

**Pleasant Grove City  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Regular Session  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor: Eric Jensen

Council Members: Dianna Andersen  
Cyd LeMone  
Dustin Phillips  
Steve Rogers  
Todd Williams

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator  
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director  
Keldon Brown, Police Chief  
Wendy Thorpe, City Recorder  
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief  
David Packard, Human Resources Manager  
Sierra Pierson, Assistant to the City Administrator  
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director  
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director  
Denise Roy, Finance Director  
Deon Giles, Park Director  
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director  
Britton Johnson, Management Intern

Excused: Christine Petersen, City Attorney

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 Eric Jensen 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 Public Works Director, Neal Winterton.

**3) OPENING REMARKS**

The Opening remarks were offered by Council Member Andersen.

4) **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported that no changes were proposed.

**ACTION:** Council Member LeMone moved to APPROVE the Meeting Agenda. Council Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Phillips, Rogers, LeMone, and Williams voting "Aye."

5) **ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO INTERIM CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DUSTIN PHILLIPS**

City Recorder, Wendy Thorpe, administered the Oath of Office to Interim City Council Member, Dustin Phillips.

Council Member Phillips offered a brief introduction. He and his wife, Janine, moved to Pleasant Grove in 2007 and raised their three children here. He enjoys being active in the community. He has been involved with the City for 15 years, serving on the Library Board, Board of Adjustment, and Planning Commission. Professionally, he is a banker who has served on non-profit boards, including the Rocky Mountain Community Reinvestment Corporation, which finances affordable housing projects in the Intermountain West, and the Boys and Girls Club of Utah County. He seeks out ways to serve the community, especially those who may need a little extra help.

6) **OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Jensen opened the Open Session.

*April (last name not provided)* grew up in Pleasant Grove, and her parents had lived in the City for 30 years. Her sister is buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, and there have been issues with things being removed from her grave or broken since Cook Family Park opened. There is no separation between the park and the cemetery, and they believe children are entering the cemetery from the park. Last week, someone broke a fossil they had left on her grave, chipping her headstone in the process. She asked that the City Council consider adding a fence and increasing police presence after school.

*Danielle Gerth* stated that a nine-year-old child was killed in a crosswalk in April, and a six-year-old was seriously injured in October. A sixth grader was struck and sustained road burns in November. Also in November, a student from Pleasant Grove High was seriously injured in the crosswalk outside the high school. In December, three members of a family were struck by a car while walking to the Christmas tree lighting. The problem is not specific to Pleasant Grove, and the police cannot be on every corner all the time. It is up to everyone to make changes and drive as safely as possible to keep citizens and their children safe. She has been a crossing guard for eight years in the City and is grateful that she has never been hit, but there are frequent near misses.

There is a lack of education on what the different crosswalks mean, and she had ideas on how to educate the community on their meanings. Zebra crosswalks are typically used in school zones. They have thick white lines and require cars to remain stationary until the entire crosswalk is clear of pedestrians. Standard crosswalks have two solid white lines across the road. Cars must stop for

pedestrians but may proceed once the travel lane is clear. However, when a crossing guard is in a standard crosswalk with a stop sign, it is also a school crosswalk. Many people drive through these crosswalks when children are still in them. She asked that the City Council look at the light at 1800 North and 100 East, where there is one zebra crosswalk, but there should be two.

Administrator Darrington stated that vandalism has always been an issue at the cemetery. He was not aware of increased issues since Cook Family Park opened, but it would not be surprising if children from the park were going into the cemetery. He will meet with Parks Director, Deon Giles and Police Chief, Keldon Brown, to discuss prevention measures. The cemetery is being expanded to the west, so a fence would not be practical. There is usually at least one parks worker at Cook Family Park during the day, and he will ask them to be aware of the issue. Mayor Jensen asked that Staff review video surveillance or other potential low-cost safety measures.

Council Member LeMone stated that other residents had also expressed concern about vandalism at the cemetery. In response to her question, it was confirmed that the headstone in question is near the new section. The park and cemetery layouts were discussed. Council Member LeMone stated that another headstone was vandalized in the same area. She liked the idea of a fence to deter children from entering the cemetery. Vandalism is a bigger problem in the new section, and she believes it will happen more often. The City should consider investing in a barrier, even if it is a temporary one, because it is devastating for families to have those mementos broken or stolen.

Administrator Darrington will research solutions and present them to the Council at a future meeting.

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

Administrator Darrington thanked Ms. Gerth for attending. He reported that Staff has been looking at pedestrian safety issues, and crossing guards are part of that equation. He was not aware of the different crosswalk types until recently. He would like the City to meet with each school to go over their Safe Routes to School Plan and ensure that Pleasant Grove is aligned with what is being communicated to students. Many parents do not know that the crosswalks have different rules, and both the City and schools can better educate them.

## 7) CONSENT ITEMS

- A. **City Council Minutes for the January 6, 2026 Meeting.**
- B. **To Consider for Approval Payment No. 10 to FX Construction for the American Fork River Diversion Reconstruction Project.**
- C. **To Consider for Approval Payment No. 28 to Big-D Construction for the Cook Family Park Project.**
- D. **Payment Approval Reports for January 22, 2026.**

Council Member Rogers asked for an update on the Cook Family Park budget. Administrator Darrington stated that Finance Director, Denise Roy, would provide an update at the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting. The project is on budget and nearing completion. Some electrical work and other punch-list items are still pending, and final payment will be withheld until those items are completed. In response to a question, Council Member Rogers clarified that he was interested in an update on the project status but did not object to approving the payment request.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, reported that there will only be one more payment, and he believes some money will be refunded to the City from the contractor contingency. Warranty money is also held until the end of the warranty period. Council Member Rogers requested that the warranty timelines be included in the next update.

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

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

A. None Scheduled.

9) **PRESENTATIONS**

A. None Scheduled.

10) **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

A. None Scheduled.

11) **ACTION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. **To Consider Resolution (2026-06) Authorizing the Mayor to Declare Four (4) Handguns, Eighteen (18) Rifles, and Eleven (11) Shotguns as Surplus and Direct that they be Disposed of According to the City’s Policy for Disposing of Surplus Property; and providing an effective date. *Presenter: PD Chief Brown.***

Chief Brown thanked the citizens who spoke during the Open Session. The message needs to be conveyed that the cemetery is a place of rest, and he will provide extra patrols for the area. Crossing guards have a tough job, and they will attend to those messages accordingly.

Chief Brown reported that the City previously provided funding to purchase new weaponry. The surplus weapons would be sold to a weapons dealer and the proceeds used to purchase spare handguns, tear gas rounds, pepper balls, and taser cartridges.

Council Member Williams asked about the sales process. Chief Brown stated that they check rates with licensed dealers in Salt Lake City and Orem, then sell them to the dealer with the best offer.

**ACTION:** Council Member Williams moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-06 Authorizing the Mayor to Declare Four (4) Handguns, Eighteen (18) Rifles, and Eleven (11) Shotguns as Surplus and Direct that they be Disposed of According to the City’s Policy for Disposing of Surplus Property; and providing an effective date. Council Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Phillips, Rogers, LeMone, and Williams voting “Yes.”

**B. To Consider Resolution (2026-07) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Utility License Agreement with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to Facilitate the Approval Process for City Projects within State Highway Rights-of-Way; and providing an effective date. *Presenter: Director Winterton.***

Director Winterton reported that the agreement is for a five-year license that automatically renews for a second five years and covers City utilities within State rights-of-way, like State Street, Geneva Road, and North County Boulevard. The City enters into this agreement every 10 years to be able to keep its utilities in those locations. The agreement requires Pleasant Grove to provide notice before it digs or of any emergencies. City Attorney, Christine Petersen, had reviewed and approved the document.

**ACTION:** Council Member Andersen moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-07 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Utility License Agreement with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to Facilitate the Approval Process for City Projects within State Highway Rights-of-Way; and providing an effective date. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Council Members Andersen, Phillips, Roger, LeMone, and Williams voting "Yes."

**C. To Consider Awarding the Battle Creek Trailhead Parking Lot Improvements Project to Geneva Rock Products with a Base Bid Price of \$1,006,044.50 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and the Agreement upon Receipt and Approval of Final Contract Documents. *Presenter: Director Winterton.***

Director Winterton reported that the engineer's original estimate to enhance the Battle Creek Trailhead parking lot was \$1.5 million. The bids represented a shift that he had witnessed on several projects. There were a total of 14 bidders. The City has worked with Geneva Rock for many years. They intend to begin work immediately so the project can be completed as quickly as possible, possibly before Memorial Day.

In response to a question raised by Council Member Rogers, Director Winterton reported that the item would be discussed in more detail at the February 4, 2026, Planning and Budget Meeting. Council Member Rogers was pleased that such a well-known company had bid well under the engineer's estimate.

**ACTION:** Council Member Rogers moved to AWARD the Battle Creek Trailhead Parking Lot Improvements Project to Geneva Rock Products with a Base Bid Price of \$1,006,044.50 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, and the Agreement upon Receipt and Approval of Final Contract Documents. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with Council Members Andersen, Phillips, Roger, LeMone, and Williams voting "Yes."

**12) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

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

None.

**13) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2026, PLANNING AND BUDGET MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

Administrator Darrington reported that the February 4, 2026, meeting agenda and a link to all presentations were emailed to the Council. The February 17, 2026, Work Session will be dedicated to the utility rate study, and several public hearings will be on the Regular Meeting agenda.

Administrator Darrington reported that Management Intern, Britton Johnson, would be leaving for an internship in Provo. New Intern, Soad Singh, would begin working with the City in May. Ms. Singh stated that she is grateful and excited for the opportunity. She met Administrator Darrington and Human Resources Manager, David Packard, at the International City/County Management Association Conference in Tampa, Florida, and was struck by their expertise. She is excited to learn from them. Her mission president and his wife, William and Heidi Woahn, live in Pleasant Grove and she loves the City.

Administrator Darrington reported that the Planning and Budget Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Ruth boardroom. It will be similar to previous meetings, and there will be time for each Council Member to discuss their priorities for the year.

**14) MAYOR AND COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

Council Member LeMone stated that the Open Session time limit has changed since she's been on the Council. At one time, people could speak for as long as they wanted. It was then limited to three minutes. She understands the time limit, but does not agree with not being able to provide feedback or interact with citizens. People are taking time off work or away from their families, and it can be difficult for them to speak in public. She believes that the City Council can handle interacting with the public, and she wants to respect the time they take to attend the meetings. She wants to be open, transparent, and welcoming to citizens' questions and concerns, and requested that discussion be allowed in Open Sessions.

Mayor Jensen stated that he had also discussed the matter with other Council Members. After the Open Session ends, a Director with knowledge of the concern can have a one-on-one discussion with the citizen, as happened in that evening's Open Session. Council Member LeMone was in favor of the idea but recommended that citizens be made aware that their concerns will be addressed at the end of the session. Mayor Jensen stated that the City Council has always tried to be transparent and open with residents. He was grateful for the opportunity to meet with several citizens the previous day.

Administrator Darrington stated that the process has been somewhat clunky in the past and can be improved. The topics that will be brought up in an Open Session are unknown. Typically, when

citizens express concerns to the Council, the matter is turned over to Staff, who then meet with the resident. For example, the two comments received in the meeting would be handled at the Staff level. To Council Member LeMone's suggestion, Mayor Jensen could announce at the beginning of the Open Session that the Council is there to hear from citizens but not to engage in debate. However, their concerns will be addressed with Staff after the close of the Open Session. At Mayor Jensen's discretion, some issues could also be addressed directly by the Council.

Council Member Williams agreed with Council Member LeMone that sometimes engagement needs to happen.

Council Member LeMone stated that she liked the interaction earlier in the meeting. Other residents may have similar concerns and can hear them addressed in the recording. If Staff leaves the room to discuss the issue, that information is lost. Administrator Darrington agreed that most issues can be addressed by Staff at the podium, although that is not always possible when a large group is present to address a specific issue.

Council Member Andersen stated that she was open to having a discussion about the length of time residents are allowed to speak. She would have liked to have heard the rest of Ms. Gerth's prepared statement, for example. Council Member Williams agreed that some flexibility may be warranted. Administrator Darrington reported that the City Council must be consistent with all residents, and the standard is three minutes. Mayor Jensen added that the Council has the ability to address concerns after the Open Session. Council Member Andersen suggested increasing the time limit to five minutes. It was decided that the matter would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Council Member Rogers stated that he wants residents to not just be heard, but to feel heard. They should know that the Council feels their problem. The format is in place to ensure that everyone is justly and equally treated, but he appreciates Mayor Jensen's willingness to revisit it.

When he was younger, Council Member Rogers was pulled over for driving through a crosswalk when someone was waiting. Regardless of the type of crosswalk, when you see someone waiting to cross, you are supposed to stop. As a young driver, he was not as aware of that. However, because he was pulled over, it was a teaching moment that he never forgot. To Ms. Gerth's point, residents need education points, which may be more of an enforcement campaign than a public relations campaign. He loves the stance of teaching, warning, and helping people understand things, but at some point enforcement is necessary. He looked forward to having that discussion at the budget meeting.

Council Member Phillips stated that he was grateful to be part of the City Council and learn its processes.

Council Member Andersen stated that everyone drives distracted. Ms. Gerth puts her life in her hands every day as she stands in the middle of the street because people are driving distracted. She is trying to be more focused and aware of her driving, and the more focused and aware she is, the more she realizes that she drives distracted. She is grateful for the educational campaign.

Mayor Jensen stated that he is a cyclist and used to ride on the roads a lot, but doing so scares him now. There has to be more education, and adults need to set the example for their children and grandchildren that there are consequences to not slowing down and looking up.

15) **SIGNING OF PLATS.**


No plats were signed.

16) **REVIEW CALENDAR.**

17) **ADJOURN**

**ACTION:** At 6:54 p.m., Council Member Andersen moved to ADJOURN. Council Member LeMone seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Council Members Andersen, Phillips, Roger, LeMone, and Williams voting "Yes."

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

  
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Wendy Thorpe CMC  
City Recorder

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