



***Minutes***  
***Mount Pleasant City Council***  
***May 13, 2025***  
***6:30 p.m.***  
***Regular Meeting***

Mount Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting on **Tuesday, May 13, 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 – ***Russell G. Keisel***

Opening Prayer – ***Mayor Mike Olsen***

Patriotic Message- ***Jeff McDonald***

**2. Roll Call – *City Recorder***

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

**Excused:** Paul Madsen, Rony G. Black

**Employees in Attendance:** Natalie Crosby, Chief Gray, Colter Allen, Jeff Parish, Debbie James

**Others in Attendance:** RL Taylor, Geniel McDonald, Debbie Larsen, Jason Clawson, Jorge Riveros, Sara McDonald, Justin Atkinson

**3. Approval of Claims and Requisitions – *Mayor***

**Claims Register:**

Dated 04/19/2025 to 05/09/2025 in the amount of \$867,268.14

**Motion To Approve moved by Russell G. Keisel Seconded by D. Lynn Beesley**

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 3

**Requisition #51220251159 to Basler Services LLC for Decs 250 Installation and Testing in the amount of \$47,521.35**

**Motion To Approve moved by Russell G. Keisel Seconded by D. Lynn Beesley**

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 3



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**4. Approval of Transaction Register**

Dated 04/01/2025 to 04/30/2025 in the amount of (\$271.52)

**Motion To Approve moved by Cade A. Beck Seconded by Russell G. Keisel**

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

**Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 3**

**5. Approval of Minutes – *Mayor***

April 22, 2025, 5:30 pm Work Session Meeting

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

**6. Fire Department Swearing-In Ceremony- *Chief Sam Draper***

Chief Sam Draper was officially sworn in, along with officers Abidel Silva and Mark Hightower. Additional firefighters who took the oath of service included Shawn Case, Jason McDonald, and Quin Larsen.

**7. Approval Pending 2025-02 An Ordinance Establishing Culinary Water Connection Requirements for Properties Outside Mount Pleasant City Limits – *Councilman Cade Beck***

Councilman Cade Beck presented Ordinance 2025-02 to the council, summarizing its key provisions related to culinary water connections for properties located outside Mt. Pleasant City limits.

**Motion To Approve moved by Cade A. Beck Seconded by Russell G. Keisel**

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

**Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 3**



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8. Approval of Implementing Park and Recreation Impact Fees- *Justin Atkinson*

**Postponed until Justin Atkinson attends the meeting.**

9. Approval of Recreation Interlocal Agreement with Moroni City, Spring City and Fairview City-  
*Mayor Mike Olsen*

Mayor Olsen provided an update on the approval of the Recreation Interlocal Agreement. The agreements had been distributed to the participating cities, with both Fairview and Spring City returning signed copies. Each of these cities has agreed to contribute \$5,000 annually to Mt. Pleasant City to support recreation programs. Additionally, a \$10 per-sport participation fee will be applied to individuals who reside outside Mt. Pleasant City limits. This includes residents of Fountain Green, Wales, Chester, and other surrounding areas within the county.

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

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

**Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote Yes = 3**

10. Consideration and Approval of Road Closure Request for Mumma's Sauna Village Event: Request to close from Main Street to 200 South on 500 West on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, in support of Mumma's Sauna Village event. -*Mayor Mike Olsen*

Mayor Olsen reported that Brent Geddes had approached him to request permission to close 200 South to Main Street on 500 West for safety purposes during the upcoming grand opening event at Mumma's Sauna Village. The City Council approved the road closure, contingent upon Mr. Geddes obtaining approval from the affected neighbors.

**Motion To Approve moved by Cade A. Beck Seconded by Russell G. Keisel**

**Motion Carried**

11. Approval of Implementing Park and Recreation Impact Fees- *Justin Atkinson*

Justin Atkinson provided background on earlier efforts to improve the city park, noting that discussions began during his time on the City Council. He highlighted the positive impact the RAP tax has had on funding park improvements and expressed support for implementing Park and Recreation Impact Fees as an additional funding source.

He acknowledged concerns regarding the required Capital Facilities Plan and Impact Fee Analysis, but clarified that under state law, such plans are mandatory to collect impact fees. As a





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result, the city will need to cover the cost of having these studies completed. Justin emphasized that growth should help fund community infrastructure and improvements.

While the League of Cities and Towns handbook suggests that cities the size of Mt. Pleasant may not require a formal impact fee plan, Justin offered to explore options to reduce the cost of conducting the necessary studies. He also noted that any collected impact fees must be expended or encumbered within six years.

**Motion:** To approve the scope of a study, with the understanding that each council member will submit their input on desired elements to be included in the study prior to the next City Council meeting **moved by** Russell G. Keisel **Seconded by** D. Lynn Beesley

**Motion Carried**

## **12. 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 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.

**Mark Hightower:** Mark submitted a formal request to change the route for the 4th of July Parade on Main Street. He gathered over 150 signatures in support of the change, stating that the request came on behalf of the Main Street Committee and Main Street business owners.

Mayor Olsen asked how many of those business owners would be open on the 4th of July, but a clear answer could not be provided. Chief Gray explained that the current parade route was established through traffic and safety studies, and that the permit for the route had already been submitted.

The mayor emphasized that the primary concern is traffic control. Mark responded that he believed this concern could be addressed and managed effectively.

Chief Gray acknowledged that the parade route could be discussed further; however, he noted that making such changes within a month would be difficult to execute. From a law enforcement perspective, he stated that the current route has resulted in the most successful parade operations over the past five years. He also confirmed that, according to state records, the last time the parade route was officially changed was five years ago.

There was some discussion about whether the parade permit had been fully completed. Chief Gray confirmed that the permit is approximately 90% complete, with only a few remaining steps before final submission.



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Wendy Hightower, spouse of Mark Hightower, stated that she and Mark had recently attended an event focused on marketing and promoting Main Street. She expressed a desire to bring greater awareness to Mt. Pleasant's historic Main Street and emphasized the importance of showcasing it during community events. In conclusion, Mark stated that they would like to bring awareness and propose a change to the current parade route to help support that goal.

**Jason Clawson:** Jason invited the Council to review a recent Planning and Zoning lot split application, expressing frustration with the process. He was upset that the application had advanced without a mylar plot, stating that it should not have gone before the Planning and Zoning Commission without this required documentation.

He raised concerns that the city is not fully adhering to its development code, particularly with the approval of lot splits and minor subdivisions. Jason pointed out issues in a newest subdivision where roads and sidewalks are already failing due to the absence of proper road base beneath the sidewalks.

He also noted that the city's development code currently lacks a warranty period for new construction and emphasized that it may be time to update the code. He urged the Council to closely monitor new developments and ensure that the city is requiring adequate standards from developers who benefit from these projects.

There was consensus among the Council that updates to the code are warranted. Mayor Olsen acknowledged that some sections of the code are already being reviewed. Jason also pointed out that the current code allows the Planning and Zoning Commission to hire a city planner and mentioned he had asked the mayor about the budget for such a position. He concluded by stating that it's time to act and thanked the Council for their attention.

**Jorie Riveros:** A community member, recently hired as the North Sanpete High School soccer coach, addressed the Council to propose the construction of an indoor arena to provide a space for youth to practice during the winter months.

Councilman Russell Keisel responded by sharing that discussions are currently underway between Mt. Pleasant City and the North Sanpete School District regarding a potential recreation center near the Four Plex.

Councilman Cade Beck further explained that the project is planned in two phases:

- **Phase 1** involves renovating the existing football field.
- **Phase 2** would include the construction of a full recreation center, which would be a collaborative effort involving multiple surrounding cities.





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**Council Reports**

**Councilman Lynn Beesley:**

- Noted increased activity at the sewer ponds; CentraCom offered to donate internet if a camera is installed to help keep the area open.
- The mayor mentioned that state regulations require the area to be manned; RL Taylor is willing to volunteer on the first Saturday of each month.
- Observed excessive garbage along the walking trails; recommended installing garbage cans along the route.
- Reported a hole in front of the Recreation Center wanted this covered.
- Inquired about cemetery sprinkler repairs; Colter confirmed the crew had been working on them all week.
- Mentioned that Steph is starting baseball and softball this week.
- Thanked Jeff Parish for the excellent upkeep of the cemetery.

**Councilman Russell Keisel:**

- Lights at the Four Plex have been installed and tested; only minor adjustments are needed.
- Reported that the fan at the pool is undersized.
- Noted 71 kids are currently signed up for swimming lessons with Britt.
- Confirmed that fundraising for the Veteran's Memorial is underway, they are going to help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast, hoping to get the VFW and American Legion to help.
- Requested council approval for a variance for Neal Jorgenson's headstone, which exceeds the height limit (48"); suggested the code be updated to accommodate it. All other council members agreed.

**Councilman Cade Beck:**

- Working on setting a final date to bring the water treatment plant online.
- Sent the council members his notes on upcoming ordinance changes that will be addressed in a public hearing.

**13. Mayor Report**

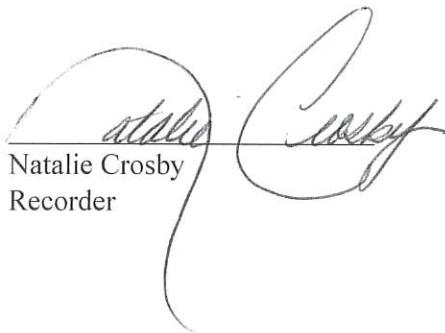
- A question was raised regarding the water rates listed on the agenda. It was determined that the attachment had not been included in the council packets. Natalie will forward the water rate information prior to the next council meeting.
- Mayor Olsen announced a change in council assignments: Councilman **Cade Beck** will now oversee the **Arena**. Councilman **Lynn Beesley** will take over responsibilities for the **Police Department Merger**.
- Councilman Cade Beck requested an updated and complete list of all council assignments.
- A **closed session** is planned for the next council meeting to discuss **litigation matters**.



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**14. Adjourn**

**Motion To Adjourn at 8:46 pm moved by Russell G. Keisel Seconded by D. Lynn Beesley**

  
Natalie Crosby  
Recorder