PLEASANT HILL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2026
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Kurovski called the Pleasant Hill City Council regular meeting to order on January 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The Council Chambers were open and available to the public to participate in the meeting. PRESENT: Len Murray, Andrew Birch, Konnor Hodges, Alyson DeMoss, Mark Konrad. ABSENT: None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Murray/Hodges 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 Work Session Minutes – dated 01-06-26, Council Regular Meeting Minutes - dated 01-13-26, Council Work Session Minutes – dated 01-13-26, Claims Listing - dated 01-27-26, Liquor license renewal -LaFeria Mexican – 4450 East University Ave, Liquor license renewal – The Hills – 4830 Maple Dr, Liquor license renewal – The Parc Event Center – 5374 NE 12th Ave, Expenditure Report – dated 12-31-25, Revenue Report - dated 12-31-25, Treasurer's Report - dated 12-31-25, Library Monthly Calendar – dated February 2026, Police Department Quarterly Report – dated December 2025, Fire Department Annual Report - dated 2025, **Resolution #012726-01** – Transfer of funds from Employee Benefits to General Fund, **Resolution #012726-02** – Approval of Temporary Easements and Warranty Deed for Shadyview Blvd and University Ave Intersection Improvement Project. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

Konrad/Murray moved to approve the **Second 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. There have been no comments or questions since the previous reading. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

b. **Resolution 012726-03 –** Approve Eastern Polk County Pickleball Lease Agreement

Konrad/DeMoss moved to approve **Resolution 012726-03 –** Approve Eastern Polk County Pickleball Lease Agreement. Parks and Recreation Manager Ryan Merritt explained the Eastern Polk County Pickleball Club (EPCP) has been providing recreational opportunities in Pleasant Hill for over four years. In 2025 EPCP was able to offer 13 different leagues in 3 sessions, with over 176 participants. The existing partnership has proven mutually beneficial, fostering success for both the City and the Pickleball Club. The proposed agreement is slated to be effective after approval, through December

31, 2028. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

c. **Resolution 012726-04 –** Approve Little league Baseball Field Lease Agreement
Murray/Birch moved to approve **Resolution 012726-04 –** Approve Little league Baseball Field Lease Agreement. Parks and Recreation Manager Ryan Merritt explained The Pleasant Hill Little League has been providing recreational youth baseball at Doanes Park for over 30 years. The League has been operating under a standard lease agreement to use the four baseball fields at Doanes Park that is now expiring. An updated lease agreement with the League has been developed for Council consideration to allow the arrangement to continue. Under the terms and conditions of the agreement the City manages all field maintenance, and the League administers and schedules league games. The current partnership has been successful for both the City and League. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

d. **Resolution 012726-05 –** Approve Pleasant Hill Soccer Club Lease Agreement
Hodges/DeMoss moved to approve **Resolution 012726-05 –** Approve Pleasant Hill Soccer Club Lease Agreement. Parks and Recreation Manager Ryan Merritt explained The Pleasant Hill Soccer Club (PHSC) has been providing recreational youth soccer to local area youth for over a decade. In the 2025 season, approximately 650 youth participated in soccer programs, with over 70 volunteer coaches, and PHSC provided more than 30 scholarships. The club has been operating under a standard lease agreement to use the open green spaces at Doanes, Sunrise, Sunset, and Hickory Glen parks, and that lease term is expiring. An updated lease agreement has been developed for Council consideration to allow the arrangement to continue. Under the terms and conditions of the agreement the City manages all the field maintenance, and the club administers and schedules league games. The current partnership has been successful for both the City and club. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

6. CLOSING COMMENT & REGIONAL APPOINTMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Len Murray said he appreciated the new signage that the Public Works Department put up at the street & trail crossings, as well as the Iowa DOT "no Turn" signs at Highways 65 & 163 for safety from wrong way drivers. He said Polk County Emergency Management will be reviewing the 28E agreement and the .50 cent capita levy. He also said that he and the Chamber of Commerce Director Becca Squires recognized the need for a coordinated effort and uniformity with the Federal and State government regarding charitable contributions during natural disasters and therefore announced "Ready Pleasant Hill for Readiness, Response & Recovery" as a collaboration between the Pleasant Hill Chamber and the City of Pleasant Hill to address local emergencies..

Mayor Kurovski said she spent much time at the Des Moines City Hall for the WRA interviews for the new Director, and that an announcement would be made soon as to who the new candidate will be. She will also attend a Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) meeting where she will find out more about a policy regarding member communities being able to request 5% of their 2/7ths contribution to be diverted to a local event like the Pleasant Hill Pickleball tournaments. She also announced that the Community Surveys have gone out and encouraged everyone to please fill them out.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Murray/Birch 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 6:17 p.m.

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Sara Kurovski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dena Spooner, City Clerk/Finance Director