

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2023

MINUTES OF THE PLUM GROVE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL OPEN MEETING HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023, AT THE PLUM GROVE CITY HALL, 9485 PLUM GROVE RD, CLEVELAND, TEXAS 77327, IN THE CITY OF PLUM GROVE, COUNTY OF LIBERTY, STATE OF TEXAS AT 7:00 PM.

The Council met in a SPECIAL session with the following council members present.

*** CM denotes Council Member***

AM denotes Audience Member

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:05 P.M.
2. Roll Call

Present-

Mary Arrendell-Mayor

Danielle Enloe-Mayor Pro-Tem

Deborah Bell-CM 1

Rodney Walker-CM 2

Kevin Lee-CM 5

Melissa Pouncey-Secretary/Disaster Relief

Monica Palacios-PGPD/Security

Absent-

Israel Lopez-CM4

3. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Mary Arrendell
4. Invocation lead by Council and AM L. Walker lead Lord's Prayer
5. **Public Comments**

Lee Ann Walker- There was no decorum policy passed. The 2021 ordinance was not signed by me either, so it is not effective. I designed this building, and I designed the layout for Zoom cameras. I ensured that we purchased all the equipment for Zoom. We have paid a ton of money for Zoom so why are we not using it. If senator Nichols could see and speak to us, we can do the same. We also had Barbara Norris paying herself and the money is still missing.

Diana Chunn- The discussion on Barbara Norris and missing court money needs to stop. Barbara was paid around \$2,500.00 to be a Junior Court Clerk and was under the understanding that with the court being a separate entity she could receive pay. Once Barbara was informed that she could not receive pay she started to pay the money back within 2 days of that knowledge. She paid every penny back to the court. The money that Barbara paid back had nothing to do with the \$6,000.00 missing. The \$6,000.00 is still in fact missing. **AM Lee Walker** tried to interrupt, and **Mayor Arrendell** asked her to refrain from speaking. TML recommended that if she

paid the money back no legal repercussions would happen. Also, Missy was not present when said money went missing. At that time, she was working on the budget at my house. **Secretary Pouncey** also stated that she was not allowed to touch the money and that the money left the city hall every evening with Dawn and Amanda Tripp and was dropped at the Fire Department/Pd with Chief Joslin or Sgt Garcia. Then was picked up by Dawn and Amanda Tripp to bring to city hall or dropped off by Chief Joslin or Sgt Garcia at the city hall every day.

6. Motion to approve ordinance no. 1026-2023 of the city council of the City of Plum Grove Texas. Correcting Ordinance No. 0928-2023B by deleting the last paragraph of section 1 regarding a rate for sinking fund to comply with the record vote adopting the 2023 Ad Valorem no-new-tax rate calculated for maintenance and operations for 2023 in accordance with chapter 26 of the tax code, pursuant to section (c) 26.05 of the tax code, and levy of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city; providing for penalties and interest; providing for findings of fact, severability, savings, publication, and effective date made by CM Enloe, 2nd by CM Lee, passed unopposed. Discussion- The county contacted Missy and explained that section one needed to be removed from the original Ordinance. Missy takes and changes the dates on the ordinances for the taxes and budget each year then sends to the attorney for approval. Missy spoke with the city attorney and gave Ms. Mergel the contact information for Lana McCarty with the county to discuss what needed to be changed.
7. Discussion on amending the Food Truck Ordinance and Building codes. The council would like Secretary Pouncey to call around to other cities and to look on their websites to get an idea of what they charge and require of food trucks inside city limits and to place this back on the agenda in December 2023.
8. Motion to accept Israel Lopez resignation for council position 4 made by CM Enloe, 2nd by CM Bell, passed unopposed.
9. Motion to table the action to fill the vacancy for Council Position 4 made by CM Lee, 2nd by CM Bell, passed unopposed. AM Diana Chunn volunteered for the position. AM Lee Walker asked Bryant Arrendell why he doesn't volunteer, and he said that he was a resident of Trinity county Texas. CM Enloe stated that there was not an urgency to fill the position and there was more time needed to fill the vacancy.
10. Motion to adjourn @ 7:24 P.M. made by CM Lee, 2nd by CM Bell, passed unopposed.