PLEASANT HILL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2026
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Konrad called the Pleasant Hill City Council regular meeting to order on December 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The Council Chambers were open and available to the public to participate in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Konrad asked for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Martha L. Miller, whose unwavering service, vision, and dedication built the Pleasant Hill we cherish today. Her contributions to our community will be remembered with the deepest gratitude and respect. PRESENT: Len Murray, Andrew Birch, Konnor Hodges, Alyson DeMoss, Mark Konrad. ABSENT: Mayor Kurovski.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Murray/DeMoss moved to approve the agenda. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT (5 MINUTES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

There were none.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Hodges/Birch moved to approve the CONSENT ITEMS: Council Minutes - dated 12-23-25, Claims Listing - dated 01-13-26, Public Works Department Monthly Report – dated December 2025, Parks Department Monthly Report – dated December 2025, Approve the 2026 City Calendar, **Resolution #011326-01** – Approve Official Depositories, **Resolution #011326-02** – Approve Official Publications, **Resolution #011326-03** – Approve Tax Abatement Report – dated December 2025, **Resolution #011326-04** – Approve Renewal of right-of-way license to Unite Private Networks, **Resolution #011326-05** – Approve Request for Rezoning by Referral – Hickory Glen Ridge, **Resolution #011326-06** – Approve Request of Bids for Turf Mowing Services Contract, **Resolution #011326-07** – Approve Request of Bids for Turf Chemical Application Services Contract, **Resolution #011326-08** – Approve Education Agreement with Jayden Leinen. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. **Third Reading of Ordinance #965 –** Accessory Dwelling Units - Amending Chapters 165: Title, Purpose, and General Provisions, 167: Zoning District Regulations and Performance Standards, and Chapter 169: Zoning Ordinance Off-Street Parking and Loading

Murray/Hodges moved to approve the Third Reading of **Ordinance #965 -** Proposed Amendments to City Code Chapters 165: Title, Purpose, and General Provisions, 167: Zoning District Regulations and Performance Standards, and Chapter 169: Zoning Ordinance Off-Street Parking and Loading. Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Madeline Sturms said there have been no comments or questions since the previous readings. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

b. **First Reading of Ordinance #966 –** Amending Chapter 115: Definitions, Rights of Interment Certificate Holder(s), Rules for Visitors, Monuments, Plantings and Decorations

Hodges/Birch moved to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance #966 –** Amending Chapter 115: Definitions, Rights of Interment Certificate Holder(s), Rules for Visitors, Monuments, Plantings and Decorations. Parks and Recreation Manager Ryan Merritt explained the proposed updates to Chapter 115 (Cemetery) focus on improving clarity, consistency, and safety while preserving respectful memorial practices at Oakwood Cemetery. Key changes include clearer standards for on-memorial decorations and floral arrangements; a fourteen (14) day grace period following burials for funeral and sympathy items; updated flag allowances consistent with current federal guidance; refined placement zones and definitions; and improved rules for lighting and prohibited items. Cleanup periods have been standardized to three annual windows to reduce disruption and avoid major holidays. New notice, storage, and appeal procedures are also included to improve

transparency and communication with families. The Parks and Recreation Commission/Cemetery Committee reviewed these proposed updates at its Thursday, December 11 meeting. The proposed changes were also shared with residents in attendance at the November 13 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The Commission formally supported the updates and recommended Council review. Council members Murray and Hodges thought Mr. Merritt used a great process to find common ground and thanked him for cleaning up the ordinance. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CLOSING COMMENT

Councilmember Murray said he attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting, and they received a partial reward for the Community Action Safety planning, but not for implementation.

Councilmember DeMoss said she attended the Metropolitan Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting with legislators on property tax bill proposals, where everyone is encouraged to share their agendas.

7. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (c) For City Council to discuss with Legal Counsel possible litigation

Murray/DeMoss moved to adjourn into Closed Sessions for item 7: Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1 (c) For City Council to discuss with Legal Counsel possible litigation. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Council returned to open session. Mayor Pro Tem Konrad announced no action was taken in closed session.

a. Following the Closed Session the Council may consider Formal Action

Resolution 011326-09 – A Resolution Authorizing the Partial Satisfaction of Judgement in Civil Citation No. PHCICI010091 in the Iowa District Court for Polk County

Murray/Hodges moved to approve **Resolution 011326-09** – A Resolution Authorizing the Partial Satisfaction of Judgement in Civil Citation No. PHCICI010091 in the Iowa District Court for Polk County. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss. NAYS: None. Motion carried 4-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Murray/DeMoss moved to adjourn the Council meeting. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0. The Regular City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mark A. Konrad. Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Dena Spooner, City Clerk/Finance Director

Note: Budget Work Session Immediately Following 6:00 PM Council Regular Meeting