PLEASANT HILL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JULY 28, 2026
6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Kurovski called the Pleasant Hill City Council regular meeting to order on July 28th, 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, Sara Kurovski. ABSENT: None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Murray/Birch moved to approve the agenda removing item 6g. Resolution #072826-08 from the agenda. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PRESENTATION

a. Service Awards for Board and Commission Members

Parks and Recreation Manager Ryan Merritt recognized community volunteers for their service to the community on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Austin Bittner served the Parks and Recreation Commission between 2019 and 2026. Loren Lown served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for 28 years of service between 1998 and 2026. Mayor Kurovski thanked and recognized volunteers for their service to the community and contributions in shaping the parks of Pleasant Hill.

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

Christopher English, 4590 Lexington Dr, spoke in opposition regarding the City's contracts with Flock Safety related to the License Plate Readers and pan-tilt-zoom cameras and requested the City Council review and cancel all contracts with Flock.

Kevin Brown, 625 S. Hickory Blvd, requested the City Council review an issue with his property regarding construction of an accessory structure.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Hodges/DeMoss moved to approve the CONSENT ITEMS: Council Minutes – dated 07-14-26, Claims Listing - dated 07-28-26, Expenditure Report - dated 06-30-26, Revenue Report - dated 06-30-26, Treasurer's Report - dated 06-30-26, Police Department Quarterly Report April – June 2026, Liquor License Renewal – Great Caterers of Iowa – 1250 NE 56th Street, Library Monthly Calendar – dated August 2026, **Resolution #072826-01 –** Transfer of funds from Employee Benefits to General Fund, **Resolution #072826-02 –** A Resolution Designating Official Public Notice Locations and Procedures for City Council Meetings Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Special Event Application – Together for Good & the Table Project Event – Sept. 19

DeMoss/Konrad moved to approve Special Event Application – Together for Good & the Table Project Event – Sept. 19

Ryan Merritt, Parks and Recreation Manager, introduced the special event application for Together for Good and the Table Project Event, a collaborative non-profit walk/rucking event to help carry the weight for vulnerable children and families in crisis to occur on September 19 at 9:00am. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

b. **Resolution #072826-03** – Approval of Payment Application No. 4 and Release of Retainage for Doanes Park Playground
Birch/Murray moved to approve **Resolution #072826-03** – Approval of Payment Application No. 4 and Release of Retainage for Doanes Park Playground
Ryan Merritt, Parks and Recreation Manager, updated the City Council on the completion of the Doanes Park Playground project following recommendation of the consultant designer. The resolution approves the final payment application for the project and recommends release of retainage to the contractor. Mayor Kurovski commended staff for the well-done playground project and noted the park is always full of families. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

c. **Resolution #072826-04** – Approval of Payment Application No. 4 and Change Order No. 1 – Spring Creek Stream Stabilization
DeMoss/Hodges moved to approve **Resolution #072826-04** – Approval of Payment Application No. 4 and Change Order No. 1 – Spring Creek Stream Stabilization
Russ Paul, Public Works Director, shared an update on the Spring Creek Stream Stabilization project to recommend Payment Application Number 4 for work completed through July 20 as well as approval of change order number one which reflects the addition of work following successful property negotiations with adjacent neighbors to complete the work as submitted to the Emergency Watershed Protection program. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

d. **Resolution #072826-05** – Authorizing Submittal of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program for Fiscal Year 2030 and Fiscal Year 2031 Applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO)
Murray/DeMoss moved to approve **Resolution #072826-05** – Authorizing Submittal of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program for Fiscal Year 2030 and Fiscal Year 2031 Applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO)
Ben Champ, City Manager, introduced the resolution to support grant applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO) for three applications to advance the priorities of the City: NE 64th Street and University Avenue Intersection Project, Fourmile Pedestrian Bridge with City of Des Moines and Polk County Conservation, and Easton Blvd Reconstruction in partnership with City of Des Moines and Polk County. Councilmember Murray shared appreciation to the Mayor and City staff for advocating for the pedestrian bridge project with Des Moines staff to be able to bring the resolution forward for grant application. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

e. **Resolution #072826-06** – Resolution setting the date for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2026 and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith
Birch/Hodges moved to approve **Resolution #072826-06** – Resolution setting the date for the sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2026 and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith
Ben Champ, City Manager, detailed the City Council planned bond sale for the current fiscal year to fund equipment costs. The approximately $1.6M Bond is proposed for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal fire department. The City's bond counsel prepared the resolution as a next step in the bond sale process that approves the Preliminary Official Statement and sets August 11, 2026, as the date for the sale of the bonds. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

f. **Resolution #072826-07** – Approval of Renewal Agreement with the Iowa Department of Public Safety
DeMoss/Konrad moved to approve **Resolution #072826-07** – Approval of Renewal Agreement with the Iowa Department of Public Safety

Police Chief Al Pizzano updated the Council on the agreement with the Iowa Department of Public Safety regarding the existing partnership with other agencies as a member of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) task force. The DEA partners with local agencies to address local and regional drug problems. The DEA reimburses the City's cost for the officer assigned to participate in the task force. The reimbursement is coordinated through the Iowa Department of Public Safety's (DPS), Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant fund. The City of Pleasant Hill receives an annual reimbursement for costs associated with the officer amounting to approximately $97,359. The City uses these funds for an additional officer. The officer assigned to the DEA is a full member of the Pleasant Hill Police Department and is available for recall if necessary. Councilman Murray shared comments he is glad the City continues to support this position for career opportunity and growth for officers as well as supporting the relationships with state and federal partners. ROLL CALL: AYES: Murray, Birch, Hodges, DeMoss, Konrad. NAYS: None. Motion carried 5-0.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS & REGIONAL APPOINTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Kurovski provided an update on the recent project tour of Southeast Connector and encouraged everyone to visit the project website to learn more and see drone footage – https://seconnector.com/. The Mayor also indicated the fiscal note from the Department of Management is now available on the property tax bill and encouraged everyone to review. She further shared appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for a successful Summerfest event this past weekend.

8. ADJOURNMENT

DeMoss/Hodges 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 6:24p.m.

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Sara Kurovski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Madeline Sturms, Interim City Clerk