

**MAPLETON CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2024**

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**PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING:**

Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Jones  
Mayor Dallas Hakes- Excused

**Members in Attendance:**

Kasey Beck- attended by phone  
Reid Carlson- attended by phone  
Jessica Egbert  
Therin Garrett  
Leslie Jones

**Staff in Attendance:**

Cory, Branch, City Administrator  
Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
John Jackson, Public Safety Director/Police Chief  
Logan Miner, Parks and Recreation Director

**Minutes Taken by**

Camille Brown, City Recorder

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*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:** Cameron Rich raised concerns about salary increases in the budget, and suggested they should be closer to wage inflation rates. Bryce Oyler clarified that the increases in the tentative budget are placeholders for potential future adjustments and include four new positions. He questioned the high cost of Pioneer Day, suggesting it might be too large for the town's size. The council encouraged him to attend and volunteer for the event. Cameron highlighted the need to connect the Parkway Trail with the canyon for safety and recreational purposes. He mentioned the dangerous conditions due to traffic and the lack of safe pathways. He proposed prioritizing this project in the budget and noted specific properties that could be used for the trail. The council acknowledged the importance of the trail and the need to prioritize it.

David Peterson with Utah Risk Management Insurance reviewed the areas of the city's liability insurance. Mapleton has been a member of URMA since 1986. They are a government entity and do not operate for profit. URMA is nationally accredited and an exempt commercial provider, avoiding brokerage fees for members. Each member city has a representative on the board. Cory, the city administrator, represents Mapleton. URMA covers 99.9% of claims within its self-insured retention, only purchasing catastrophic policies, indicating high deductibles. The costs are about 15% below market rates and provides unique coverages, like land use coverage, not available in the open market. Members do not share the claims costs of other cities. They offer full-service risk management, including consultation on contractual risk transfer, vendor agreements, and liability issues. URMA utilizes data-driven analysis and provides access to a wide range of resources for research and legal decisions.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Item 1.** Approval of City Council meeting minutes- May 1, 2024

**Item 2.** Consideration of a Resolution encouraging Mapleton citizens to support a community partnership with Utah Valley Refugees in working to improve the lives of refugees and immigrants who are adjusting to life in Utah County. **Resolution No. 2024-19**

**Motion:** Cl. Egbert 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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Item 3. Consideration of a Resolution adopting the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.**

Bryce Oyler, Finance Director, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. Bryce gave an overview of the fund balances. He would recommend approval of the tentative budget and set a public hearing for June 5, 2024, to approve the final budget and certified tax rate.

**Motion:** Cl. Garrett moved to approve the Resolution adopting the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 and set a public hearing for June 5, 2024.

**Second:** Cl. Jones seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Cl. Garrett Yes

Cl. Carlson Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

**Resolution No. 2024-20**

**Item 4. Consideration of a Resolution to appropriate available road funds for HA5 High Density Mineral Bond treatment.**

Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer reviewed the staff report for those in attendance.

**Motion:** Cl. Egbert moved to approve the Resolution to appropriate available road funds for HA5 High Density Mineral Bond treatment.

**Second:** Cl. Jones seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Cl. Garrett Yes

Cl. Carlson Yes

Cl. Egbert Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

**Resolution No. 2024-21**

**Item 5. Consideration of a Resolution to award the contract for the Highway 89 Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Project to Rino Excavating LLC.**

Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. He would recommend awarding the contract to Rino Excavating in the amount of \$1,517,339.00. He noted that their bid amount was significantly lower than the other companies. Cl. Garrett thought it was appropriate to address the sensitivity of awarding this city project to Rino Excavating. Rob noted that to ensure transparency and public trust the project was posted on the Utah State procurement website, allowing broad visibility and competitive bidding from ten contractors. No private discussions occurred with contractors after the bid was posted, and Mayor Hakes had no direct contact during the process and his company met all required criteria and submitted the lowest bid. The selection was based on merit, with strict adherence to procurement policies.

**Motion:** Cl. Garrett moved to approve the Resolution awarding the contract for the Highway 89 Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Project to Rino Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$1,517,339.00.

**Second:** Cl. Jones seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

Cl. Carlson Yes

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Cl. Garrett Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

**Resolution No. 2024-22**

**MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Rob Hunter** stated that this week is Public Works week. He added that there are 14 Public Works personnel and he complimented them for their excellent job covering utilities and roadways. Residents have positively commented on the team's interactions and performance during recent events. The Maple Canyon Springs project is going well with abundant water sources discovered, ensuring a reliable water supply for the city. He stated that the city's road improvements projects were Initially planned for June, the full road repair up to the campground is postponed to September due to significant damage and ongoing construction needs. The road base has been laid down to ensure smoother travel until full paving can be completed. The Crowd Canyon Pipeline project to improve water quality on the south end of town will go out to bid, with approval aimed for the June 19th city council meeting. The city received \$775,000 from the Utah County Community Development block grants to upgrade ADA ramps, focusing on those most in need.

**Cl. Carlson** Demolition of the old transfer station has begun with an estimated completion in about a month and a half. The new Transfer Station is experiencing minor glitches but improving daily. The transfer station saw a record 800 visits last Saturday, indicating high traffic and potential wait times on weekends. New flooring will be installed June 17-21<sup>st</sup> and it is much appreciated by the seniors.

**Cl. Egbert** stated the recent community event was focused on fire safety and beginner CPR education. The event included a car explosion demonstration. There was a great turnout, predominantly kids and teenagers. They received positive feedback from parents, particularly for the expert instruction. There are plans to enhance communication and promotion for future events on the website. The fire department was praised for organizing the successful event.

**Cl. Garrett** addressed debris and illegal ATV usage on the south end trail. The city is installing cautionary signs, enhancing contractor oversight, and increasing police patrols, including camera monitoring. Residents appreciate these efforts, though many are unaware of the construction impact and regulations against motorbike use on the trail. The city will continue to monitor and engage with the community to maintain trail safety and cleanliness. Chief Jackson added that at the last council meeting it was discussed that the police officers would start enforcing e-bike regulations, focusing on reducing misuse by unlicensed and speeding riders, particularly young kids. While some residents appreciate the crackdown, others, especially those using e-bikes for leisurely activities, have expressed dissatisfaction. There's a balance to be struck between safety and leniency. Additional concerns were raised about an unofficial bike park forming at 200 South, posing safety risks. The city is addressing this by educational outreach on e-bike laws via social media and investigating the bike park situation

**Cory Branch** has received calls from residents who want to install six-foot fences in front yard setbacks (currently limited to four feet). Staff will consider changing the ordinance and review examples and data. A resident was upset about city construction on Sundays, especially on Mother's Day. The council debated setting a policy to prohibit Sunday work but decided against it to avoid interfering with project timelines and private business operations. No new policy will be implemented.

**Logan Miner** reported that the Opening Day parade was a success. His department implemented new activities and had positive feedback. This was inspired by the Savannah Bananas. A fun whiffle ball game was held between coaches and girls' softball. Everyone adhered to guidelines, such as avoiding candy throwing, etc and they didn't have any issues. The next event will be "Chalk the Walk" which will promote health and wellness with fit stops and health vendors, which will align with the city's Healthy Utah designation. There was discussion on streamlining wristband purchases through online pre-sales. This year there will be a few new activities for Pioneer Days, "Mapleton's Got Talent" and a disc golf night with instructional sessions. A Spike Ball tournament will be held alongside the cornhole event. He wanted to give a shout out to various departments and volunteers in ensuring successful events.

**Chief Jackson** reported that the community event with the Fire Department was highly appreciated, especially the car burning demonstration. The Fireman's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning, 7:00-10:00 AM at the fire station, with council members helping. The police department was commended for assisting Santaquin City with their recent tragedy. It showed real solidarity and commitment despite the costs involved.

**Motion:** Cl. Egbert moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Cl. Garrett seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously at 7:40 pm

**APPROVED:** June 19, 2024

  
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Camille Brown, City Recorder