

PLEASANT HILL VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES

October 27, 2008

Mayor Gary Johnston called the workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Melinda Clark – present; Donna Favorite – present; Rick Baker – present; John Schultz – present; Robert “Bob” Sollmann – present; Ronald “Bud” Perry – present. Others present were Dale Benedict, Premier Pavers; Gary Johnston, Mayor; Jeff Derksen, Service Superintendent; Debbie Cress, Fiscal Officer.

2 N Main St parking lot: Council noted that they had viewed the east side sidewalk, and discussed replacement. Jeff reported that VTF will pour sidewalk yet this year. John asked the status of flag pole bases and other concrete items; it was agreed that it had been previously decided to do these at a later date. Council discussed parking rules for this lot, and the old lot. A suggestion was made that the old lot be designated with one handicap place and two librarian places, with the new lot for patron parking. Gary agreed to check with Fanning/Howey about the regulations for handicap parking. Melinda stated that the parking ordinance needs to be quantitative and enforceable by the Sheriff’s department; Council discussed the difficulty of preventing the use of this lot by people other than Library patrons. Council requested that this topic be on the next meeting’s agenda.

Tommy Lewis Park: Dale Benedict, Premier Pavers, presented two proposals for Tommy Lewis Park – 1) repairing it as currently laid out \$2,700. 2) recommended some changes, but still preserving the integrity of the original design \$4,250. He told Council that if they would have the work done in January/February 2009, he would allow a 10% discount on the \$4,250 quote, for a new price of \$3,825, and the project would take 2 or 3 days. Council, Gary, and Mr. Benedict discussed specifics of the proposed design. Council requested that this item be on the next meeting’s agenda.

Church St reconstruction project: Gary updated Council on the funding submission, and stated if successful, this could be bid in the fall of 2009. Gary, Jeff, and Council discussed what decisions will be needed before sending it out for bids: will sidewalks be required, street width (possible narrowing). Council discussed the current sidewalk situation on Church St, and the Village in general. Council suggested a review of the sidewalk ordinance.

Employee work hours – Comp time/Flex time: Debbie requested that this topic be deferred until the next workshop meeting.

Other items:

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Gary and Council discussed the traffic problems on High St due to the E Monument St (E SR718) road closure. Gary reported to Council the measures the Village will be taking to prevent through traffic from using side streets. Council wanted to know why the Sheriff's Department is not enforcing the road closure for through traffic; Gary reported that they have been contacted several times. Gary agreed to talk to Pat McBride, Newton School Superintendent, about the school buses using a route other than High St.

Gary reported that John Hammond wants to tie in to the Village storm sewer. Council discussed this request. Gary requested this item be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Bud reported that he will not be at the next Council meeting because he is teaching a Hunter's Education Course that night.

Council, Gary, and Jeff discussed the storm sewer that crosses Dawn Spitler's property (Larry Farno's daughter); they also discussed the sanitary sewer situation.

The Mayor called for adjournment. Melinda made a motion to adjourn; Donna seconded, Council voted "yeas". The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Gary Johnston

Fiscal Officer Debbie Cress