



Minutes
Mount Pleasant City Council
14th May 2024
6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Mount Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting May 14th, 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 – *Pam Stoker*

Opening Prayer -*Cade Beck*

Patriotic Message- *Jeff McDonald*

2. Roll Call – Recorder

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

Employee in Attendance:

Shane Ward

Colter Allen

Steve Gray

Dave Oxman

Natalie Crosby

Others in Attendance:

Ron Phelps

Jeff McDonald

Rick Allred

Jan

Harriett Jorgensen

Claudia Jarrett

Pam Stoker



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3. Approval of Adjustments – Mayor

Transaction Register:

Dated 04/01/2024 to 04/30/2024 in the amount of (-12,897.43)

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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

4. Approval of Claims and Requisitions – Mayor

Claims Register:

Dated 04/20/2024 to 05/09/2024 in the amount of \$448,830.57.

Motion: to Approve with the fix of Cheney Fencing GL to Sewer Maintenance instead of Sewer Salaries and Wages, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck, **Seconded by** Paul C. Madsen. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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

Requisitions:

Requisition # 50720240800 Anixter CRH Switchyard CTs in the amount of \$17,882.36. – Shane Ward

Shane Ward mentioned that Anixter should refund the city due to a manufacturing defect. They are currently investigating the matter.

Motion: Action: To Approve, **moved by** Russell G. Keisel, **Seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).



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No Other Requisitions.

5. Approval of Minutes

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

6. Discussion on MOU with North Sanpete School District Regarding the School Resource Officer- Chief Steve Gray

Chief Gray expressed that it had been a challenging week for law enforcement but highlighted an increase in expressions of gratitude for police services in the past week. He also extended his appreciation to the council for their efforts.

In December of 2023, the Sanpete County Sheriff's Office decided to remove the school officer from the North Sanpete High School. Chief Gray has been involved in several discussions with the North Sanpete School District, aiming to replace the safety officer at the school. The school district and the county each contributed \$20,000, while Chief Gray approached other surrounding cities asking for an additional \$20,000 from each of them as well. The plan is to introduce a part-time resource officer in the upcoming school year, with \$40,000 secured against an estimated cost of \$38,000. The Chief also stated that although requesting \$30,000 from the police budget seems unfeasible this year, exploring state funding options, under Dave Oxman's guidance, is another opportunity we have for some funding.

A public inquiry was made by Jeff McDonald to explain what the job entails, Chief Gray explained that the State Legislature recently passed a bill that mandated an armed individual at each school for all hours of school, it's just not feasible for this to take place and most likely a guardian program will be implemented.

The school resource officer will oversee training some of these guardians, he will be in charge when these individuals aren't available, he will oversee emergency preparedness at the school, and he will take calls at the schools.



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The Police Department aims to provide educational programs like Nova or Dare in elementary school as well.

Discussions centered on a forthcoming legislature bill effective from July 1, 2024, offering school funding opportunities. Depending on funding outcomes, there is a possibility of transitioning the part-time officer to a full-time position next year. Chief Gray emphasized the availability of numerous grants for School Safety, he's hoping to secure some of them.

7. Discussion/Action on the following items:

a. Outside City Water Connection- Clay Wagstaff

Clay Wagstaff stated he is exploring putting in a minor subdivision his property is located just above 900 E between 35 N and the City Shops. There would be 4 lots. He has built on one lot and wants to continue with the other 3 lots.

Mayor Olsen stated he felt like the sewer should also be run. Councilman Cade Beck noted that Clay Wagstaff was aware that he was required to put in the connections, pay the impact fees on each connection as well as a connection fee on each connection. The planning and zoning approval will go through the county although this property is in our buffer zone.

Motion: To Approve with the understanding that he will be responsible for the impact fees, all the connection fees, and sewer with the added cost of extending the lines.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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

b. Food Truck Ordinance – Planning & Zoning Commission

Planning & Zoning Commission met in April with an idea to require food trucks to go to the park. There was some discussion on whether the city



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could legally require food trucks to go to the park if they already had permission from private property owners to operate on the property.

Councilman Paul Madsen asked if these food trucks had to go through an inspection process. Mayor Olsen did acknowledge that Jason Hatch that works for the Central Utah Public Health Department, does have to inspect these food trucks.

Most of the council and the mayor felt like there was not a need to create this ordinance.

Motion: to deny and leave the food trucks where they are as long as they meet the requirements.

Action: to deny **Moved by** Cade A. Beck, **Seconded by** Paul C. Madsen.

Motion passed unanimously.

*c. **Chip Seal Park & Cemetery-** Councilman Rondy Black*

Councilman Rondy Black would like to propose to chip seal the cemetery and park roads while Hales is available to do so, aiming for completion before the 4th of July. The additional cost is estimated at \$136,000, which is within the allocated budget of \$250,000.

Councilman Paul Madsen inquired about applying a flush seal to the walking trail. In response, Mayor Olsen mentioned that Justin Atkinson is seeking a grant for the project, and Public Works Superintendent Colter Allen will procure a quote.

The possibility of using perpetual care funds for the cemetery roads was raised, but the mayor believed it might not be legally permissible, suggesting instead that B&C Road funds be utilized for these areas.



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The council members engaged in discussions about which roads require maintenance and the financial resources necessary for these improvements.

A road master fund grant has been secured, and the mayor, along with some council members, will soon consult with an engineering firm to initiate the process.

Additionally, there were conversations about the town's pothole issues and drainage problems.

Motion: To Approve \$136,00 for additional chip seal around the Cemetery and Park. **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Rondy G. Black, **Seconded by** Paul C. Madsen.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Paul C. Madsen, Russell G. Keisel, Rondy G. Black.

No: D. Lynn Beesley, Cade A. Beck.

Note: the lane going out to the Stewart Ranch will be done as well but these funds will come out of the water project. Hales will do it while they are here to save the mobilization fee, however the funds are coming back out of the contract with HMM.

d. City Administrator/Manager/Consultant – Councilman Lynn Beesley

Councilman Lynn Beesley believes a leader is necessary, advocating for a consultant to guide us before we hire an administrator. He stressed the need for accountability and suggests that hiring 10 more workers would not increase productivity. Potential job cuts were mentioned.

Councilman Paul Madsen called for an additional work meeting to resolve certain issues regarding the position.

Councilman Cade Beck also supports another work meeting prior to voting on the city administrator, aiming to clarify the role and responsibilities of the position.



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Lynn proposed the interim hiring of a consultant while the search for an administrator continues, mentioning acquaintances who would work for minimal compensation.

The mayor expressed a desire for work sessions to improve communication between the council and the mayor, Paul Madsen agreed.

Councilman Russell Keisel requested a balanced discussion of pros and cons, feeling that another work session would be beneficial.

Lynn voiced concerns about delays in hiring a consultant to address management issues and suggested implementing evaluations before awarding raises.

The council debated whether to hold another work session or proceed with a vote.

Councilman Rondy Black called for a detailed definition of the administrator's role and responsibilities.

Ultimately, the council majority agreed to schedule a work session with all department heads in two weeks at 5:00 PM. The session will be planned before our next council meeting.

Councilman Russell Keisel wanted to suggest that during his frequent visits to the office he never sees a car at the drive-thru, he also questioned the role of the front desk, with input from Natalie Crosby, the Mayor, and Dave Oxman, it was suggested that the drive-thru is indeed frequently used, while the front desk serves as the initial point of contact for calls and walk-ins.

Councilman Keisel suggested potential cost-saving opportunities in this area.

An inquiry was made about the progress of the new city personnel policy. The mayor confirmed its completion and pending review by Attorney Kevin Daniels once he has granted his approval it will be sent to the council for review as well.

Addressing a concern, the mayor highlighted the problem we have where we need to define salaried and hourly employees, noting potential legal issues



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with current hybrid employee arrangements we have with a few of our employees.

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.

Pam Stoker- Wanted to thank the council. Asked if they could check into her trees, she was promised in May. Shane Ward is going to get with Nick with Desert Tree Works to see what the status is. He will let Pam know.

Jeff McDonald- Wanted to give the council a history when he was on the council, they had investigated loaning some money for roads in 2014. He had gone to a contractor in Salina, this contractor he had his own engineers, he gave a bid of doing every road in town at that time. He would have come in with a rota mill machine and would reapply it with a rejuvenation of black top. The bid at that time for every road in town was around 1.2 million dollars. That also included natural sump drain at every intersection. They had a loan approval through Zion's bank in which they figured they could pay back in 10 years. Just wanted to let the council know that maybe that was a possibility.

9. Council Reports

Cade Beck:

- The water treatment plant's construction is progressing, with blocks set and the well house completed. The tank walls have been poured, and testing is expected to begin shortly.
- A discussion was held with Colter Allen and Dave Oxman regarding a potential ordinance for water services outside city limits.

Paul Madsen:

- Expressed that other communities extend water lines even to areas five miles out. He believes that eventually, we will need to find a solution for water provision. Colter Allen shared his concerns that allowing water



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drilling outside the city might deplete our city's water supply. Thought it might be a better idea to come up with a way to provide outside connections that we control.

Rondy Black:

- Reported that the chip seal project is on track, as approved last summer, covering nearly six miles.
- An upcoming meeting with engineers is scheduled for next Wednesday to discuss the road master plan and updates to subdivisions.
- The city's flags, which were in poor condition, have been replaced today.

Russell Keisel:

- Announced that the City Splash Pad will open as planned.
- The Fairview project is advancing, with ongoing searches for suitable substation property.
- He emphasized the need for better organization and public relations efforts from the front office, feels like we need to get more PR out to the community to stop a lot of questions.
- Wants issues that come to city hall to be set as a priority. If we get a lot of complaints about potholes, he would like to see them fixed right away.

Paul Madsen:

- Flowerpots will be installed next week.
- Paul's wife and a neighbor will plant flower beds at the cemetery.
- He thanked Colter for removing the library's flower bed.
- The city's planters at each end of town will be weeded as a service project by the church. The mayor inquired if Colter would ask Lynn Larsen if he could spray around those beds.

Lynn Beesley:

- Stephanie has started playing softball and baseball.

10. Mayor Report:



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- Engineers are coming next week for our Reuse Project. It is completed should be brought to the next city council.
- The Sewer Lagoons Head Works project is going to start.

Dave Oxman wanted to thank Sam Draper we applied for a 1.7-million-dollar grant, 1.2-million-dollar cash match loan. Dave received great letters of support with a quick turnaround. Sam was able to get the County Fire Warden, Central Utah Fire Management Officer for the whole State, North Sanpete School District, Wasatch Academy, and the mayor. Federal Ear Mark money, the same place we got the money for our water tank. Once notified you have 3-4 days to submit your application.

Councilman Keisel asked for a status update on the Rodeo arena at the Contoy where the funds were at. Paul Madsen responded that we have enough funds to finish the arena itself. The gates the corrals and bucking shoots. We won't have enough seating. Seating will hopefully be achieved in the next phase of the project. Branch Cox has donated a lot of labor and work.

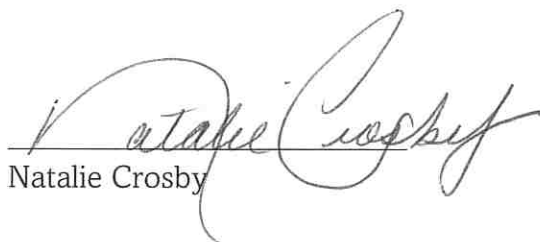
Colter wanted to let the council know that Raider Larsen completed his first part of the apprenticeship. Kage Thompson and Drake are both working on theirs as well. Colter wanted to congratulate Raider on passing his test.

Mayor Olsen stated that Sam Draper did get approved for CDL training for any city employee or the Fire Department. With the new law it will help us get our guys their CDL's.

11. Adjourn: 9:00 PM

Motion: Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Russell G. Keisel, **Seconded by** Rondy G. Black.

Motion passed unanimously.


Natalie Crosby