



Minutes
Mount Pleasant City Council
9th July 2024
6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Mount Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting July 9th, 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 – *Claudia Jarrett*

Opening Prayer – *Pam Stoker*

Patriotic Reading – *Jeff McDonald*

2. Roll Call – *Recorder*

Roll Call.

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

Excused: Paul C. Madsen, Russell G. Keisel.

Employees in Attendance:

Natalie Crosby
Marilu Zamudio
Colter Allen
Chief Steve Gray
Shane Ward
Tyler Beesley

Others in Attendance:

Rick Allred
Jody Allred
Claudia Jarrett
Pam Stoker
Jeff McDonald
Jackson Lambrie
Tim Beesley
Lindsay Beesley
Jim Poulson
Kaelyn Sorensen



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Matthew Sorensen
Kaden Jorgensen
Brian Beck
Mark Jorgensen
Eva Jane Beesley
Jorie Beesley
Tod Beesley
Jamey Wright
Jeff Parish

3. Approval of Adjustments – Mayor

Transaction Register:

Dated 06/01/2024 to 06/30/2024 in the amount of \$200.46

Motion: Action: To Approve, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck, **Seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley.

Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

Yes: D. Lynn Beesley, Rondy G. Black, Cade A. Beck.

Excused: Paul C. Madsen, Russell G. Keisel.

4. Approval of Claims and Requisitions – Mayor

Claims Register:

Dated 06/22/2024 to 07/05/2024 in the amount of \$468,817.14

Motion: to approve with the GL code change for Power Department tree invoice from training to professional services, **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** D. Lynn Beesley, **Seconded by** Cade A. Beck.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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Requisitions:

Requisition #70320241133 to Diamond Mountain Marketing in the amount of \$117,413.94

The lights at the four-plex are over 20 years old and need replacement. The proposal includes installing 80 lights across all three fields, with the cheapest bid obtained by the power department. However, the North Sanpete School District is not interested in using the lights or contributing to the cost. Shane Ward mentioned that Finance Director Dave Oxman agreed to arrange financing if the lights are included at the beginning of the budget.

Councilman Cade Beck expressed concerns, wanting more financial details before approval. He doubted that the Rec Department generates enough revenue to cover the cost, a sentiment echoed by Councilman Lynn Beesley. Programs using the lights include flag football, softball, and baseball, but the School District does not hold night games.

The Rec Center is billed annually for the lights, and the new lights could save \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year in energy costs. Councilman Beck inquired about the current state of the lights, noting that one field is completely dark and the other two are not in use. He requested information on labor hours, transformer costs, potential energy savings, and whether the city can manage without the lights. Shane Ward believes the \$100,000 quote for all three fields is extremely reasonable.

Councilman Beck suggested postponing the decision until the requested details are provided.

Motion: Would like to postpone until the next meeting to gather more information. Put on next council meeting., **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck, **Seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley.

Approval of Minutes:

June 25th, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion: , **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck , **Seconded by** Rondy G. Black.

Motion passed unanimously.



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June 25th, 2024, Work Session Meeting

Motion: , **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck , **Seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley.

Motion passed unanimously.

June 25th, 2024, Public Hearings

Motion: , **Action:** To Approve, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck , **Seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion/Action on the following items:

a. Water Connection Discussion- *Tim Beesley*

Tim Beesley initiated a discussion regarding the water connection issues he has been facing. He expressed confusion over why this topic was being revisited and sought clarification on changes related to his water connection.

Tim has been trying for eight months to establish a water connection. Garrett Crosby was informed at a construction meeting with the city that he would be "grandfathered in," meaning his connection would be accepted based on prior conditions. Mayor Olsen noted that there were already two existing water hookups on the Crosby property in question.

The city requires the water line to be upgraded to a 6-inch line according to the Division of Drinking Water code. Tim and Lindsay had planned to upgrade the line together with Garrett Crosby, but the city's decision to grandfather Crosby's connection disrupted these plans.

Despite the issues, Councilman Cade Beck confirmed that Tim's connection was still approved. Initially, the Mayor stated no other connections were allowed on the existing 2-inch line, but an exception was made for Garrett Crosby. Mayor Olsen emphasized that city policy requires the water line costs to be borne by the developer.



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Matt Sorensen shared a similar experience where he had to finance his line independently after others backed out of the shared plan. Tim's main concern was the last-minute change where his partner, Crosby, was grandfathered in, leaving Tim to cover the costs alone.

Jim Poulson confirmed the connection always existed on Crosby's property and questioned the legality of the line, asking if it was ever flushed, to which Colter Allen confirmed it was. Colter Allen mentioned the need for another fire hydrant on the line to meet compliance.

There was a discussion about reimbursing Tim if others later connected to the line he installs. Garrett Crosby suggested that the city should assist in improving the line since Tim is upgrading it.

Mayor Olsen expressed a preference against approving any external water connections. It was determined that even if the property was within a buffer zone, it still fell under county jurisdiction.

Tim felt the city honored Crosby's existing connection to avoid involvement from another individual, Tom Crisp. Councilman Beck advised that Tim should have had a formal contract with Garrett Crosby for their arrangement. The city maintains that the connection approval stands, but the responsibility to install the line is not theirs.

Questions arose about whether the 2-inch line met current code requirements. The mayor clarified it did not, but it was outside city limits. There was a query about why the original denial for the 2-inch line was changed, which was attributed to insufficient water flow for fire suppression. However, the Crosby connection was allowed as it was pre-existing.

The discussion concluded with unresolved tension between Tim Beesley and city officials. The mayor ended the conversation following an argument between Tim and Colter.

b. UAMPS/Rocky Mtn Power Discussion - Shane Ward

Shane Ward, as an employee of UAMPS, held a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power to discuss transmission rates. During the meeting, it was noted that Rocky Mountain Power had installed a significant switch in the switchyard to help



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protect the city's power infrastructure. However, Rocky Mountain Power also increased the transmission rates, a move that UAMPS is currently contesting.

Additionally, Rocky Mountain Power has implemented a fire mitigation plan that includes the possibility of shutting down transmission lines, which could result in power outages for the city's residents. Despite this, an agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and Mt. Pleasant City Power is being put together that requires Rocky Mountain Power to provide at least 8-12 hours' notice before shutting down power, allowing time to inform residents and properly shut down Mt. Pleasant City's power system.

Shane expressed his concern about potential power outages and emphasized his commitment to keeping the council and mayor updated on any developments. He aims to prevent outages and ensure that all necessary information is communicated promptly to city officials.

c. Labor Rate Increase – *Shane Ward*

An upcoming labor rate increase was proposed of about \$5.00 per hour. This increase is intended to cover the costs of new equipment, trucks, and the personnel. He will compile a comparison of the current rates versus the new rates and email this information to the council. Since the labor rate increase does not require a formal resolution, Shane will seek the council's approval directly.

d. Cemetery Bathroom – *Russell Keisel*

Russell Keisel was not present at the meeting. Colter Allen spoke on his behalf and provided an update from Sandra Bigler, the sexton in charge of the cemetery.

Sandra Bigler expressed her preference to delay the construction of the cemetery bathrooms until the sewer line is extended. She also stated that she does not believe the perpetual care funds should be used to cover the costs of these bathrooms.



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Motion: Council would like to see an estimate on the sewer line and where the bathroom location would be and what our options are. Would like more information from Councilman Keisel.

Action: Postpone, **Moved by** Cade A. Beck, **Seconded by** Rondy G. Black.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. 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-

Congratulations and Safety Acknowledgment: Jim started by congratulating Shane and the Power Department for their excellent work on the new transmission line near his home. He noted that the team prioritized safety, and he was impressed with their efforts.

Tree Limb Issue: Jim inquired about a tree limb discussed in a previous meeting that had not yet been removed. Mayor Olsen responded that the city had previously refused to remove trees for other residents and would not be making an exception for this tree either. Jim suggested that removing the tree would be a friendly gesture and could prevent future problems for the city.

Employee Hierarchy Chart: Jim asked if the city had an employee hierarchy chart and whether it was available on the website. He requested a copy of this chart.

Stop Sign Replacement: Jim pointed out that the stop sign at 1st West and 3rd South needed to be replaced. Colter Allen agreed to investigate this issue.

Compliment on Chip Seal Job: Jim complimented the quality of the recent chip seal job.



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City Administrator Job: Jim asked about the status of the City Administrator position. Mayor Olsen explained that the position was not included in the budget and that they were conducting work sessions with the city department heads, which was working well.

Matt Sorensen-

Matt presented his pioneering agreement, expressing a preference to extend the term from 5 years to 10 years. He inquired whether the city ordinance specified anything about a 5-year agreement. He mentioned that it cost him \$90,000 to install his water line and that he hoped to recoup some of his investment.

Shane Ward, who was in the audience, confirmed that he had previously entered into a 10-year agreement with a customer.

It was briefly discussed that the possibility of the repayment agreement be indefinitely. Mayor Olsen was concerned since it would be hard to track.

Mark Jorgensen Pleasant Creek Irrigation Company-

Mark Jorgensen, President of the Pleasant Creek Irrigation Company, provided an update on the current water situation. He reported that the water in the pond is nearly depleted, and they are trying to maintain the current restrictions of watering three days a week for another week.

Mark acknowledged that most residents of Mt. Pleasant City are adhering to the water restrictions. However, he emphasized the need for stricter enforcement on those who are violating the restrictions to ensure the conservation efforts are effective.

Chief Gray responded that we do have violations in place that start at \$150 he will be enforcing these violations.

7. Council Reports

Lynn Beesley:

- The Fun Run concluded successfully by 9 AM.
- Softball games are ongoing.
- Signups are open for soccer, flag football, and cross country.



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- Planning and Zoning updates are positive.
- Concerns were raised about junk, including couches, near the cemetery. Public works was just waiting for an empty dumpster to put the couches in. They will be gone soon, came out of our apartments was left by a tenant.
- New batteries were installed in the speed limit signs, but they are still not operational. Colter Allen told the council that the police department will address this by activating their speed trailer and relocating it as needed.
- Inquired about drainage issues at David Breaux's; Public Works plans to address it within the next two weeks.
- Questioned the necessity of paying someone to manage sprinkler operations at the cemetery and suggested the system needs updating.
- Asked why potholes are not being blown out before filled, Colter will investigate.
- Requested that weekly reports continue to be provided.

Rondy Black:

- Received the final invoice from the chip seal project. The final came in about \$20,000 under. There is still some painting that needs to be completed.
- Requested that weekly reports continue to be provided.
- There was some discussion with Jim Poulson about what the city could do with some of the funds saved, the council and mayor explained to Jim that completing this road master plan will help us complete a lot of road projects.

Cade Beck:

- Expressed gratitude to everyone for their efforts during the 4th of July celebrations.
- Emphasized that water will be included in the transportation master plan.
- Provided a report on the activities and status of the fire department.

8. Mayor Report

- Considered the 4th of July celebrations a success.
Claudia Jarrett wanted to inform the council that the kids running towards the trucks was dangerous and asked if something could be done differently next year.
- Progress continues at the water treatment plant.
- The new SCADA system cost \$93,000, which was within Sunrise's budget.
- Other mayors agreed to impose an additional \$10.00 charge for flag football participation by children outside city limits.
- Scheduled a meeting with HMH for Thursday, July 11, 2024.



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- Opened the floor for questions regarding the Personnel Policy that was sent to the council. They all agreed they needed more time to review.

9. Adjourn

Motion: 8:32 pm, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Cade A. Beck, Seconded by D. Lynn Beesley.