



***Minutes***  
***Mount Pleasant City Council***  
***April 22nd, 2025***  
***5:30 p.m.***  
***Regular Work Session Meeting***

The Mount Pleasant City Council held a Work Session on **April 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at 115 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Utah.

**1. Roll Call**

**Present:** *D. Lynn Beesley, Paul C. Madsen, Michael T. Olsen, Russell G. Kiesel, Rondy G. Black, Cade A. Beck*

**Employees in Attendance:** *Natalie Crosby, Dave Oxman, Marilu Zamudio, Trinity Zavala, Chief Steve Gray, Brittany Adams, Shane Ward, Randy Parish, Debbie James*

**Others in Attendance:** *Logan Ludvigson, Nate (Fairview Recorder), Rick Allred, Jim Poulson, Jenn Gray, Kevin Stallings, Debbie Stallings, Shawn Poulsen, Jeremy Wright, Jeff McDonald, Daniel Spencer*

**2. Proposed Merger Fairview Police Department and Mt. Pleasant Police Department**  
**Discussion- Chief Gray**

This proposal would provide 24-hour police coverage and allow for two officers to be on duty most of the time. It would also eliminate the need for officers to be on call. One section of the current agreement states that the Police Chief would select the citizen representative for the board; however, this will be revised so that the board members collectively select the representative. Ideally, this individual will have some law enforcement experience.

Councilman Cade Beck inquired whether there would be guidelines established regarding the distribution of officer time between Mt. Pleasant and Fairview. Councilman Rondy Black raised questions about how the changes might affect school safety. In response, it was explained that the School Resource Officer position would become full-time and serve all schools with the focus on the high school. Chief Steve Gray emphasized that maintaining a strong law enforcement presence in schools has been and continues to be a top priority.

Councilman Cade Beck noted that the asset list currently appears blank and requested that all assets be clearly listed once the merger is finalized. Mayor Mike Olsen added that policies regarding PTO and vacation time will differ from current practices and will need to be addressed by the new board.

The draft agreement currently refers to the new entity as the "Sanpitch Police Department." However, there is a desire to adopt a different name, and suggestions will be considered moving forward.

Councilman Russell Kiesel asked for clarification on sick leave policies. The current cap is 960 hours, and unused sick leave will not be paid out upon departure. The board will need to decide whether to continue offering separate sick and vacation time or move to a unified PTO system.



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This change will result in a pay increase for Mt. Pleasant officers. Fairview officers, who are already paid at a higher rate, will not see as significant an increase. Over the next few years, the goal is to equal out the pay rate. Chief Steve Gray expressed optimism that the merger may encourage other cities to consider joining in the future, though he recommends holding off on additional expansions for at least a year to ensure stability.

Councilman Russell Kiesel also raised concerns about county coverage. Chief Steve Gray stated he does not anticipate major changes in county involvement, though over time the need for county assistance may diminish.

The council collectively agreed that 24-hour coverage is a positive development. Councilman Beck also asked about insurance coverage; the new entity will be responsible for providing insurance and associated benefits.

There were no further questions.

**3. Department Head Reports:**

- a. **Police Department** – *Steve Gray*
  - The K9 unit, Rafe, has arrived. At just 11 months old, he's already demonstrating impressive skills, with the Chief noting that he's quickly and accurately locating items.
- b. **Recreation** – *Stephanie Blain*
  - Excused
- c. **Recorder** – *Natalie Crosby*
  - Ipads for the council has been fixed and have been returned.
- d. **Aquatic Center** – *Britanny Adams*
  - The pool has been closed since Saturday evening due to an issue with a side motor responsible for circulating heated water. The repair cost was \$675, and the new motor is scheduled to be installed tomorrow morning. We are hopeful the pool will reopen by Thursday morning. There is discussion about potentially purchasing backup motors to avoid future disruptions. Brittany expressed appreciation for how quickly the repair process moved. Please note, the pool must maintain a temperature of at least 79 degrees to remain open.
  - The new Lifeguard class will be coming up.
  - Splashpad was cleaned.
- e. **Contoy Arena** – *Jack & Gaylynn Widdison*
  - Excused
- f. **Library** – *Dawn Coates*
  - Excused



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g. **Treasurer – Marilu Zamudio**

- Has two citizens still shut off from shut off day.

h. **Power Department – Shane Ward**

- Shane would like to pursue a merger with the Power Department with Fairview, like the direction the Police Department is heading.
- Altec has implemented a new policy: they will no longer service trucks manufactured before 2001.
- Shane noted that tree trimming is the most demanding task on their trucks and emphasized that, for safety reasons, linemen shouldn't be working from trucks that old anyway.
- Gavin continues to attend school every Wednesday.
- Shane would like to collaborate with Fairview and operate as a public power district, believing it could result in better rates for citizens.
- The speed increaser for Unit Four is expected to ship out by the end of the week.
- The department hopes to take advantage of high-water levels to generate hydro power and help offset power rates.
- Progress is being made on the Four Plex lighting project: Two poles have been completed. It has been a positive experience and a valuable learning opportunity for the power department. Larger projects are coming up for the power department, and the team will continue to tackle the lights as time allows.
- An issue was discovered with the "Old" Health Department building:
  - a. The breaker box is full.
  - b. A new service line will need to be run to the building.
- UAMPS meetings took place last week:
  - a. The Peaking Plant project is progressing; it's a natural gas initiative.
  - b. Power County's project is also moving forward and is natural gas based.
  - c. New gas plants in IPP are beginning to fire up, with a ribbon-cutting planned for September.
- Shane met with Garkane Energy to discuss implementing a fire mitigation plan and their substation plans.
- In the coming months, Shane will explore some grant opportunities in partnership with Fairview.
- Work is ongoing to secure property for a new substation:
  - a. Working on getting costs on the new transmission line.
  - b. A shipping container may be rented to keep materials organized and separate at the Contoy site.
  - c. Dave Oxman prepared a GL line for the project and will coordinate with Fairview.
- Shane is considering a new approach for this year's budget process. The last couple of years the capital facilities haven't transferred over to the power department budget.





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- Councilman Cade Beck inquired about the number of hydro's currently in operation. Shane responded we have 4 going right now.
- Unit one is 1939 hydro; Shane has tried to find the replacement parts hoping to get it in the budget to get the hydro fixed. It is expensive, the upfront costs on the hydro's are a lot but the hydro's in the end pay for themselves.

i) Finance Director- *Dave Oxman*

- Attended a COVID compliance seminar focused on monitoring and reporting requirements.
  - a. Cities that fail to complete the necessary reports may be required to return received funds.
- The application for the new fire station must be submitted.
  - a. There is an opportunity to request additional funding.
  - b. The goal is to keep the bond amount as minimal as possible.
- Met to review the Road Master Plan, which is nearing completion.
  - a. A public hearing will be held at the next City Council meeting to move forward.
- Currently working with the Trust and Sunrise on a Sidewalk Maintenance Policy Program. Going to meet with Brittany and Colter on that program.
- The tentative budget will need to be approved at the second City Council meeting in May.

j) **Public Works** – *Colter Allen*

- Chips have been added to the playground.
- The mowing crew is up and running, and the grounds are looking great.
- Utah Gopher Control has completed treatments at the cemetery, above the cemetery, and at the soccer fields.
- More dirt needs to be hauled in to level the area around the park bathroom.
- Programming for the bathroom locks still needs to be figured out.
- Irrigation was nearly operational but had to be shut down due to cold weather.
- The Water Treatment Plant is currently collecting data, once complete, the city can seek state approval to integrate the treated water into the system.
- Pothole repairs are underway and will continue along with irrigation work.
- The new Vac truck has arrived: The crew will receive proper training on how to use it.
- There are plans to review and possibly upgrade some of the city's sprinkler systems.
- Work is being done on the Splash Pad to ensure it is ready for Memorial Day.
- Councilman Keisel asked about the water being turned on at the four plex. Colter stated there were a couple of breaks that should be fixed soon.
- Councilman Beesley inquired about plans to maintain the park in top condition: Colter Allen confirmed that Jeff Parish will inspect the new playground weekly to ensure it remains in good shape.



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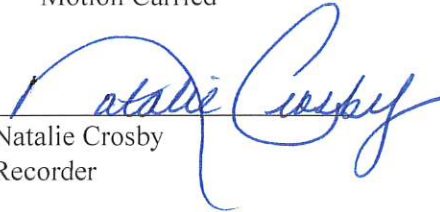
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4. Adjourn meeting at 6:32 pm was moved by Russell Keisel, seconded by Paul Madsen.

Motion Carried

  
Natalie Crosby  
Recorder