

**Pleasant Grove City  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Session  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal  
Eric Jensen

Council Members: Dianna Andersen  
Cyd LeMone  
Steve Rogers  
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator  
Christine Petersen, City Attorney  
Wendy Thorpe, City Recorder  
Denise Roy, Finance Director  
David Packard, Human Resources Manager  
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief  
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director  
Sierra Pierson, Assistant to the City Administrator  
Keldon Brown, Police Chief  
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director  
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director  
Britton Johnson, Management Intern  
Baylor Hatch, Stormwater Operator  
Britton Tveten, Capital Project Manager

Excused: Neal Winterton, Public Works Director

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

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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.

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant Homer.

**3) OPENING REMARKS**

The Opening Remarks were offered by Mayor Fugal.

**4) APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported that Item 9A would take place immediately following the swearing in of Mayor Jensen and City Council Members Andersen and Williams.

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

**5) ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO Mayor-Elect Eric Jensen and Elected City Council Members Dianna Andersen and Todd Williams who will Serve Four-Year Terms in their Respective Offices.**

City Recorder, Wendy Thorpe, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials. Eric Jensen was sworn in as Pleasant Grove City Mayor. Dianna Andersen and Todd Williams were sworn in as Pleasant Grove City Council Members.

**6) PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentation and Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition Honoring Mayor Guy L. Fugal.**

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Jensen thanked those present for their support. He then read the Proclamation honoring Mayor Fugal for his eight years of service and declared January 6, 2026, Guy Fugal Appreciation Day.

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to approve the Proclamation. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

Photographs were taken with the City Council.

**ACTION:** Council Member Williams moved to ADJOURN for approximately 15 minutes. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**ACTION:** Council Member Anderson moved to reopen the meeting. Council Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

The City Council Meeting reopened at 6:37 p.m.

**7) OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Jensen opened the Open Session.

*Jennifer Bischoff* was present on behalf of The Ruth Theater. In an effort to elevate the arts in Pleasant Grove, the theater is spotlighting the City the week of February 9 through February 14 with two shows, "Forever Plaid" and "Fiddler on the Roof". She presented six vouchers for the Mayor and City Council to attend and invited them to a pre-show tour of the theater. The City's January newsletter contains a code that can be used by Pleasant Grove residents to obtain \$5 off tickets. She thanked the City Council for their support.

*Victoria Bahoravitch* expressed concern for children in school zones. She plans to attend every City Council meeting in 2026. She met with Bryant Bishop to discuss his Vision Zero initiative, and he shared that no male City Council members opened his email outlining the initiative. She thanked Council Members Andersen and LeMone for taking the time to read the email. Pleasant Grove has no goal to reduce injuries to children from cars, which tells her that it is not a priority. Mayor Jensen won the election on a platform of road safety, so she is hopeful that the new year will bring new goals. Other cities have driven successful interventions that resulted in less than one child injury per year, and Pleasant Grove far exceeds that number.

Ms. Bahoravitch's goal is to teach the City Council about injuries to children in the City. Her expertise is in healthcare. Over Christmas break, she had meetings with top trauma providers from the Primary Children's Hospital Emergency Department, as well as providers in Lehi and Salt Lake City. She was given a list of injuries they commonly treat due to motor vehicle accidents, and she will bring that knowledge to the City Council meetings. Some images she presents may make them uncomfortable, but they are the reality of what it means to accept the risk of raising children in the City. One child in her neighborhood has permanent brain damage, and one is deceased as a result of accidents that occurred within a six-month period. She will reach out to all City Council members in the hope of creating new goals to reduce these injuries.

There were no further comments. The Open Session was closed.

**8) CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. City Council Minutes:**  
**City Council Minutes for the November 18, 2025, Meeting.**  
**City Council Minutes for the December 2, 2025, Meeting.**
- B. To Consider Approval of Payment No. 9 to FX Construction for the American Fork River Diversion Reconstruction Project.**
- C. To Consider Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Bar S Construction Company, LLC for the 2800 North Drainage Project.**
- D. To Consider Approval of Payment No. 2 to Bar S. Construction Company, LLC for the 2800 North Drainage Project.**

- E. **To Consider Approval of Payment No. 3 to Hall Engineering & Construction for the Murdock Drive 1500 East to 1600 East Waterline and Roadway Reconstruction Project.**
- F. **To Consider Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Hall Engineering & Construction for the Murdock Drive 1500 East to 160 East Waterline and Roadway Reconstruction Project.**
- G. **To Consider Approval of Change Order No. 3 and Final Change Order for Lyndon Jones Construction, Inc. for Mill Ditch Project.**
- H. **To Consider the Final Payment to Lyndon Jones Construction, Inc. for the Mil Ditch Project.**
- I. **To Consider Approval of Change Order No. 7 for FX Construction for the American Fork River Diversion Reconstruction Project.**
- J. **To Consider Approval of Payment Approval Reports for December 11 and 23, 2025.**

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

**9) BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

**A. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore.**

Council Member Andersen nominated Council Member Rogers to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore.

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to appoint Council member Rogers to be Mayor Pro-Tempore. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

**10) PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentation by Utah Senator Brady Brammer.**

Mayor Jensen welcomed Utah State Senator Brady Brammer. Senator Brammer stated that he purchased a home in Pleasant Grove in 2006, and the changes he had seen since that time reflected the Council’s efforts to improve the City. The historic Main Street is beautiful, and The Ruth is a coup for Pleasant Grove. His youngest son recently performed as Tiny Tim in “A Christmas Carol” there. The area around the Pleasant Grove exit has great development, and the City worked through many zoning issues to make that happen. Administrator Darrington and City Attorney, Tina Petersen, are the best in the business and very well respected in the state. He also congratulated newly elected Mayor Jensen and re-elected Council Members Andersen and Williams.

Senator Brammer stated that he is not in favor of the executive branch’s push to make land use decisions at the State level. A bill to this effect failed before making it to committee in 2025, but he expects it to be repackaged for the upcoming legislative session. He believes that the State’s

housing issues should not be solved by removing city discretion. Big gains have been made in this area in satellite communities like Herriman, Eagle Mountain, and Saratoga Springs. Growth always creates transportation problems, and he believes the solution is not to push density but to instead push infrastructure out to undeveloped areas.

He is the sponsor of a bill related to the gas tax. The nation is divided into Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (“PADD”), and Utah is in PADD 4. PADD 5 is on the west coast, where refineries have been regulated out of existence. The west coast is now demanding gas from PADD 4. Utah produces approximately 40% more gasoline than it uses and provides a lot of gas for Idaho, eastern Washington, and Las Vegas. Senator Brammer finds it frustrating to see the price point increasing in Utah due to demand caused by regulations on the West Coast. The bill would move the gas tax to the refiner level, which would be revenue-neutral to Utah. Gas that is leaving the state would be taxed, and those funds used for highway improvements, resulting in a decrease in savings of \$300 to \$500 for an average Utah family of four.

Senator Brammer reported that the Utah League of Cities and Towns (“ULCT”) and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had reached a compromise on traffic studies and Transportation utility fees. He will likely co-sponsor a bill similar to one presented by Representative Petersen in 2025. Cities will be able to assess regardless of nonprofit status, but traffic counts will be determined on weekdays only. In response to a question raised by Mayor Jensen, Administrator Darrington reported that Staff is involved in League discussions and is in favor of Senator Brammer’s proposal.

Mayor Jensen remarked that he appreciated Senator Brammer’s comments at the meeting with the three newly elected school boards. Senator Brammer stated that Utah is in a better place in terms of education funding stability. Education funding decreased significantly in 2007/2008 because it is tied to income tax, which is the most volatile tax during economic downturns. Over the past several years, surplus funds have been kept in an income stabilization fund that now has a balance of approximately \$480 million. Tax revenue would have been above trend, but the Big Beautiful Bill decreased that revenue. The budget is still on trend, but there will be no increased revenues. However, there is now a safeguard to protect education funding against tax revenue decreases. He reported that the districts are working cooperatively to ensure that everyone benefits.

Council Member Andersen asked if the gas tax bill would alter Class C road funds. Senator Brammer clarified that it should be revenue-neutral, and Class C road funds are non-negotiable in the bill. Some adjustments may be necessary over time to ensure that it remains revenue neutral. He believes the United States is ahead of everyone else because it invested in roads, clean water, electricity, and communications 50 years before other developed nations. Utah has the lowest poverty level in America because its government cares about getting the baseline quality of life issues like infrastructure right.

Council Member Andersen stated that every year, the City goes to great lengths to prove compliance with State affordable housing demands. However, Governor Cox’s advisory committee on the subject is comprised entirely of developers. Senator Brammer stated that sometimes one city out of 250 abuses its power, and developers turn to the legislature for resolution. People need to be treated fairly and property rights respected, but city sovereignty also

needs to be recognized. Council Member Andersen stated that the State holds road funding hostage for its affordable housing goals, but cities cannot control home prices or rents. Pleasant Grove is almost built out, and there will be a point where it cannot provide compliance with those goals. Council Member Williams added that housing prices will also continue to increase regardless of what the City Council does.

Senator Brammer stated that the legislature can try to play defense and prevent the State from encroaching further. Utah has had 18% growth over a 10-year period, and affordable housing is a market issue. He believes the framework needs to be shifted. The push is usually to add density, but that increases congestion and decreases quality of life. Impact fees do not cover large arterial roads, so more money is required to correct congestion issues that were created by the push for density. However, his is not the majority opinion on that issue. He believes that higher density results in a more left-leaning population, so Democrats in state government are in favor of density. It is important that the Council provides feedback to the ULCT. If they do not speak on an issue that is important to Pleasant Grove or express an opposing view, he encouraged the Council to contact him with that information.

Council Member Rogers stated that the federal government's inability to deal with healthcare has dumped the problem on the State. As a small business owner, it is nearly impossible to offer a healthcare plan due to the cost. However, his employees now may not have the ability to get affordable coverage on the marketplace. He asked about the State's plan to help small businesses offer health insurance to their employees. Senator Brammer stated that he is also a small business owner, and he cannot offer healthcare to his highly compensated employees. However, he does not believe there is currently a solution due to the way that the federal government regulates healthcare. The Medicaid expansion was based on the federal government paying 90% of bills, and the State cannot afford to pay more than 10% without substantially increasing taxes. Council Member Rogers stated that if people are not insured, that also creates costs from overuse of emergency rooms and other well-documented costs of having an uninsured populace. Senator Brammer stated that the State cannot afford to solve that problem. Council Member Rogers remarked that that is analogous to how the Council feels when the State makes decisions that impose additional fees on cities.

## **11) PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

### **A. Public Hearing for an Ordinance (2026-01) to Adopt the Updated Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) Updating and Including New Standard Operating Procedures; Adding New Appendices; Updating Certain Maps; and Other Necessary Changes; and providing for an Effective Date. *Presenter: Stormwater Operator, Baylor Hatch.***

Stormwater Operator, Baylor Hatch, reported that the resolution would address issues raised during the 2024 stormwater audit. The Stormwater Management Plan must be reviewed yearly and updated as necessary, and the list of updates were emailed to the Council.

Mayor Jensen opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

**ACTION:** Council Member Rogers moved to ADOPT Ordinance 2026-01 to Adopt the Updated Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) Updating and Including New Standard Operating Procedures; Adding New Appendices; Updating Certain Maps; and Other Necessary Changes; and providing for an Effective Date. Council Member LeMone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Williams, LeMone, and Rogers voting “Yes.”

**B. Public Hearing for a Resolution (2026-01) to Amend the Comprehensive Fee Schedule by Adjusting certain Recreation Department Fees and including a Sewer Connection Fee in the Building Fees; and providing for an Effective Date. Presenters: Director Zollinger and Attorney Petersen.**

Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger reviewed the proposed Comprehensive Fee Schedule changes for the Recreation Center.

- Non-resident pricing was corrected to reflect the 25% non-resident upcharge.
- Charges for the Halloween event were removed.
- Adaptive programming fees were added.
- Pool and rental fees were adjusted to reflect increased costs.

Attorney Petersen reported that the \$265 Sewer Connection Fee was also added to the Comprehensive Fee Schedule. It is not a new or increased fee, but it was not previously included in the schedule and was added to ensure consistency and transparency.

Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

**ACTION:** Council Member Rogers moved to ADOPT Resolution 2026-01 to Amend the Comprehensive Fee Schedule by Adjusting certain Recreation Department Fees and including a Sewer Connection Fee in the Building Fees; and providing for an Effective Date. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Williams, LeMone, and Rogers voting “Yes.”

**C. Public Hearing for an Ordinance (2026-02) to Amend City Code Section 10-11D-2-C: Permitted Principal Uses in the Commercial Sales-2 (CS-2) Zone, to Add Use 4824 (Gas Pressure Control Stations) to the List of Permitted Uses within the Zone. Applicant: Kevin Mulvey for Questar Gas Company. Presenter: Director Cardenas.**

Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, presented the Staff Report and explained the process of depressurizing gas for residential and commercial uses. Gas pressure control stations are currently permitted in all residential zones. The proposed facility will be located on 700 East near Smith’s Grocery in the CS-2 Zone. As the zone did not currently permit Use 4824, a Code Text Amendment was required.

Director Cardenas reported that after consideration, the Planning Commission forwarded a unanimous recommendation of approval.

Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to ADOPT Resolution 2026-02 to Amend City Code Section 10-11D-2-C: Permitted Principal Uses in the Commercial Sales-2 (CS-2) Zone, to Add Use 4824 (Gas Pressure and Control Stations) to the List of Permitted Uses within the Zone. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Williams, LeMone, and Rogers voting "Yes."

**D. Public Hearing for an Ordinance (2026-03) to Amend City Code Section 10-11-F-2-D: Permitted Principal Uses in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone, to Add Use 3424 (Metal Working Machinery and Equipment) to the List of Permitted Uses within the Zone. Applicant: Brian Fruit. Presenter: Director Cardenas.**

Director Cardenas presented the Staff Report and stated that the ordinance would add Use 3424, Metal Working Machinery and Equipment, to the C-G Zone. Areas of the City zoned C-G were indicated on the Zoning Map, and it was noted that the zone is intended for heavy commercial use. The applicant has a potential tenant that utilizes computer numerical control ("CNC") machines to manufacture suspension valves for dirt bikes. A photograph of the valves was displayed.

After reviewing the proposal, the Planning Commission forwarded a unanimous recommendation of approval with the following qualifying provisions:

1. A storefront is required.
2. The maximum square footage for manufacturing use is limited to 3,500 square feet.
3. Amperage is limited to 400 amps per unit.

Council Member Rogers stated that the proposed use is materially different from those currently allowed in the zone and expressed concern about proximity to residential areas. Director Cardenas reported that the largest C-G Zone is located on State Street and was previously in the Manufacturing Zone. The Planning Commission understood that the Code Text Amendment would apply to the entire zone, not just the applicant's building, and the qualifying provisions were proposed to mitigate any potential negative impacts.

Council Member Rogers believed the area was rezoned with the goal of converting State Street to a commercial area and move away from industrial manufacturing. He wants to encourage businesses in Pleasant Grove but was concerned about potential problems. In response to his question, Director Cardenas stated that it is difficult to dictate hours of operation, but the Planning Commission proposed requiring a storefront to maintain the purpose of the current zone. However, the proposal would add a manufacturing use to a commercial zone.

Council Member Andersen stated that the power limitation would also limit the use. Director Cardenas agreed that it would be limited to light manufacturing such as CNC machines, not heavy manufacturing machinery.

The applicant, Brian Fruit, stated that he owns the entire project, including the salon and bicycle store. The tenant would occupy the rear building, which has a small office and warehouse on the first floor as well as an office on the second floor. They would use the front office area as a showroom. He provided a sample of the suspension valve and explained that it would be manufactured in an enclosed CNC machine. These types of parts are typically manufactured in Asia, but the federal government is imposing tariffs on the goods and encouraging manufacturing in the United States. The product has a high price point and is designed to provide a smoother ride on dirt bikes. Mr. Fruit noted that his property borders the Manufacturing Zone. The potential tenant manufactures similar parts in other areas of Utah and has created hundreds of jobs in the State.

In response to a question from Council Member Rogers, Mr. Fruit reported that the tenant will have consumer-direct and wholesale sales, as well as some international sales.

Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing.

*Tina Fontana* asked about noise and environmental impacts, as well as the number of large trucks entering and exiting the property.

Director Cardenas stated that the building is located on Industrial Drive, and semitrucks and large vehicles travel on both that road and State Street regularly. The tenant will receive materials shipments weekly, and outgoing shipments will be via parcel services. City noise regulations limit the decibels that can be generated regardless of the zone or use. Additionally, limiting the amperage to 400 amps will prevent the tenant from operating large machinery. Council Member Andersen remarked that the 3,500-square-foot maximum square footage will also limit the use.

*Justin Neilson* has lived in Pleasant Grove for 49 years. The subject area was the core of the City's manufacturing, and everything else was built around that zone. The industrial area is giving way to pie shops and dance studios on the west side of State Street, but that could change. He believes the property should be rezoned. CNC machines are self-contained and the wattage will be limited. There are already a lot of trucks in the area. He does not believe noise will be an issue.

There were no further comments. The public hearing was closed.

Council Member Rogers remarked that he would rather rezone the subject property than allow the use in the entire C-G Zone. However, he understood that was not what was before the Council. The building is well-suited for the use, but all the buildings within the zone may not be.

Attorney Petersen stated that the parcel includes commercial uses like the salon and other businesses that face State Street. Rezoning the property to allow more intense manufacturing uses would negatively impact those businesses, as well as neighboring properties. Staff was initially not in favor of the proposal. The Planning Commission proposed the qualifying provisions

because they felt that it was similar to a Conditional Use Permit in that the restrictions would allow the use without negative impacts on the surrounding commercial uses.

Director Cardenas reported that the Planning Commission considered the option of rezoning the property but wanted to encourage continued commercial use of the property. Council Member Andersen stated that the qualifying provisions will protect neighboring businesses.

Council Member Rogers stated that he was concerned about approving the use, but the zone does allow automobile repair shops and other businesses that operate similar light-duty machinery and generate similar levels of noise. He appreciated the Planning Commission taking the time to draft limitations to hopefully make it work with the other businesses in the zone.

**ACTION:** Council Member Williams moved to ADOPT Resolution 2026 to Amend City Code Section 10-11-F-2-D: Permitted Principal Uses in the General Commercial (C-G) Zone, to Add Use 3424 (Metal Working Machinery and Equipment) to the List of Permitted Uses within the Zone. Applicant: Brian Fruit. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Williams, LeMone, and Rogers voting "Yes."

**12) ACTION ITEMS READY FOR VOTE**

**A. To Consider for Adoption a Resolution (2026-02) Adopting Procedures Governing the Process for Filling Midterm Vacancies in City Council Offices; and Providing for an Effective Date. *Presenter: Attorney Petersen.***

Attorney Petersen reported that the proposed resolution was based on previous discussions with the City Council. A mid-term vacancy will be filled in the near future, and they wanted to ensure consistency and predictability in the process. Staff compared processes from other cities presented that information the Council, whose feedback was incorporated into the resolution. State statute had changed since the last mid-term vacancy was filled. The City Council was previously allowed to go into Executive Session to discuss candidate qualifications, but that is no longer an option. Under the new law, all discussion must be held during the public meeting.

The process is as follows:

1. A question-and-answer period will be conducted during the public meeting and the vote will be via secret ballot.
2. Any ties will be broken pursuant to State Code.
  - If at any time during voting a candidate receives at least three votes, they will automatically fill the vacancy.
  - If no one receives three votes in the first round of voting, it will be narrowed to two candidates via a coin toss.
3. The Mayor only votes in case of a tie.

In response to a question raised by Council Member LeMone, Attorney Petersen confirmed that applications will be available online on January 7. Completed applications must be hand-delivered

to City Hall no later than January 21, and the public meeting will take place on January 27. The application period must remain open for at least 14 days, and the vacancy must be filled within 30 days of January 6. The selected candidate will be sworn in at the first City Council meeting in February. The information will be published on the City website and social media.

In response to a follow-up question from Council Member LeMone, Administrator Darrington stated that it would not be possible to create a system for accepting applications online by January 7, but Staff can research ways to accept such forms electronically in the future. Attorney Petersen stated that some certifications would be better done in person. For example, applicants must fill out and sign Statement of Qualifications, and candidates for City Council elections must file in person. The process is different from typical job applications because it is an appointment to elected office. Council Member LeMone stated that she wants to make the process as easy as possible.

Council Member Rogers asked for clarification on Item 2(b), which states, "Each Council member, excluding the Mayor, shall nominate one of the candidates to advance by writing the candidate's name on a ballot and submit them to the City Recorder." Attorney Petersen stated that if there are 15 candidates and four voting members, a maximum of four candidates will advance to the second round of voting. If a candidate receives three votes in the first round, they will fill the position. If all four candidates receive one vote each, the tie will be broken by a coin toss.

Council Member Rogers proposed that an Open Session be added to the agenda to allow members of the public to speak on the candidates. Attorney Peterson reported that a public comment period was not included in any of the other cities' policies she reviewed and is not contemplated in State statute. Council Member Rogers stated that the statute requires the discussion to be conducted publicly for a reason. The nominee will be appointed, not elected, and he believes it is appropriate for residents of Pleasant Grove to have input on the process. An alternative would be to hold a meet-and-greet prior to the meeting so the public can meet the potential candidates. He does not want to give the appearance that the Council has already chosen a candidate and believes the public should be very involved in the process.

Administrator Darrington discussed logistical considerations with holding an Open Session. If there are 10 candidates and each brings their neighbors to speak on their behalf for three minutes each, it could be a very long meeting. The meeting would turn into a campaign, and he did not know what that would accomplish. It would be ideal if people could ask questions of the Council or share their opinions after they hear the candidate speak, but it is more likely that people will attend in support of a candidate and use their time accordingly. Mayor Jensen suggested that the individuals' names could be posted after the January 21 cutoff date. Residents could then email their Council representative with their opinion on the candidates.

Council Member Williams was excused at 7:54 p.m.

Council Member LeMone recommended that the candidates be invited to film a three-minute video to post on the City's website and Facebook page. Administrator Darrington reported that each candidate will respond to three questions selected by the Council, and their responses could be made public. Council Member LeMone stated that it would be easy for candidates to create a

video, and she agrees with Council Member Rogers that they should be required to put forth some effort and be under public scrutiny if they want to be a public official. Mayor Jensen stated that other cities ask candidates why they are running.

Council Member LeMone shared that Lehi held a panel to fill their vacancy which was filmed and made available to the public prior to making a decision. The process was discussed. Attorney Petersen stated that the Council could choose to hold a panel or post other information in addition to the nomination process at the public meeting. Council Member LeMone stated that people should know who wants to be one of the five people representing the 43,000 residents of Pleasant Grove, and it is better to be open and transparent. She believes candidates should be asked to create a three-minute video that can be posted on the City website. Attorney Petersen indicated that it would be a better idea than holding an Open Session.

Council Member Rogers stated that the public should have the opportunity to submit comments to the Council for review prior to the meeting. Attorney Petersen noted that the list of applicants will be public, and residents have the right and opportunity to email the City Council at any time. The extra step will give the public more information and increase the likelihood of comments. Council Member Rogers stated that the City does not have a high participation in elections, and the appointment is outside of the election schedule. It is the City's responsibility to get the word out to the public so they know that it is happening and have the opportunity to express their opinions. He understands that the process is different from an election.

Council Member Andersen remarked that some residents did not want to go through the six-month election process and knew that the Council would be appointing a member.

Attorney Petersen stated that Staff will explore the option of posting pre-recorded messages on the website but cautioned against soliciting comments via social media. She recommended that comments be collected via a link on the website or email. Administrator Darrington suggested that if videos are required, they should be submitted with the application and be a maximum of three minutes long. The videos can be published along with the written answers to the three Council questions within approximately one day of the close of the application period, and residents can be instructed to email their opinions to their elected official.

Council Member LeMone was opposed to turning off comments on social media posts about the candidates, as she believes they should remain open, as they would be for a regular election. Attorney Petersen pointed out that comments cannot be limited to residents of Pleasant Grove, so people who would not have a say in a regular election would be able to speak to the candidates. Mayor Jensen stated that the City cannot be expected to answer on a candidate's behalf. Attorney Petersen recommended that comments be directed to elected officials or the City website, as there needs to be a streamlined, focused process.

Council Member Rogers agreed with Council Member LeMone that comments should be open. Those comments may not affect the outcome, but it is important to give people the right to say it. He agrees that an Open Session would probably end up being more of a cheerleading session, but he liked the idea of providing multiple ways for people to comment on the candidates. Mayor

Jensen stated that comments should be held to the same standards as other social media posts, and inappropriate comments should be removed.

Applications will be available on January 7. Candidates will be asked to fill out the application, questionnaire, and all requisite paperwork. They are also encouraged to submit a three-minute or shorter video with their application. The video should include an introduction and why they would like to serve on the City Council. Responses to the three Council questions must be typed, not handwritten. Once the application period closes on January 21, Staff will post the responses and videos on the City website. Social media posts will also be made linking to the information on the website.

In response to a question, Attorney Petersen stated that the resolution directly aligns with the State code. The social media process that was discussed should not be included in the written policy as it could cause issues with consistency and compliance.

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to ADOPT Resolution 2026-02 Adopting Procedures Governing the Process for Filling Midterm Vacancies in City Council Offices; and Providing for an Effective Date. Council Member LeMone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

**B. To Consider Awarding Black Forest Paving the 1100 East Area Water Line and Roadway Reconstruction Project Bid with a Total Bid Base Price of \$1,231,834.55 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Award and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreement Upon Receipt and Approval of Final Contract Documents. *Presenter: Capital Projects Manager Britton Tveten.***

Capital Projects Manager, Britton Tveten, reported that the concept, design, and contract were all completed by Staff. A total of 18 bids were received for the project. Black Forest Paving has a good reputation, and he believes they will do a good job.

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to AWARD Black Forest Paving the 1100 East Area Water Line and Roadway Reconstruction Project Bid with a Total Bid Base Price of \$1,231,834.55 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Award and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreement Upon Receipt and Approval of Final Contract Documents. Council Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

**C. To Consider for Adoption a Resolution (2026-03) Authorizing the Mayor to Declare Two 2021 Ford F150 vehicles as Surplus and Direct that They be Disposed of According to the City's Policy for Disposing of Surplus Property; and Providing for an Effective Date. *Presenter: Director Giles.***

Parks Director, Deon Giles, reported that the two vehicles are part of the City's fleet program and have reached end of service. It was time to surplus and replace them with new vehicles.

**ACTION:** Council Member Rogers moved to ADOPT Resolution 2026-03 Authorizing the Mayor to Declare Two 2021 Ford F150 Vehicles as Surplus and Direct that They be Disposed of According to the City's Policy for Disposing of Surplus Property; and Providing for an Effective Date. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting "Yes."

**13) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

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

Police Chief, Keldon Brown, stated that he shares residents' concerns about crosswalk safety. Pleasant Grove is not the only city along the Wasatch Front that has suffered fatalities in crosswalks, and there was another fatality in Saint George that morning. He is also concerned about domestic violence, drunk drivers, fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine, as well as drivers who speed and cause accidents. He passes those concerns on to his three-man crew every day. When they are not making arrests, they work to make the streets safer. They have not disregarded a single request for extra patrol enforcement in the City. The speed trailer is also at work gathering important data to help channel resources. They listen to citizen concerns, and their officers are very diligent. The City Council hears about a small portion of what they do to make the community and its children safe, but he cannot control the driving habits of the motoring public. Mayor Jensen thanked Chief Brown for his efforts and for volunteering an officer to speak on social media on behalf of the City.

Council Member Rogers stated that an accident occurred on 2600 North on Christmas Day. A gentleman ran into a parked car and his airbags deployed. The Pleasant Grove police officers on scene treated him with respect and dealt with the situation efficiently while having to be away from their families on Christmas Day. He sees and appreciates them. Chief Brown stated that the tow truck that parked by the cemetery was also struck. In response to a question raised by Mayor Jensen, he reported that the tow truck had been moved. There was also a seven-person family brawl on Christmas. It was a busy day.

Mayor Jensen stated that the City Council reviews Chief Brown's email updates about what occurred the previous week and appreciates the work they do.

Council Member Andersen expressed gratitude for the City's police officers and crossing guards and remarked that until every single person declares that they drive distracted, the problem will not be resolved. Children are being struck in crosswalks by distracted drivers, and people who say that they have not driven distracted are lying. It is a serious problem. Modern cars make it impossible to not drive distracted, as do cell phones, passengers, and highway signs.

Fire Chief, Drew Engemann, reported that the Fire Department is staying busy. There had been a handful of overdoses. A house fire occurred the previous week. He thanked the police officers who assisted by connecting the hose from the engine to the hydrant. The fire was extinguished quickly and there were no injuries. Some personnel resigned, but one new replacement had already

been hired. That individual is a police officer in another city. Additional hiring will be conducted following the results of the upcoming lieutenant test.

Capital Projects Manager, Britton Tveten, reported that there was no snow plowing in December, and water leaks were at an all-time low over the holidays. The Public Works Department is preparing for spring projects. He remarked that moisture is urgently needed in the City.

Parks Director, Deon Giles reported that his Staff would prefer to be plowing stuff rather than removing Christmas lights. The lights should be removed and in storage within two weeks.

Recreation Director, Megan Zollinger, reported that the Fitness Fair will be held on Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. The newly painted floor has brightened up the building. The Kids Zone pilot program will focus on children aged seven to 12. It begins on January 17 and will be held on Saturdays and Wednesdays in the multipurpose room. The program is free for members or \$2 per hour for non-members. Parents must be present at the Recreation Center. They were awarded a \$14,000 grant to purchase three all-terrain wheelchairs. Once the grant is received, they will order the chairs and put the program in place as part of the Berserker Blitz in Spring 2026. She thanked Extreme Motus for their assistance in writing the grant.

Library and Arts Director, Sheri Britsch thanked everyone who donated wreaths for the Pleasant Grove Historic Preservation Commission fundraiser. It was a fun and well-attended event. There were a lot of events at the library in December. The “Happy Noon Year” event had 347 attendees.

Finance Director, Denise Roy reported that the state audit is now posted on the website and had been submitted to the required entities. The federal audit will be completed by March.

In response to a question from Council Member LeMone, Administrator Darrington stated that he had provided potential dates for the pickleball court tour and hoped to schedule it for the following week. They will tour the courts at Lifetime Fitness in South Jordan.

**14) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE JANUARY 20, 2026, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**15) MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

Council Member Rogers expressed appreciation for City Staff and congratulated Mayor Jensen on his election.

Council Member Andersen acknowledged City Staff's hard work.

**16) SIGNING OF PLATS.**

The following plat was signed: Richins Estate Subdivision Plat “A”.

**17) REVIEW CALENDAR.**

Administrator Darrington reported that Local Officials Day is January 21. The ULCT generally holds meetings in the morning, followed by lunch with State legislators. Senator Brammer and Representative Hawkins usually attend the lunch. Anyone interested in attending should email City Recorder Thorpe. The event usually runs from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The meeting to appoint a new City Council member will be held on January 27 at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

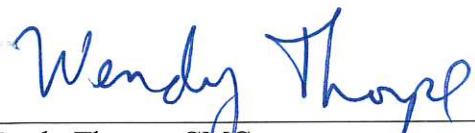
The annual Budget and City Planning Work Session is scheduled for February 4. It will likely be held at Hale Center Theater.

Mayor Jensen thanked City Staff for their hard work, especially the quick Public Safety response to save a life in his neighborhood.

**18) ADJOURN**

**ACTION:** At 8:37 p.m., Council Member Andersen moved to ADJOURN. Council Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Jensen, LeMone, Rogers, and Williams voting “Yes.”

The City Council Minutes of January 6, 2026, were approved by the City Council on February 3, 2026.



Wendy Thorpe, CMC  
City Recorder

*(Exhibits are in the City Council Minutes binders in the Recorder's office.)*