

1 **Town of Pleasant Garden**
2 June 17, 2008, 6:30pm
3 Kirkman Municipal Building
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6 **Minutes**
7 Special Meeting of the Town Council
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10 **In attendance**

11 Mayor Anne Hice
12 Councilwoman Chris Johnson
13 Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Jo Smith
14 Councilman Rick Wallace
15 Councilman Bob Wyrick
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17 **Also in attendance**

18 Sandy Carmany, Town Administrator/Clerk
19 Kim Payne, Acting Finance Officer
20 Don Vaughan, Town Attorney
21 Lynn Willis, *Pleasant Garden Post*
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23 **Audience**

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26 **Call to Order**

27 Mayor Hice called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
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29 Councilman Wallace delivered the invocation.
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31 Mayor Hice led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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33 Mayor Hice welcomed everyone.
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35 **Roll Call**

36 Town Administrator/Clerk Carmany called the roll, and all members were in attendance. A quorum
37 was present.
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39 **Approval of Agenda**

40 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.**
41 **APPROVED, 5-0.**
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44 **Adoption of 2008-09 Budget Ordinance**

45 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to adopt the budget for the Town of Pleasant Garden for the fiscal year**
46 **2008-09 as stated in Ordinance 2008-09.01, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.** Town
47 Administrator/Clerk Carmany read the ordinance aloud as requested. **APPROVED, 5-0.**
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1 ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008-09.01
2 ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT GARDEN FOR
3 FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT GARDEN:
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7 Section 1. The attached General Fund Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures,
8 Footnotes and Budget Message are hereby adopted and appropriated for the operation of the Town
9 government and its activities for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.
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11 Section 2. The ad valorem tax rate shall be 2.5-cents per \$100 valuation.
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13 Section 3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized to disburse funds adopted under this ordinance
14 under the following conditions: He may not transfer any amounts between boards or line items except
15 as approved by the Town Council in an amendment to the Budget Ordinance.
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17 Section 4. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be kept on file by the Town Finance Officer for
18 his direction in the disbursement of funds, as required by state law. The Clerk shall also post a copy of
19 the budget on the Town's public bulletin board as soon as is practical.
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21 **Personnel Salary and Benefits**

22 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to increase the Town Administrator/Clerk's salary to \$40,969 and**
23 **authorize insurance benefits for her immediately at the Town's cost, seconded by Mayor Pro**
24 **Tem Smith.** Councilman Wyrick read a statement into the record that said he believed each employee
25 should be considered on his/her own merits and not on the hiring of another employee. *(copy attached)*
26 He reviewed Mrs. Carmany's current salary package and questioned if this proposed action would
27 violate the merit and pay increase provisions of the Personnel Policy. He noted that this is not a
28 reflection on the job Mrs. Carmany is doing, but is a matter of procedure and proper interpretation of
29 town policies.
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31 Town Attorney Vaughan advised that it is up to the Town Council to interpret their own policies and
32 act as they please. Mayor Pro Tem Smith noted that this motion ratifies action taken in the closed
33 session at the last meeting; Councilman Wyrick responded that it was discussed but not acted on.
34 Councilwoman Johnson asked if there was a line item included to cover the additional costs, and Kim
35 Payne responded these were the changes made to the proposed budget at the last meeting. Councilman
36 Wyrick stated that this does not resolve the policy issue. Mayor Pro Tem Smith responded that the
37 salary scale not in place when Mrs. Carmany was hired as required in the personnel policy; we now
38 have one.
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40 Mayor Hice asked the attorney if any modification was needed, and Town Attorney Vaughan advised
41 to add wording to the motion, "Not withstanding any policy we may have ..."
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43 **MOVED by Mayor Hice to increase the Town Administrator/Clerk's salary to \$40,969 and**
44 **authorize insurance benefits for her immediately at the Town's cost not withstanding any policy**
45 **we may have, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.** Councilman Wyrick stated it was setting bad
46 precedent to override policies and this is no reflection on Mrs. Carmany or her work. **APPROVED, 4-**
47 **1.** *(Yes – Hice, Johnson, Smith and Wallace; No- Wyrick)*
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1 **Adjournment**
2 **MOVED BY Mayor Hice to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.**
3 **APPROVED, 5-0.**

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5 The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm .

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11 Clerk Date

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