

## PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP

August 25, 2008

Mayor Gary Johnston called the workshop meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. Roll call: Melinda Clark – present; Donna Favorite – present; John Schultz – present; Robert “Bob” Sollmann – present; Rick Baker – present; Ronald “Bud” Perry – present. Others present were Gary Johnston, Mayor; Debbie Cress, Fiscal Officer.

Ordinance 1041 Tree Ordinance: Gary and Council noted that current Pleasant Hill regulations do not allow trees to be planted in the curb lawn. Gary and Council reviewed the tree ordinance proposal and the suggested and prohibited tree list provided by Fanning/Howey. Council agreed with the Tree Ordinance language under the headings Tree size, Spacing (between trees), Distance from street corners and fire plugs, Utilities, Public tree care, Trimming; corner clearance, Dead or diseased tree removal on private property, Penalty, and Severability. Council changed the heading Distance from curb and sidewalk to Size of trees allowable in curb lawns: curb lawn of 2 feet – small trees, curb lawn of 3 feet – small and medium trees, curb lawn of 4 or more feet – small, medium, and large trees. Council and Gary discussed whether a list of suggested trees and/or a list of prohibited trees should be part of the ordinance. Council agreed that the intent is for this ordinance to apply to Village right-of-ways for the entire Village. Gary agreed to send the ordinance and suggested and prohibited trees lists to Paul Wagner for his review and ordinance preparation.

Council agreed that it would be a good idea for their engineer to designate and mark where future street lights will be placed on Monument Street.

Tommy Lewis Park: Gary reported that Jeff and Tim are cleaning up the park. Gary outlined the work that needs to be done, and agreed to obtain quotes. Gary and Council agreed that there are too many trees too close together. Council agreed that Jeff and Tim have the authority to remove trees without consulting them, with the stipulation that if a tree has someone's name, that person will be contacted and the situation explained. Alternate locations for dedicated trees were proposed: e.g. the new park and the cemetery. Bud questioned if the Village could apply for grants to help pay for the repairs; Gary responded that he could check with Fanning/Howey's Ron Puthoff, but most grants are for new parks in communities that don't have parks.

Office work load: Debbie reported alternatives for back-up for the Village office position(s): Tony and the UAN's visiting auditor program are available for back-up for the Fiscal Officer, Brenda Krofft is available to be back-up for utilities and taxes. Debbie asked if Council members had given any consideration to her request for increasing her salary based on her doing both the Fiscal Officer and Utility Billing Clerk/Tax Administrator positions at a current salary of \$28,000, when the previous Fiscal Officer was paid \$27,000 just for that job. Gary stated that he does not want to get into this at this time because there are some issues that need to be cleared up.

Other items:

Melinda questioned if anything had been heard from the school about construction access. Gary stated that he had not heard anything from them, but he has informed Fanning/Howey that the Village will not approve any construction access until receipt of a letter that states the school will be responsible for fixing any roadway that is damaged. John stated that it is his understanding that the school has not completed its evaluation of the alternatives, and when that is done they will come back to the Village.

Council discussed the letter received from Donald Robbins and agreed that he has some good suggestions. Movement of the north cemetery entrance was discussed.

Council discussed their perception that the Village is receiving less police coverage than in the past and there are instances of selective law and ordinance enforcement. Gary suggested that each Council member contact Sheriff Cox or his department when they observe these situations.

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Gary assured Council that the residents on W Monument Street will be receiving a hand delivered letter notifying them that Council is working on a tree ordinance and that they should not plant trees until this ordinance is passed and that the residents on E Monument Street will be receiving a hand delivered letter notifying them of the status of that project and the work schedule.

Council questioned if Jeff (who had been excused during the special meeting) had been injured on the job. Council members reported that Jeff had told them that his eyes had been burned by the sewer plant's ultraviolet lights, but had later stated that he had been cutting down ragweed and was suffering from allergies.

The Mayor called for adjournment; Melinda made a motion to adjourn, Donna seconded, Council voted "yeas". The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Mayor Gary Johnston

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Fiscal Officer Debbie Cress