



Minutes
Mount Pleasant City Council
April 22nd, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Mount Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located at 115 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Utah.

Welcome --Mayor

1. Opening Ceremony – By Invitation

Pledge of Allegiance – *Logan Ludvigson*

Opening Prayer- *Kevin Stallings*

2. Roll Call – City Recorder

Present: D. Lynn Beesley, Paul Madsen, Micheal Olsen (Mayor, non-voting), Russell G. Keisel, Rony G. Black, Cade A. Beck.

Employees in Attendance: Natalie Crosby, Dave Oxman, Chief Gray, Colter Allen, Shane Ward, Jeff Parish, Marilu Zamudio, Trinity Zavala

Others in Attendance: Jamey Wright, Kevin Stallings, Debbie Stallings, Shawn Poulsen, Jeff McDonald, Daniel Spencer, Debbie James.

Approval of Claims and Requisitions – Mayor

Claims Register:

Dated 04/05/2025 to 04/18/2025 in the amount of \$254,631.28

Councilman Cade Beck asked if we could investigate purchasing a tractor rather than renting it from White Peak Ranch.

Motion To Approve moved by Cade A. Beck Seconded by D. Lynn Beesley

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

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 5

3. Approval of Minutes – Mayor

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Motion To Approve: with a correction to Councilman Paul Madsen's report changing "cemetery bathroom" to "park bathroom" **moved by Paul C. Madsen Seconded by Russell G. Keisel**

Motion Carried

4. Miss Mt. Pleasant Program Presentation- Presentation by the current Miss Mt. Pleasant royalty highlighting their accomplishments and activities over the past year. Introduction of the 2025 Miss Mt. Pleasant contestants.



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Christa Lee Durrant shared how proud she is of this year's Miss Mt. Pleasant Royalty. The council was also introduced to the contestants competing for the 2025 title.

Eden Fischer, 3rd Attendant, spoke about her favorite experiences as part of the Miss Mt. Pleasant Royalty.

Taylor Timms, 2nd Attendant, expressed her gratitude to the council for the opportunity to serve in the Royalty.

Tori Shirley, 1st Attendant, highlighted the many service projects the Royalty participated in throughout the year.

Addie Hafen, Miss Mt. Pleasant 2024, thanked the council and provided an overview of the activities and events they were involved with during her reign.

The 2025 contestants then introduced themselves:

Payton Salisbury presented her platform and shared her goals for the upcoming year.

Tori Shirley, returning as a contestant, discussed the projects she hopes to complete if selected as Miss Mt. Pleasant 2025.

Kylee Farley, the third contestant, outlined the initiatives she plans to pursue during her campaign year.

5. Public Comment Period on the proposed merger of Fairview City Police Department with Mt. Pleasant City Police Department:

The City Council invites public comments regarding the proposed merger of the Fairview City Police Department with the Mt. Pleasant City Police Department. Residents may express their opinions, ask questions, or provide feedback. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. No formal action will be taken during this comment period.

Chief Gray noted the rich history shared between the Mt. Pleasant Police Department and the Fairview City Police Department. He expressed that it has been an honor to serve as Chief of Police.

Jeff McDonald asked how the proposed changes would benefit the citizens of Mt. Pleasant and how the budget would be handled. The mayor explained that the new department would function as a separate entity, with each city contributing financially. All current officers would be retained, with Chief Gray serving as Chief of Police and Logan Ludvigson as Assistant Chief. A



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major advantage would be achieving 24-hour coverage, eliminating the need for officers to be on call. The department would also operate under a new name. Mayor Olsen stated that there have been some conversations with Gunnison and Centerfield who are already participating in an interlocal with one another, they reported no negative outcomes from their merger.

Jeff McDonald further inquired about potential cost savings; the mayor responded that combining the department's eForce software would reduce expenses, and that the larger department would have increased access to grant opportunities. Chief Gray added that strength comes in numbers, noting that the school district has already committed \$70,000 toward funding a School Resource Officer.

Jim Poulson asked about options for withdrawal if the partnership did not meet expectations. The mayor explained that a city would need to give six months' notice or wait until the next budget year to exit the agreement.

Councilman Cade Beck asked Jim Wilberg, former Mt. Pleasant Police Chief, for his perspective. Jim stated that the current proposal offers better options than previous discussions, where Fairview lacked sufficient personnel and had simply sought Mt. Pleasant's coverage. He indicated that he now supports the proposal and believes it would benefit both cities.

Councilman Russell Kiesel emphasized the critical need for consistent 24-hour coverage and expressed support for the consolidation.

6. Action Item: Vote on Proposed Merger of Fairview City Police Department with Mt. Pleasant City Police Department.

Motion: Action: To approve the interlocal agreement with the amendment that a member of the governing board must be a citizen rather than the Police Chief **moved by** Cade A. Beck **seconded by** Paul C. Madsen

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

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 5

7. Discussion/Action- Cell 3 Sewer Lagoon Project – JUB

The mayor requested a motion from the City Council to halt outside dumping at the sewer lagoons until Cell 3 is completed.

Motion: to approve halting all outside dumping into the sewer lagoons **moved by** Paul C Madsen **seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley.
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Colter presented a cost breakdown, and materials estimate from JUB Engineering regarding the clearing and grubbing of Cell 3. He asked the Council to review the information packet provided and requested their feedback. Colter stated that by completing the work in-house, the city could save approximately \$254,000. However, the project would require assigning three employees to meet the completion deadline of August 1, 2025. Colter proposed designating a special projects employee to oversee the work and invited the Council to visit the site to review the scope of the project in person.

8. Discussion/Action – Park Sprinkler System Bid- Colter Allen

Colter Allen reported that he reached out to four companies for bids on the City Park sprinkler system project. Each company was asked to submit not only a bid but also estimated start and completion dates. Colter reviewed the submitted bids with the City Council.

Monte Bona addressed the Council, explaining that he views this project as part of the CDRA (Community Development and Renewal Agency) scope. Monte stated that Justin Atkinson had approached him regarding a grant application for the park improvements, which was subsequently awarded. The Land Water Conservation Fund Grant agreement, signed with the State of Utah, provides \$288,000 in funding with a required \$288,000 match from the City. Thus far \$535,000 has been disbursed out of the CDRA. Monte emphasized that there is a specific process that must be followed to remain in compliance with the grant terms. Monte stated that although the bids were helpful if we are under the guidelines of the grant you would need to file a waiver to use one of the contractors that had submitted the bid.

He further explained that the playground and bathroom equipment were purchased from manufacturers on a pre-qualified state list and were therefore not subject to public bidding. However, regarding the sprinkler system project, Monte expressed concern that the Council cannot accept the bids as currently presented due to grant compliance requirements. He encouraged the Council to pursue cost savings but cautioned that proper procedures must be followed.

Councilman Rondy Black noted that the city is running out of time to complete the project.

Councilman Cade Beck commented that during the last Council meeting, he believed Paul Madsen had withdrawn from the project. Monte Bona clarified that Paul was still willing to proceed. Paul explained that he had worked with the engineer on the project design and had ordered parts, under the understanding he would be completing the work. He expressed frustration with the process, which led to his temporary withdrawal.

Further discussion revealed that Paul had not fully withdrawn and indicated he would be willing to continue with the project if additional help could be secured.

Councilman Cade Beck stated that if the project was done in house, he would just like it tracked.

Monte recommended that Justin Atkinson attend a future Council meeting to help clarify the grant requirements and the next steps for the project.



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Monte Bona asked Paul Madsen, since he had already worked with Mountainland on the sprinkler system, if he could complete the project with additional help. Paul stated that yes, he believed he could.

Councilman Russell Keisel commented that he felt the Special Projects Employee Resolution that was previously passed has caused more problems than benefits. He stated that if the City can save money by using Paul Madsen, he does not understand why it would be an issue. The mayor responded that there had been concerns about missing equipment and confusion regarding how project time was being allocated. Paul Madsen clarified that he always consulted with Colter Allen whenever equipment was used. Monte Bona emphasized that the key objective is to save the city money.

Shane Ward inquired whether the work completed by Paul Madsen would be covered under warranty. Both Councilmember Paul Madsen and Councilmember Russell Keisel responded that this would be like the work completed by the Power Department, which was also done in-house.

Shane Ward expressed concern that assigning Paul Madsen to both the sprinkler system project and the sewer lagoon project might be too much. Colter Allen shared his concern as well, noting that there may not be enough personnel to manage both projects effectively.

Councilman Cade Beck asked Paul Madsen if he was comfortable managing both projects. Paul responded affirmatively, stating that he was.

Motion: Action: completing the Mt. Pleasant City Park sprinkler system project in-house as a special project, provided it follows the resolution, and time and parts are properly tracked. **moved by** Cade A. Beck **seconded by** Russell G. Keisel.

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

Abstain: Paul C. Madsen

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 4

9. 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.

Kevin Stallings addressed the Council, sharing concerns about a resident within a block of his who had been experiencing sewer problems for years. He explained that when the sewer line was excavated, it was discovered that the installation of a nearby water line had caused the sewer line to disconnect. Kevin asked for the Council's opinion on how to address situations like this.



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The mayor responded by referencing the city ordinance, which states that homeowners are responsible for the sewer line from the home to the main line. Kevin then inquired whether the City would consider making an exception to this rule, given that the issue was caused by the installation of a main water line by the City. Kevin stated that he would submit the bill to the city for their consideration.

Lynn Beesley:

- Reported on the status of Steph's work and noted that there is some new help.
- Thanked everyone for participating in the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Expressed excitement for the new celebration coordinator.

Paul Madsen:

- Mentioned that help is needed for the Rodeo.
- Reported that the water fountain in the new restrooms has been hooked up.

Russell Keisel:

- Stated that a poster with a QR code will be displayed for the Veteran's Memorial.
- Noted that the locks have been installed in the restroom at the cemetery.
- Mentioned speaking with Leon Munk about a large headstone that is being considered for placement in the cemetery. Leon mentioned that the city would be wise to investigate reconsidering some of the rules for the headstones.

Rondy G. Black:

- Reported on a meeting with Sunrise Engineering regarding the Road Master Plan and the development of a future roadway map.
- Noted that Shane and Colter will review the map to ensure there are no conflicts with utilities.
- Discussed possible annexations and the creation of a sidewalk maintenance policy.
- Emphasized the need for the Council to review the road map and decide which roads should be prioritized for grading.
- Announced that the next meeting is scheduled for May 20th, 2025, and the Council may adopt the plan during the first meeting in June.



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Cade A. Beck:

- Stated that an ordinance for no outside water connections will be presented at the next meeting.
- Mentioned he had emailed the attorney regarding the HMH case and asked other council members to review the attorney's response. The mayor reminded the council to keep these emails confidential.

10. Mayor Report

- Thanked everyone for participating in the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Introduced Debi James as the new Events Coordinator and Recreation Assistant.
- Announced that volunteers are needed for the 4th of July celebration.
- Reminded everyone about the city cleanups the 3rd and 10th of May from 8AM-1PM
- Reminded everyone about the 150-year celebration this Saturday.

11. Adjourn

Motion: Action: To adjourn **moved by** Russell G. Keisel **seconded by** Rondy G. Black

Motion carried

Natalie Crosby
Recorder