PLEASANT HILL CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2026
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Kurovski called the Pleasant Hill City Council special session meeting to order on March 24, 2026 at 5:30 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, and Mark Konrad. ABSENT: None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Proposed Property Tax Levy

Mayor Kurovski opened the Public Hearing for item 3.a. Proposed Property Tax Levy at 5:31 pm. City Manager Ben Champ explained that due to a new change beginning in 2024, the State of Iowa requires cities to hold two hearings on the annual budget, with the first hearing dedicated to the Proposed Property Tax Levies only in a special meeting. In addition, the proposed property tax hearing also requires a notice to be mailed directly to each taxpayer on March 20th each year by the County. The mailer will show the hearing time, date and location of the proposed property tax hearings for the city, county and K-12 school district. Cities in Iowa must have a second public hearing prior to adopting their final budget by resolution, per Code of Iowa section 384.16. The public hearing on adopting the full budget must be completed and a resolution adopting the full budget must be passed before the budget can be submitted. With these changes, the date to certify City budgets had been moved to April 30th to allow time for the two public hearings and a special proposed property tax statement letter mailing to occur. In the interest of investing in public safety, the City elected to withdraw from DART. This budget reallocates a portion of the former transit levy ($0.61669) capacity to a new City levy of $12.10, resulting in a combined rate that is $0.01669 lower than prior year City-authorized levies. While the state-required form reflects the increase in the City levy, the document is incomplete and misleading as it is not inclusive of all levies and does not account for the overall decrease achieved by eliminating the transit levy. Pleasant Hill Residents Sam Reed and Lindsay Maher asked clarification questions about the proposed levies. After hearing no further questions or comments from the Council or public, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:38 pm.

4. ADJOURNMENT

DeMoss/Hodges moved to adjourn the Council meeting. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, and Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Sara Kurovski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dena Spooner, City Clerk/Finance Director