

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Tuesday, August 19, 2025
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone
Steve Rogers
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Deon Giles, Parks Director
Wendy Thorpe, City Recorder
Christine Petersen, City Attorney
Keldon Brown, Police Chief
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director
Sierra Pierson, Assistant to the City Administrator
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director
David Packard, Human Resources Manager

Excused: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Kacia Watson, Intern
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director

The City Council and Staff met in the Community Room, 108 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

Mayor Guy Fugal called the Work Session to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

a. Introduction of New Employees.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, introduced new employees, Jordan Beck and Bodhi Maynard. Mr. Maynard grew up in Pleasant Grove and has worked in various areas of construction since high school. Mr. Beck grew up in Lehi and has been with the City for three months. He previously worked in warehousing.

b. Recognition of Eagle Scout Project.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, introduced Eagle Scout Cameron Bellon, who is the sixth Bellon son to complete an Eagle Scout project for Pleasant Grove City. Mr. Bellon reported that his Eagle Scout project was to build two bicycle repair stations on City trails. The 112-hour project included selecting and marking the exact locations, gathering materials, and then building the stations. He chose this project because he likes cycling.

Mayor Fugal presented Mr. Bellon with a certificate, and photographs were taken with the City Council.

c. UTOPIA Fiber Update by Rachel McMillan.

UTOPIA Fiber Executive Director, Roger Timmerman, reported that their partnership with Pleasant Grove began in 2021. When UTOPIA began in 2004, revenues covered operating costs, but the founding cities paid the project's debt. Since 2010, revenues have also covered debt payments. He then reviewed the company's accomplishments.

UTOPIA Fiber:

- It is the largest and most competitive open-access network in the United States, as well as the largest municipal network with over 260,000 locations and 23 citywide projects.
- Has the fastest speeds in the country, with speeds of up to 10 gigabits per second ("Gbps") for homes and 100 Gbps for businesses. The University of Utah's connection is 400 Gbps.
- They have been the primary awardee for new connections from the Utah Education Network since 2021.
- It is ranked first in providing air quality data, with over 100 active monitoring stations.
- Provides smart solutions like wildfire detection, public Wi-Fi, etc.
- Has the top net promoter score in the state and a Google rating of 4.6 stars.

Mr. Timmerman explained that the open-access network allows competition among many private providers. The network is built to the highest standard with dedicated connections, which differs from systems like Google Fiber that share connections.

Economic benefits to Pleasant Grove:

- The average subscribing household saves \$29 per month with UTOPIA Fiber versus its competitors, for a total savings of approximately \$971,000 per year at no expense to the City.
- Businesses save approximately \$50 per month, for a total yearly savings of \$177,600.
- The estimated 10-year economic benefit to Pleasant Grove is \$243 million.

Council Member Jensen asked if infographics were available to share with Pleasant Grove residents. Mr. Timmerman indicated that those materials were available, and they could also customize them with City-specific information.

UTOPIA Fiber has over 77,000 subscribers across all cities and partnerships, and demand is growing. Pleasant Grove joined in 2021, and customer connections began in 2022. Build-out was completed in 2023. Due to the number of subscribers, revenues have exceeded expenses and fully covered debt service, and that trend is expected to continue.

The subscriber map was displayed, indicating that a large portion of residential and business users in the City have subscribed. In response to a question from Mayor Fugal, Mr. Timmerman stated that Lindon has a take rate of approximately 60%, and Pleasant Grove is at approximately 40%.

Mr. Timmerman provided the following overview of completed and planned changes at UTOPIA Fiber:

- A new 2.5 Gbps tier was introduced.
- The price for the 10 Gbps tier was lowered.
- A customer app is in development, as well as additional smart city applications and ongoing capacity upgrades to support virtual reality, AI, and other future technologies.

Videos of a recent wildfire were displayed. Mr. Timmerman reported that thermal cameras are installed with smart city applications, and live views are available online. The cameras are effective in evaluating areas to find hotspots and identify false positives.

Mayor Fugal asked about the system's reliability. Mr. Timmerman reported that systemwide, they average four minutes of outages per year. Area-specific outages can occur if lines are cut or other issues arise; for example, Comcast cut the fiber lines twice in Woodland Hills, which resulted in longer outages. He was not aware of any major outages in Pleasant Grove. The City has full redundancy, so any outages would likely be provider-specific. Huts rarely go down due to built-in redundancies and backup generators. The system is monitored at all times, and response rates are very good.

Council Member LeMone asked if there was a consistent reason for the lower Google reviews. Mr. Timmerman stated that the reasons vary. Some negative reviews are about door-to-door salespeople, not the service. Others are related to routers or service provider issues. UTOPIA Fiber responds to those reviews and tries to resolve any issues. In response to a follow-up question, he reported that most resistance to signing up is related to inertia or reluctance to change, not the service or its cost.

Council Member Jensen stated that he switched from Comcast and was very happy with the service. His provider helped him get a new mesh system. He asked Director Winterton to speak to the Public Works Department's opinion of the service.

Director Winterton stated that they received a lot of calls when UTOPIA Fiber was installing the cable in the City, and their contractor was and continues to be very good to work with. If an issue arises related to that installation three years ago, he only needs to make one phone call, and they will address it immediately, which is rare when working with utilities. All City water sites are connected with UTOPIA Fiber, as are the security cameras at Cook Family Park. It has been a great benefit to the City and its residents.

Council Member Rogers stated that his service has gone down half a dozen times, but it has been restored quickly. His service provider is SUMOFIBER. Mr. Timmerman stated that they would follow up with the provider to diagnose the issue.

Mayor Fugal reported that other service providers were reluctant to spend money in the City, and he was thrilled with the UTOPIA Fiber service. He thanked Mr. Timmerman for the service they provide to the community, and the City Council for deciding to partner with them.

d. Staff Business.

Police Chief, Keldon Brown, reported on the following:

- Two Tremonton police officers lost their lives on August 19 while responding to a domestic disturbance.
- Positions are open for one full-time and two reserve police officers. He expected to fill the two part-time records positions within one week.

Parks Director, Deon Giles, reported on the following:

- All seasonal employees have left with the exception of one employee who is helping with the baseball diamonds and soccer fields and one who is working at Cook Family Park.
- Daytime traffic at Cook Family Park has slowed, but it picks back up when school lets out.
- He emailed the contractor about resurfacing the Discovery Park playground, and they indicated that it will be resurfaced on September 25. They are still working with the contractor on a resolution for the court surfaces. The product has a 10-year warranty and it is in its seventh year. They have patched the surfaces but not resurfaced. If it is not resolved, the matter will be turned over to the City Attorney.
- Playground surfaces usually need the topcoat replaced every three to four years. Cook Family Park is scheduled for resurfacing in 2026.

Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger, reported on the following:

- They have been very busy. Fall sports have begun at Cook Family Park.
- She showed videos of the foam party that was held in conjunction with Brigham Young University, as well as the Summerbration event. She thanked Chris Fox for creating the videos.
- She thanked the library, Fire, and Parks Departments for the assistance with events.
- Viking Day will be held in October.
- Football will begin in a few weeks.
- A national spike ball tournament was held in Cook Family Park the previous Saturday.
- The pool will be open for two more weeks before closing for the season.

Fire Chief, Drew Engemann reported on the following:

- A recent power outage was caused by a branch falling on a line during a storm, which

damaged two transformers and several more lines. A lot of stoplights went down, and they received a lot of calls during the outage.

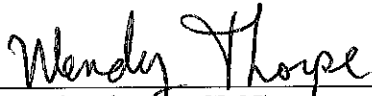
- They have been busy. Crews returned on Saturday from the Monroe Fire. There have been a lot of fires in Utah and the surrounding states.
- Some staff members were in Thistle for medic training, and additional fire training will be held soon.

Mayor Fugal reported that the remaining Staff Reports would be presented at the regular City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 5:30 p.m., Council Member Williams moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Rogers, Jensen, LeMone, and Williams voting “Yes.”

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6:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Guy Fugal called the Regular Session to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those present. All Council Members were present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Andersen.

3) **OPENING REMARKS**

The Opening Remarks were offered by Council Member Jensen.

4) **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

ACTION: Council Member Williams moved to APPROVE the Meeting Agenda, as amended. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

5) **OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Fugal opened the Open Session. There were no public comments. The Open Session was closed.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. City Council Minutes for the July 15, 2025, Meeting.
- B. To Consider for Approval Change Order No. 8 for Acme Construction, Inc. for the Storm Drain Outfall Project.
- C. Payment Approval Report for August 7, 2025.

ACTION: Council Member Jensen moved to APPROVE the Consent Items. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Jensen, LeMone, Andersen, Rogers, and Williams voting “Aye”.

7) **BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

- A. None.

8) **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. None.

9) **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

- A. None.

10) **ACTION ITEMS READY FOR VOTE**

- A. **To Consider a Resolution (2025-030) Amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Previously Approved by the City Council, Specifically, Amending Section XIV “Benefits” Adding Subsection 8 “401k Contribution Match” to Establish an Employer Match for Employee 401(k) Retirement Plans.**
Presenter: Attorney Petersen
(This item was rescheduled from the August 5, 2025, meeting.)

City Attorney, Tina Petersen, reported that the City Council previously approved up to a 2% matching contribution for all employee 401(k) contributions through Utah Retirement Systems (“URS”), John Hancock, or Mission Square. At the August 5, 2025, meeting, questions were posed regarding a vesting period. Staff research indicated that the URS system does not have vesting capabilities. The proposed amendment would specify that new employees are not eligible for the City match until they have completed a probation period of six months for regular employees or one year for public safety employees.

In response to a question raised by Council Member Williams, Attorney Petersen confirmed that departing employees can roll their contributions over into an IRA as allowed by the plan documents.

Council Member Rogers asked if employees were automatically enrolled in the 401(k) program. Attorney Peterson explained that employees must opt in to the program and submit a form applying for the City match.

ACTION: Council Member Jensen moved to APPROVE Resolution (2025-030) Amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures previously approved by the City Council, specifically, amending Section XIV “Benefits”, adding Subsection 8 “401k Contribution Match” to establish an Employer Match for Employee 401(k) Retirement Plans. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes”. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **To Consider a Resolution (2025-032) of the Pleasant Grove City Council of Pleasant Grove City, Utah County, Utah Declaring its Intention to Reimburse Itself from the Proceeds of One or More Tax-Exempt Financings for Certain Expenditures Made and/or to be Made in Connection with the Acquisition, Construction, and Equipping of Certain Capital Improvements Such as Police Vehicles, Technology, and Recreation Equipment, and Providing for an Effective Date.** *Presenter: Director Roy.*

Finance Director, Denise Roy, reported that the Reimbursement Resolution was in relation to Item C. If it takes more than one week to close on a lease, it will allow the City to reimburse itself from lease proceeds.

Council Member Rogers asked for a specific list of equipment included in the \$404,000 master lease. Director Roy reported that the list includes five Ford F-150 and three Chevy Tahoe vehicles,

\$60,000 in computer equipment, including computers and servers, and \$60,000 for three to four new pieces of cardio equipment at the Recreation Center. A breakdown of equipment and associated charges will be provided to the City Council. The amount was included in the approved budget, and the resolution would provide authorization to lease the equipment.

Council Member Rogers stated that he approved of the purchases but expressed concern that members of the public may not understand how the money is spent. As a matter of process, he preferred more specificity to provide accountability to the public and show the investment the City is making in its police force.

ACTION: Council Member Andersen moved to APPROVE Resolution (2025-032) of the Pleasant Grove City Council of Pleasant Grove City, Utah County, Utah declaring its intention to reimburse itself from the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings for certain expenditures made and/or to be made in connection with the acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain capital improvements such as police vehicles, technology, and recreation equipment, and providing for an effective date. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes”. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. To Consider a Resolution (2025-033) Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc., for the Purpose of Acquiring Public Safety vehicles, Computers, and Fitness Equipment; and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery Thereof; and Providing an Effective Date. *Presenter: Director Roy.***

Director Roy reported that proposals were requested from four entities, and two were received. U.S. Bancorp offered the lowest bid with an interest rate of 3.995% for a three-year term on the \$404,291 lease. The Zions Bank bid would have resulted in an additional interest expense of \$7,000.

ACTION: Council Member Williams moved to APPROVE Resolution (2025-033) of the Pleasant Grove City Council of Pleasant Grove City, Utah County, Utah declaring its intention to reimburse itself from the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings for certain expenditures made and/or to be made in connection with the acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain capital improvements such as police vehicles, technology, and recreation equipment, and providing for an effective date. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes”. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. To Consider a Resolution (2025-025) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Reimbursement Agreement with Blossom Hill, LLC for Roadway Infrastructure Improvements in the Area of 200 South and 1150 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah; and Providing an Effective Date. *Presenter: Director Winterton.***
(This item was rescheduled from the June 24, 2025, meeting)

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, reported that the Agreement was to perform road work on City property at 1185 East connecting to a future development. Aerial maps of the Blossom Hill area from 2021 to the present were reviewed, indicating the progress of development in the area. In response to a question, Director Winterton reported that the current turnaround will be removed and the roadway will connect to the future development. The developer's contractor will perform the work. Staff believes the agreement reflects a fair compromise between the developer and City to create connectivity for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. The cost to the City will be approximately \$93,000 and will include sidewalk, landscaping, and necessary repairs to the existing road.

Mayor Fugal explained the history of the Blossom Hill Subdivision and indicated that the developer did not want the road to connect, but that it is in the City's interests, and the current turnaround was installed with the expectation that the road would connect. Council Member Andersen added that at the time, concerns were also expressed about displacing wildlife.

In response to a question raised by Commissioner Rogers, Director Winterton confirmed that the City would cover the cost of landscaping in the area.

ACTION: Council Member LeMone moved to APPROVE Resolution (2025-025) Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Reimbursement Agreement with Blossom Hill, LLC for roadway infrastructure improvements in the area of 200 South and 1150 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah; and providing an effective date. Council Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting "Yes". The motion passed unanimously.

- E. To Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Lunar Gala's Local Consent Request to Apply for a Single Event Liquor License as Required for a State Liquor License for the Winter Court: An Unseelie Fae Ball on December 13, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Located at 886 West 2600 North, Pleasant Grove, Utah. Presenter: Attorney Petersen**

Attorney Petersen presented the application from Lunar Galas, a local business, to serve beer, wine, and liquor at an event to be held at the Stone Gate Event Center. No traffic problems or public safety issues were anticipated. The State required local consent for the license.

Mayor Fugal thanked the Applicants for the early application. The Applicants explained that their winter ball requires a lot of planning. It will be a fantasy ball focused on Gaelic and Celtic fae lore. Lunar Galas is an online business that holds many lore-based workshops, and the ball will be open to adults aged 18 and older. They chose the Stone Gate ballroom because it is beautiful and meets their needs. The ball will be their first large event, as they usually hold small women-focused events for 12 to 15 people.

ACTION: Council Member Andersen moved to AUTHORIZE the Mayor to Sign Lunar Gala's Local Consent Request to apply for a Single Event Liquor License as required for a State Liquor License for the Winter Court: An Unseelie Fae Ball on December 13, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to

10:30 p.m., located at 886 West 2600 North, Pleasant Grove, Utah. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting "Yes". The motion passed unanimously.

11) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Continued Items from the Work Session, if Needed.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton reported on the following:

- Work on 400 North will not extend any further to the east. Mayor Fugal stated that the road had never looked that good.
- The Utah Division of Drinking Water ("DDW") proposed a new fee of \$0.0331 per 1,000 gallons, or a yearly flat fee of \$35 for systems under 10 million gallons. Pleasant Grove uses 20 million gallons of culinary and secondary water per day during the summer. Director Winterton suggested publishing the proposed rate increase and encouraging residents to speak up. Attorney Petersen stated that the Utah League of Cities and Towns should also be contacted, as the increase had not been discussed.

In response to a question from Council Member Andersen, Director Winterton stated that he believed the DDW was trying to cover a budget shortfall with the increase instead of requesting additional funds from the State. They oversee all public water systems and sanitary surveys in Utah. Mayor Fugal stated that the increase may have come from the legislature.

- A City-Wide Utility Rate Study is in process. He and Director Roy are gathering data for the consultant and anticipate completing in December or January. The proposed DDW increase would be passed through like past increases from the Timpanogos Special Services District; the City has not increased sewer rates to account for its own increased costs.

Once the study is completed, Staff and the Council will need to discuss secondary water and how to distribute costs across user classes. Users are in different classes for residential versus commercial, and volume charges can equalize the difference in use between small and large lots. Most multifamily homes are on the west side of State Street and do not have access to secondary water, but the ones that do have access are currently charged the same rate as single-family homes because there is currently no mechanism to account for the different use. The study will take that fact into consideration as well.

Relevant sample data was being collected. The summer was hot and dry, but the two previous years were very good, and habits formed in those years carried over into high water use this year. Director Winterton believes that instituting volume rates would encourage conservation. Usage information should be readily available to users via the app, but all necessary data has not been entered into the system due to time and staffing constraints. He did not recommend implementing any increases until the data is available.

In response to a question from Council Member Rogers, Director Winterton stated that the City has access to rates from surrounding cities but not to information on why those rates were set. A rate comparison will be included with the study. A 10-year Capital Plan, as well as historic and anticipated future operational costs, will be used to determine the required revenue. The Council can then discuss considerations like bonding or saving over time for expenditures. Director Winterton believes using debt and bonding appropriately is responsible spending. The Capital Plan will consider culinary and secondary water, sewer, storm drains, and roads. Once it is completed, it will be available on the Public Works website.

Director Winterton complimented the Council on its commitment to infrastructure replacement and City Staff for its efficiency with the process. The Capital Plan will identify and prioritize future projects. Once drafted in early 2026, he will present it to the Council for their consideration and feedback. Council Member LeMone stated that she would prefer to have the discussion prior to the Budget Retreat. Council Member Andersen noted that the data needed to be available first.

Council Member Rogers asked for a rate comparison to be prepared, similar to the one Orem publishes yearly. Council Member Jensen indicated that Orem would not be an apples-to-apples comparison to Pleasant Grove.

Council Member LeMone stated that the City needs to explain why it has higher utility rates because the rates make sense once they are explained. Council Member Williams agreed that residents needed to be better informed as to how their voices can be heard by the appropriate entity. Other entities determine their rates, and the City Council has no say in increases, but residents look to them for an explanation. Council Member Anderson stated that all prices have increased, but citizens want the highest level of service at the lowest cost and agreed that the data needs to be made available to educate the public on what is needed to cover infrastructure needs.

Council Member Jensen agreed with Council Member Rogers that other municipalities publish information freely on social media, and it would be nice to be able to share information on the City's rates and why they differ from other cities. The City Council understands those differences, but they needed to educate citizens on them as well.

Director Winterton stated that comparison charts can be a useful tool, but they should focus on Pleasant Grove's needs because they are different from those of neighboring cities, just as an individual's specific home and family finances are different from their neighbors. Council Member LeMone stated that a breakdown of specifics, like the fact that the City has secondary water, whereas Orem does not, would be helpful. It was suggested that Assistant to the City Administrator, Sierra Pierson, could create an infographic. The City can also hold an Open House to discuss the study with citizens.

Attorney Petersen asked if the City Council was requesting a comparison chart based on current rates. Council Member LeMone stated that it may not need to include specific rates

but rather explain how and why the City's utilities are different from other cities. That would assist the Council in communicating with residents and helping them understand the rates.

Council Member Rogers stated that a public Open House would be helpful to impart information on the Capital Plan, how current and proposed rates affect those projects, bonding, etc. He also requested information on what other cities have done to keep rates low and how Pleasant Grove can prevent rate increases. Director Winterton suggested that people drive through Orem and consider whether they want the City to look similar, because that is what having rates like theirs would mean. Council Member Rogers stated that he understood rates could not be decreased, but there could be options like replacing residential with commercial that would allow the City to maintain an affordable utility rate without becoming like Orem.

Council Member Andersen indicated that in 2014, information was distributed explaining what \$1 of revenue per resident paid for in different cities, and at that time she was shocked by how efficient Pleasant Grove was.

- All current projects were going well and most were on schedule. If paving projects were completed by the end of September, he would be pleased.
- Cook Family Park would be closed the week of September 8 to address routine maintenance and warranty items. The splash pad closes on Labor Day. Council Member Williams appreciated the proactivity.

Over the last three years \$30 million has been spent on roads, and Council Member Williams indicated that people are driving faster on the new roads. Director Winterton added an electronic radar sign in one neighborhood that slowed traffic in the area, and he believed the City Council should buy more of the signs to install in areas like 1300 West and when roads are repaired. Council Member LeMone stated that there should also be a social media campaign. The City Council discussed different types of electronic signs and their effectiveness. Director Winterton indicated that he would discuss the matter with Director Roy and Chief Brown and report back to the City Council.

Council Member Jensen asked about the unfinished northeast corner at 500 North 500 East. Director Winterton will investigate and report back to the Council.

Council Member Rogers asked about irrigation shares and the City's interest in buying them. Director Winterton stated that there is no benefit to the City in purchasing shares outside its service area, but it buys service area shares from willing sellers. The City is a shareholder, but it does not use lateral ditches to convey surface water irrigation. All its shares are in the pressurized irrigation system. Council Member Rogers referred to the Santaquin agreement and stated that they opted to acquire shares in a special deal and provide a discount to the seller because they believed there was a financial benefit to the city in receiving the additional water shares.

Director Winterton reported that the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (“CUWCD”) provides rebate opportunities to its members, but Pleasant Grove is not a member city. If the Council chooses to adopt those ordinances, shareholders will be eligible for their conservation programs. There is no longer a way to get surface water through the North Union Canal to those users. Council Member Rogers asked that Director Winterton provide potential solutions that would be wise for the City to consider and could also solve problems for the approximately 40 affected residents. Director Winterton clarified that 95% of affected residents had been connected to the City system. Attorney Petersen reported that the Council chose not to amend its ordinances due to restrictive requirements of the CUWCD. Council Member Williams suggested that the Council reevaluate the matter.

Council Member Andersen asked who shareholders with questions should speak to. Director Winterton reported that they should speak with Mark Bezzant. The Pleasant Grove Irrigation Company holds monthly public meetings, and shareholders are encouraged to attend. They could also speak directly with Director Winterton. He has an extensive background in the matter and was at the forefront of the adjudication process with the State Division of Water Rights.

Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch, reported on the following:

- She thanked the City Council for its continued support of the library. A neighboring city held a contentious two-hour meeting on funding its library, which is funded through a levy tax that has not been raised in a long time and no longer covers expenses. Council Member Williams stated that he is amazed at how many children take advantage of the library services and it is a privilege to fund it. Council Member Andersen added that the library has a profound positive impact on the community.
- Approximately 50 people joined the walking tour.

Human Resources Manager, David Packard, reported on the following:

- Employees have expressed their gratitude to the City Council for the matching 401(k) contribution, and many have increased their own contributions as a result. Council Member Williams stated that the purpose of the match is retention. The City Council appreciates all its employees and does not want to lose them to another city.
- There was a lot of participation in the Steps Challenge Wellness Program, which would end on August 31. Both the number of participants and steps had increased over the first two years. The Fire Department and Library were in a close competition for first place. The winner would be announced on September 18.
- Intern Kacia Watson returned to school and will be leaving the City to pursue another opportunity.

12) **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

13) **MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

Council Member Jensen reported that the pickleball tournament will begin on August 21, and many City employees would be participating. He attended the ribbon-cutting the previous day.

Council Member Andersen thanked the Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce for its support of local businesses and the City. She expressed concern for Pleasant Grove police officers' safety, as she was very affected by the losses in Tremonton and wanted the Council to do everything it could to keep City officers safe.

14) **SIGNING OF PLATS.**

No Plats were signed.

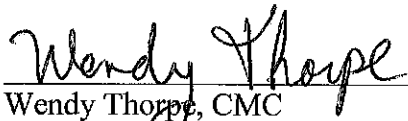
15) **REVIEW CALENDAR.**

The next City Council meeting will be held on September 2, 2025.

16) **ADJOURN**

ACTION: At 7:34 p.m., Council Member Jensen moved to ADJOURN the City Council Meeting. Council Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting "Yes."

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