

City Council Meeting 11-15-2022

I wanted to say thank you to those on the Council who are willing to answer questions to the public. I think I have posed questions to everyone of you on the City Council and I wanted to say thank you for explaining processes and just answering my questions.

I posed questions to Councilman Nelson on 7-27-2022 via email. I received an email back on 7-28-2022 where Councilman Nelson explained he would see if he could find out answers at the next council meeting. It has currently been 112 days and I still have not received a response with any answers to my questions.

Some of the questions concerning public funds being spent on private citizens property.

- 1- Do we have a list of all the items Mr. Jackson approved to be paid for, which is not city property?
- 2- What does that number look like for the last 4 years?
- 3- Why was the July 13, 2021 council meeting #4 written how it was? He wanted money to pay for a resident's property not city property?

This may be intentional or unintentional but you can see how it would raise questions.

This is unlawful and has set a precedent for the City now. To inform you all the Council voted unanimously to approve the spending of these funds to pay city funds for private citizens property.

I also asked since the City has set the precedent for fixing residential property (in this case sewer line) will I and every resident in Pleasant View be able to have the City replace our sewer lines?

I had requested the City fix my sewer line in writing in July 2022 and still have not heard a response back.

Councilman Nelson replied back to me advising me he is not the City's Attorney nor my attorney so he cannot answer specific legal questions for me.

My question is since Councilman Nelson ran to become a Councilman and promoted the fact that his profession is in the legal field, he can only give an answer that I should contact the city attorney. I understand you are not the City Attorney but you could pose question to be asked of the City Attorney, right? I find this strange since if you actually cared about the City and not having the City lose money or possibly the City had made a mistake, you would actually look into it and try to resolve the matter.

I know Councilman Nelson made changes in the language on the Dog ordinance was that him using his legal background? He will use his legal background to invoke laws on the public but will not use his experience to assist the city to prevent it from being sued. I would think if you were a Councilman, you would hopefully want what is best for the City and if you saw something wrong or was made aware of wrongdoing you would try to fix it.



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Some questions

2 messages

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Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 1:18 PM

To: pnelsen@pleasantviewcity.com

Hello Councilman Nelsen, this is Derek Draper, a resident of Pleasant View.

You posted on FB that you were happy to get answers for residents if they pose the questions to you. Here is a list of questions I asked at the last council meeting. I was going to see if you could perhaps get some answers to them? My questions 1-4 are on the same subject and I know as an attorney you understand what setting a precedence is and does for future endeavors. Do we have a list of all the items Mr. Jackson approved to be paid for which was not city property? What does that number look like for the last 4 years? Also why was the July 13th 2021 council meeting #4 written how it was, he wanted money to pay for a residents property not city property? This may be intentional or unintentional but you can see how it would raise questions.

So if the city has set a precedent for fixing residential property in this case sewer line, will I then be able to have the city fix my sewer line or can we create a list of PV residents who would like the city to fix their sewer lines? With your Attorney background, since the city has established this precedent would I as a citizen have the right to sue the city since at the last council meeting I requested in writing the city fix my sewer line and have had no response from the city?

I appreciate all the work you're doing on the council. As you have noticed I pose questions and I do not get answers.

Thanks again for your time.

City Council meeting 7-19-22

Budget

I have come today to take councilwoman Urry up on seeing where the city can save money in the Budget.

- 1- During the July 13th 2021 council meeting item #4 payment of \$12,135.00 to 3XL sewer for extension near 1000 W for Pleasant View Landing Subdivision.
- 2- Just the wording on the docket appears that this is just to pay an invoice. When Mr. Jackson got up and explained he authorized to fix two pleasant view residents sewer lines where it tapped into the city sewer line and have the city foot the bill, well I was dumbfounded. Even some of you on the council questioned this. But ultimately the Council passed the payment of this bill. With this being done since the council has set a precedence for paying for citizens sewer lines, I would like to request that Pleasant View City pay to upgrade my sewer line connection as well.
- 3- My question here is did Mr. Jackson act on his own to approve this expense to the city? Also did Mr. Jackson know the people (residence) he approved the sewer line to be fixed for or was it as a favor to someone on Council or Mayor to do this? Maybe this was a kind act or maybe it was not, that is why city funds are not spent on private property. What has the City done to make sure spending city funds for another's private property, when it's the property owner responsibility, does not happen?
- 4- I had a meeting with Amy and Mr. Jackson in the later months of 2021 where I asked Mr. Jackson if he regularly approved replacing private property of another when they locate a problem even though it may be the private property owner's responsibility. Mr. Jackson told me he approved about 4-5 of these a year. So Mr. Jackson is making the call to fix private property owners property with city funds to the tune of 40-70k dollars a year. This is an area we could save money

- 5- The city has purchased new equipment for public works. Do we know the dates we received them and how many hours are on them currently?
- 6- Does anyone know why the Police Chief has received a 10k a year pay increase for the past 3 years? I'm sure no one else at the Police department has received a 10k raise for the past three years.
- 7- Why is the police chief the highest paid city employee? Amy has more responsibility and liability then the police chief, plus she is his boss. I hope this has already been resolved.

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To: Derek Draper <coachderek16@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 3:29 PM

Hi Derek,
I'm happy to see if I can get answers to some of those questions. You referred to my attorney background a few times in asking the questions. Please understand I am neither the city's attorney, nor your attorney. I can't answer specific legal questions for you. Those questions would be correctly addressed to the city attorney or your own legal counsel.

I'll see if I can find answers to your more generalized questions at our next council meeting.

On Jul 27, 2022, at 1:19 PM, Derek Draper <coachderek16@gmail.com> wrote:

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