

**MAPLETON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 1, 2024**

PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING:

Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Jones
Mayor Dallas Hakes- Excused

Members in Attendance:

Kasey Beck
Reid Carlson
Jessica Egbert
Therin Garrett
Leslie Jones

Staff in Attendance:

Cory, Branch, City Administrator
Sean Conroy, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director
Phil Holmes, MCN Director
Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer
John Jackson, Public Safety Director/Police Chief
Logan Miner, Parks and Recreation Director
Madison Wilson, Communications/Public Relations Coordinator

Minutes Taken by

Camille Brown, City Recorder

The items may not have been heard in the order below.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Cl. Garrett gave the invocation and Cl. Egbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Shane with Spring Gardens Assisted Living raised concerns regarding parking availability for Spring Gardens Assisted Living due to a new building development nearby.

With 63 apartments and 66 residents, along with 12 resident drivers and 67 employees, there's already a strain on parking.

The initial plans for the adjacent building included shared parking agreements between the two properties, but there hasn't been any formal application or update from the new property owner.

The goal is to ensure the Spring Gardens community's concerns are heard and addressed while finding a mutually beneficial solution for all parties involved. Sean stated that he can meet with Shane to discuss the situation further and share draft plans for the new development.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

Recognition of Chief Glasgow –Chief Glasgow was recognized for achieving the Utah Managing Fire Officer designation, demonstrating his commitment to ongoing professional development. Chief Jackson thanked Chief Glasgow and the Fire Department personnel for their dedication and outstanding service.

Swearing in of Chad Walker, Police Officer- Officer Chad Walker was recognized during the meeting, accompanied by his family and fellow members of the Police Department. Officer Walker joined the department in December and has since completed the police academy and field training. He is now actively handling calls and serving the community as a valuable member of the police force.

Officer Walker's dedication and commitment to his role were acknowledged and appreciated by the attendees of the meeting. Camille Brown, City Recorder, administered the Oath of Office to Officer Walker.

Appreciation plaques to two citizens for K9 program donations- Chief Jackson recognized individuals who have contributed to the success of the K9 program in Mapleton.

Officer Hatch and her family were acknowledged and thanked for the support of training Nyx.

Kendall Young was recognized for his generous donation towards the K9 program.

Russ Bishop, owner of Rival K9, was praised for his dedication and commitment to the program, including a pledge to donate a bulletproof vest for the K9.

Frank and Shauna Hatch, owners of Imperial Plumbing, were thanked for their financial donation towards the K9 program.

Officer Hatch was welcomed back after a challenging period, with appreciation expressed for her return to duty.

Chief Jackson added that overall, the community's support for law enforcement and first responders was acknowledged, with a commitment made to continue supporting them in any way possible.

Rett Ogden, representing the Utah Recreation and Parks Association, commended Mapleton City and its Parks and Recreation Department for winning the Class One Department of the Year award in the state. He highlighted the department's growth from three to eight full-time staff, offering 31 programs and events, including the development of a new 30-acre Mountain Bike Park. Rett praised the department's innovative initiatives, such as the Rec and Roll trailer for community engagement and digital tours with the historic preservation committee. Logan, the Parks and Recreation Director, and his team were commended for their hard work and dedication. Rett presented the award to Logan and invited the Parks and Rec staff to join for a photo. The council expressed gratitude for the recognition and praised the department's contributions to the city.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. Approval of City Council meeting minutes- April 10, 2024

Motion: Cl. Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Cl. Garrett seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cl. Carlson Yes

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Cl. Garrett Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Item 2. **Consideration of a discussion item to review a request to remove the 55 and older age restriction on portions of the Sunrise Ranch development located at approximately 1850 W and 2000 W Sunrise Ranch Dr.**

Sean Conroy, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance.

The discussion centered around the request to remove the 55 and older requirement from two neighborhoods in the Sunrise Ranch master plan. Representatives from Regal Homes and Bird Homes presented their perspectives, highlighting challenges in marketing the 55 and older community and proposing changes to attract more buyers. Council members expressed support for more housing options but raised concerns about potential drawbacks and safety issues, particularly regarding the ravine behind one of the projects. Overall, while some council members were open to the change, others remained indifferent or cautious. The item will be brought before the Planning Commission and then to City Council for approval.

Item 3. Consideration of a discussion item to review a policy for evaluating requests to vacate portions of existing rights-of-way.

Sean Conroy, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. The discussion focused on a proposal to establish a policy allowing property owners to purchase or request the city to vacate the Right-of-Way (ROW) in front of their properties. The proposed policy would require applicants to go through a review process and meet specific criteria, such as ensuring the ROW is not needed for future improvements and preventing the creation of problematic parcels. Council members discussed potential benefits like beautification and drawbacks such as neighborhood conflicts and incongruous zoning. Various concerns and suggestions were raised, including the inclusion of a public utility easement and ensuring equitable participation among neighbors.

Jim Bartley expressed support for the opportunity to purchase the parking strip in front of his property. He highlighted issues with the current state of the parking strip, such as debris and construction materials being left there, and expressed a desire to beautify it.

Cameron Rich shared his support for the idea of purchasing the parking strip in front of their property. He described previous neighborhood drama related to planting trees and expressed frustration with the current state of the parking strip, mentioning issues with "goat heads" causing tire punctures. He expressed willingness to purchase the strip but raised concerns about potential conflicts with neighbors and the requirement to maintain the strip without ownership. He also discussed the possibility of property value increases and neighborhood conflicts arising from the program. Despite these concerns, they acknowledged the potential benefits for the city and suggested improvements like adding a trail. Overall, there seemed to be interest from multiple residents in participating in the program.

MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Rob Hunter provided an update on the progress of a construction project up Maple Canyon, mentioning that work had reached past the campground, and he described precautions being taken regarding nesting migratory birds like the Cooper's Hawk. He explained that due to the poor condition of the road, the original plan for trench repair was abandoned in favor of a full road rebuild scheduled for September. The forest service may contribute funds to cover the costs. He estimated the additional cost for the full rebuild to be significant. Additionally, he mentioned a bid opening for a pressurized irrigation project that would connect various areas, facilitating irrigation for multiple properties.

Cl. Carlson stated that the open house for the new transfer station turned out great. They have been working on the project for 6 years, so it was great to see it finished.

Cl. Egbert reported that she was able to attend the league conference and there were some great break out sessions. The next community preparedness event is scheduled for May 7th. There is the Hall of Flame event that the Fire Department will put on.

Cl. Beck thanked those that helped with the MYCC scholarship. There were 4 individuals that will be recognized.

Cl. Jones stated that she has become deeply involved with a local organization in Provo that assists refugee families. She would like to support them, and as a council member, she is leaning towards a resolution rather than an official letter. This would support those who are displaced and in need of assistance. The council was in consensus but wants to approach the matter with sensitivity.

Cl. Garrett also stated that he attended the league conference. It was a great conference and great to see Mapleton recognized for the Healthy Utah designation. He also reported that the community cleanup was a great success.

Logan Miner stated that the baseball and softball season is getting ready to start. The Opening Day Parade will be held on May 11th. Colby North was hired to replace Zack Larsen.

John Jackson informed the council that they may see some action on the foothills this weekend. Spanish Fork is still looking for the missing person from a month ago. Sign ups for the Youth Academy are taking place right now. There seems to be a real problem with ebikes and scooters. Officer Hatch is doing some research that she is going to push out to social media. Officers have been asked to enforce this.

Madison Wilson reported that last week, Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, announced a block on third-party access to Facebook groups. This affects archival services used for backing up social media activity for public record purposes. She is researching solutions within CivicPlus and other cities' approaches. She suggested refraining from conducting official city business in Facebook groups and plan to develop a clear policy. Official city business is defined as discussions on approved public record mediums, like emails or meetings with notes. The restriction only applies to Facebook groups, not Instagram or other platforms. She highlighted the importance of sharing factual information in community groups despite the challenge.

Cory Branch stated that the two individuals that were here were seeking information about the trees that the developer was planting in the park strips in Sunrise Ranch. He will go out there tomorrow and look into it.

Motion: Cl. Egbert moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Cl. Garrett seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously at 7:30 pm

APPROVED: May 15, 2023



Camille Brown, City Recorder