Costley moved to approve the Fire Department's**

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**purchase of a \$6400 brush truck. Councilmember White seconded the motion. Councilmembers White, Higley, Smith and Costley voted aye. Councilmember Weston abstained. The motion carried.**

Approval of Business Licenses

New

Steele Signs                      Shawn Steele                      3437 W 2425 N                      Signs

Renewal

ABC Preschool                      Christine Wheeler                      2138 N 3900 W                      Preschool

**Councilmember White moved to approve the business licenses as noted. Councilmember Costley seconded the motion. Councilmembers White, Costley, Higley, Weston and Smith voted aye. The motion carried.**

Approval of Warrant Register (see warrant register dated (4/1/07 – 4/16/07))

**Councilmember Costley moved to approve and pay the bills (4/1/07 – 4/16/07). Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Councilmembers Costley, White, Higley, Weston and Smith voted aye. The motion carried.**

Comments – City Council

Councilmember Higley – A Plain City Arts Council has been formed. Members are LaFray Kelley, LouAnn Clark, Martha Bodily, Alan Yorgason and Craig Call. The Arts Council is applying for a RAMP grant, but would also like the City to contribute to help get a summer event/play planned. The Council felt that an amount could be part of next year’s budget.

Councilmember Smith - The Emergency Preparedness booklet is complete. The Preparedness Committee is hoping to get them distributed through an Eagle Scout project or some other way. The Fire Department addition is near completion. There will be an open house/ preparedness fair on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Councilmember Smith would also like to find out more information about the rights of the City concerning the issues of 3600 W and the property there.

Councilmember Costley - Brought an idea back from the City and Town Conference in St. George. The idea is to have a “walking” school bus where parents take turns and take time to walk to school with kids in the neighborhood. He suggested this may help in some areas until the sidewalks are in.

Councilmember Weston – asked Artie if there is a City ordinance for numbered streets instead of names. Artie said there is an ordinance. Councilmember Weston suggested that the City employees be informed of the ordinance.

Councilmember White – Informed the Council that the lot by the Lion’s Club Park has enough frontage for a buildable lot, but it is actually just under the 10,000 sq ft. The City would probably need to request a variance on the property. Brandon will look at the issue to see if the City should request the variance or if it should be sold and the new owner to request the variance.

Also, the assignment about grant for trails in the City is a lot of work and very involved. Councilmember White suggested that it might need to be dealt with in a work meeting.

Mayor Jenkins – none.

Comments – Public

Dennis Lund asked to speak to the Councilmember over the parks dept. Councilmember White said he would talk to him.

Drew Moyes mentioned the bridge over Dixie Creek on 3900 W is in bad condition. It was previously in Weber County and is now annexed into Plain City. The County had previously condemned it and had plans

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to repair it. Councilmember Costley asked Kelly Hipwell about it and was told the money was allotted to replace it, but the County did not fix it. The City can contract with the County to get it replaced.

**At 8:10 p.m. Councilmember White moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilmember Higley. Councilmembers White, Smith, Higley, Weston and Costley voted aye. The motion carried.**

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City Recorder

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Mayor

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Date Approved

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