



Minutes
Mount Pleasant City Council
23rd April 2024
6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Mount Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting April 23rd, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers at 115 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Utah.

Welcome -*Mayor*

1. Opening Ceremony – *By Invitation*

Pledge of Allegiance – *Nate Taylor*

Opening Prayer – *Mayor Olsen*

2. Roll Call – *Recorder*

Present: D. Lynn Beesley, Paul C. Madsen, Michael T. Olsen (Not voting), Russell G. Keisel, Cade A. Beck.

Excused: Rondy G. Black.

Employees in Attendance:

Natalie Crosby

Chief Steve Gray

Nate Taylor

John Blackburn

Dwayne Ballantyne

Ben Swapp

Others in Attendance:

Miss Mt. Pleasant Royalty: Madison Shelley,

Claudia Jarrett

Pam Stoker

Diana Fischer

Eden Fischer

Tori Shirley

Christa Lee Durrant

Jim Poulson

Alice Hafen

Sam Draper

Mark Hightower

Molly Brotherson



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**Heidi Kelso
Kris Jorgensen
Kasey Peterson**

3. Miss Mt. Pleasant Presentation- *Miss Mt. Pleasant*

Christa Lee Durrant, the Director of Miss Mt. Pleasant, addressed the council, expressing gratitude for the city's support in continuing the tradition of the Miss Mt. Pleasant Pageant. The pageant is scheduled for this Saturday, April 27th, at 7pm at North Sanpete High School. Each contestant will present their service projects to the council and the current Miss Mt. Pleasant will reflect on their year as Miss Mount 2023.

In 2023, Queen Madison Shelley shared highlights from her year, focusing on her service project "Kids in the Kitchen." First attendant Isabelle Lucero discussed her project on "Social Connection", collaborating with the wellness center in Ephraim to raise awareness for mental health. Aubrie Stiglich, the 2nd runner-up, detailed her project "Helping Hands," aimed at assisting community members facing financial challenges.

The contestants for Miss Mt. Pleasant 2024 introduced themselves: Alice Hafen, Tori Shirley, Taylor Timms, and Eden Fischer.

Mayor Olsen expressed gratitude to Miss Mount Pleasant. Councilman Paul Madsen commended the young ladies and extended his thanks. Councilman Russell Kiesel and Lynn Beesley echoed Councilman Madsen's sentiments. Councilman Cade Beck admired the contestants' courage in presenting themselves before the group, acknowledging their bravery and thanking them for their participation.

4. Approval of Claims and Requisitions – *Mayor*

Claims Register:

Dated 04/05/2024 to 04/19/2024 in the amount of \$218,287.10.

Motion: Action: To Approve, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck, **Seconded by** Paul C. Madsen.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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Requisitions:

#41520241153 to Anixter for Phase Tester & Phasing Ranger Kit in the amount of \$9,229.41. - *Shane Ward*

Motion: Action: To Approve, moved by Russell G. Keisel, Seconded by Cade A. Beck.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

Yes: D. Lynn Beesley, Paul C. Madsen, Russell G. Keisel, Cade A. Beck.

Excused: Rondy G. Black.

#20224222027 to Dorsett Controls in the amount of \$186,748.72. – *Colter Allen*

Motion: To table with specific questions. The council would like to know what is included in the project and what is not.

Action: Table, Moved by Cade A. Beck, Seconded by Russell G. Keisel. Motion tabled unanimously.

Paul Madsen would like the engineers to answer some questions about why it was not in the contract and why it was not in the project. He would like Sunrise here to explain.

5. Approval of Minutes:

April 9th, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

Motion: Action: To Approve, Moved by Cade A. Beck, Seconded by Paul C. Madsen.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

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6. Police Officer Award – Chief Gray

Chief Steve Gray called Officer John Blackburn to the front of the council to receive the highest honor from the Police, the medal of Valor. This medal is awarded for actions that go beyond the call of duty, showing exceptional courage, decisive thinking, and quick action to save or protect human life, regardless of personal safety. Chief Gray recounted the incident from April 2, 2024, before Lieutenant Taylor and Sergeant Swapp presented the award to Officer Blackburn.

7. Discussion/Action on the following items:

a. Outside City Limits Water Discussion - Kasey Peterson

Kasey Peterson and Chris Jorgensen provided the council with a map showing their property that is next to the Glen Peel development property. They wanted to see if the city would approve water where they are in the buffer zone. Would like to work together with the city to help develop the roads and loop the systems. Councilman Paul Madsen would like to see a drawn up written plan brought back to the council. The mayor would like to see if the water is approved that they also hook into the sewer. Kasey and Chris will return to council with some ideas and phases for the council.

b. Outside City Limits Water Discussion - Bruce Larsen

Bruce would like to pay the impact fees for two water connections and 3 sewer connections and have them installed at the same time as the water connections are put in for Steve Johansen subdivision. Bruce would have to get with Steve Johansen and pay him the cost to run the water and the sewer.

Motion: Motion to approve 3 Sewer Connections, 3 Power Connections, 2 Water Connections - All impact fees for 2 water connections, 3 sewer connections and 3 power connections are paid as well as connection fees for each service. Bruce will need to work out the running of the line with Steve Johansen. No outside watering with these culinary connections. The irrigation rights should transfer with the lots. This runs on the Twin Creek line.



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Excused: Rondy G. Black.

c. Fire Protection Agreement Approval- Chief Sam Draper

Chief Sam Draper presented to the council that he just needs the approval to complete their contract with the county.

Motion: Action: To Approve the Fire Protection Agreement between Mt. Pleasant City and Sanpete County, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck, **Seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: D. Lynn Beesley, Paul C. Madsen, Russell G. Keisel, Cade A. Beck.

Excused: Rondy G. Black.

Chief Sam Draper stated he will bring the Fire Department SOP's back at a later date.

The Chief also wanted to mention to the council that he was looking into keeping the CDL certification that is required to drive the fire trucks in house. He will investigate what it would take to run the program and bring it back to the council.

Mayor Olsen thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work.

Claudia Jarrett requested a point of personal privilege to discuss the Mini Train before it is brought up for approval. She inquired about the ownership of the mini train and who would be liable. Claudia raised concerns about the park's track signs prohibiting motorized vehicles. She also questioned who would be responsible for the damage and the operation of the train. Claudia aimed to address these issues with the council prior to the presentation.

d. Track 89 Mini Train Approval- Russell Keisel

Monte Bona presented a picture of the train to the council. He stated that the Grow's do not want to create problems and will take the train to Big Rock Candy Mountain.



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Monte mentioned that Recorder Natalie Crosby inquired with the Utah Government Local Trust regarding the train's insurance coverage. The Trust confirmed that the train would not be covered under our policy. Monte then reviewed the email correspondence exchanged with the Trust.

Molly Brotherson and Heidi Kelso showed their support for the train.

During the meeting, Councilman Russell Keisel shared a Facebook message he received concerning a potential walking train on Track 89. The message raised concerns about the impact on a trail grant if the train was approved. Discussion ensued about the train's route and citizen involvement.

Monte mentioned contacting Chris Hall at UDOT, who approved the train's use on the trail as it was not considered a motorized vehicle like ATVs. Councilman Keisel requested written confirmation of this approval.

The plan outlined by Monte involved taking the train down the private Stewart Ranch Road, with Track 89 responsible for ownership, operation, and insurance.

Councilman Beck inquired about the approval requirements, leading to a discussion on the train's liability even if not owned by the City.

Councilman Paul Madsen expressed he was concerned we were missing the point. The train was for the kids and there are trains all over for little kids. He asked Claudia what the liability difference was between this train and the kids' playground and why we couldn't work through the problems to keep the train for the kids. If we keep being so petty about everything we will never improve. Councilman Beesley stated the kids are the ones who will suffer.

Motion: To table until we discuss the train with our City Attorney Kevin Daniels

Action: To Table **moved by** Russell G. Keisel, **Seconded by** Paul C. Madsen.

Motion passed unanimously.



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8. Public Participation

Members of the public may address the City Council on matters not listed on the agenda. Those interested should sign up on the form just inside the council room door right before the meeting begins. Participation is limited to three minutes. The participant will be allowed to address the Council and may submit documents outlining their issue. The Council cannot take legal action on public comment at this time. At the conclusion of each comment, the Council will have time to respond to criticism made by those who have addressed them, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. All City Council meetings are recorded.

Jim Poulsen would like to ask the Council if we had a proposed budget for 2024. Mayor Olsen stated that it would be completed in June. Jim would like a copy of the 2023 budget. He would also like to know what is being done with the roads. Councilman Paul Madsen stated we had been waiting for the new irrigation system to get started before we did too much to the roads. Jim also asked who was in oversight all our projects within the city who oversees them? Mayor Olsen stated that we were just awarded a UDOT Grant to do a Road Master Plan. This will help us apply for road grants. He also wanted to note that once the new irrigation system comes in it will tear up the roads. Councilman Paul Madsen stated we have discussed roads a lot. The mayor stated a lot of problems with the roads are the drainage of the roads. The Road Master plan will help.

9. Council Reports

Lynn Beesley:

- Napa plans to construct a building south of Maverick.
- Utah Heritage Credit Union will be built near the Olsen dentist office on Piccadilly Lane.
- Consideration to rezone the old boy's home into a dance studio, currently zoned as Industrial, requiring a rezone.
- Ordinance amendment is in progress for the industrial park, necessitating public notice and hearings.
- Proposal for a food truck area near the rodeo grounds.
- Mentioned Chief Gray's authority to tag cars without titles and issue junk permits.
- Chief Gray's assistance in installing cameras for a green space discussed.
- RL Taylor volunteered to assist with the green space project.

Other points raised by Lynn:

- Inquiry for Stephanie Blain about the aerating of lawns.
- Request for an assistant in the Recreation Department.
- Consideration to retain both playgrounds for now as suggested by Mayor Olsen.
- Maintenance needed for the playground and the recent opening of the park restrooms.



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- Safety concerns regarding obstructive bush in the school bus's way, there is a tree hanging over the road on 200 W and 495 S and unfixed valve box at the cemetery.
- Battery replacement needed for speed signs on 5th West.
- Addressing potholes and road grading complaints near the sewer pond.
- Discussion on the cement at the cemetery shed and push for City Administrator would like this on the next agenda to go forward for a vote. He would like to see this position filled and ready to go by July 1st.

Paul Madsen:

- He has made numerous complaints regarding manholes on 5th West, he wants to see them raised. Public Works has been asked to raise the manholes.
- The streetscape on the south side the irrigation is completed, while the irrigation for the north side is waiting for the water to be turned on.
- The dirt work for the new arena is nearly finished; a bit more dirt is required. It is anticipated that the arena will be operational by the end of July.
- Molly Brotherson and Heidi Kelso suggested a ribbon-cutting event at the park on the 4th of July. They asked this please be added to the schedule for the 4th.

Russell Keisel:

- Brittany Adams Aquatic Director mentioned that swimming lessons are fully booked.
- Concessions at the pool are selling quickly.
- Lifeguard classes have concluded.
- There are two contractors that have shown interest in the bathrooms at the cemetery. It was questioned if it had been put out to bid yet. Recorder Natalie Crosby stated she would get with Dave Oxman and they would get it out for bids.
- Looked into acquiring six statues for the veteran's memorial and found out it would cost over \$300,000. He will continue to look into other ideas.
- They are in the process of creating architectural drawings to apply for grants for the memorial.

Cade Beck:

- Regarding the installation of cameras in the park, there were concerns about tables being stacked over the weekend. Asked if we could get the cameras sooner than later.
- The new playground looks good wondering if we need to fence off access. Councilman Madsen said he did put some tape around it, he also had put up a sign. The construction fences are very expensive. There is a community night that is two weeks out. The shavings should be in by then.



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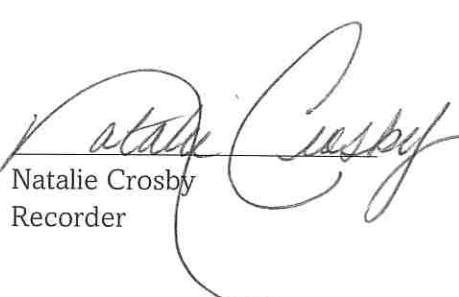
- The water treatment plant is still going well.
- Irrigation has been a pain this year. Talked to Colter Allen and he stated it had been pain this year.
- Mentioned the New Fire Department truck that should be coming soon.

10. Mayor Report

- R6 Summit will be on May 21st in Richfield, Councilmen need to register.
- A notification has been received from the Department of Natural Resources regarding potential payments of up to \$1.50 per square foot for lawn removal, contingent on the city undertaking specific actions. The mayor will send the email to the council for their review.
- A Summer Block Party Proposal was made by Main Street Businesses Becks and the newly opened Arcade. They are planning a block party either on August 3rd or 10th, which would involve the closure of Main Street for the event.
- Progress Update on the Water Treatment Plant it is still moving forward.

11. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm, Moved by Russell G. Keisel, None seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.**


Natalie Crosby
Recorder