

**MAPLETON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2026**

PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING: Mayor Therin Garrett

Members in Attendance: Kasey Beck
Melanie Bott
Jessica Egbert
Leslie Jones
Jake Lake

Staff in Attendance: Cory Branch, City Administrator
Sean Conroy, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director
Phil Holmes, Fiber Director
Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer
John Jackson, Public Safety Director/Police Chief
Logan Miner, Parks and Recreation Director
Bryce Oyler, Finance Director

Minutes taken by: Camille Brown, City Recorder

The items may not have been heard in the order below.

Mayor Garrett called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Cl. Beck gave the invocation, and Cl. Jones gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Oath of Office was administered by Camille Brown, City Recorder to the newly elected Mayor, Therin Garrett, City Council members Kasey Beck and Jake Lake.

ACTION ITEM- Consideration of a Resolution appointing a member to fill a midterm vacancy on the City Council.

On November 4, 2025, the Municipal General Election was held. Council Member Therin Garrett was elected as Mayor. Due to Council Member Therin Garrett being elected as Mayor, it would leave one seat vacant on the City Council with a term from January 1, 2026 to January 2028. The individuals that filed an application for the vacancy were Melanie Bott, Kevin Cordon, AJ Rounds, Jeanmarie Andersen, Michael Maughan, Ryan Girffith and John Higgins. John Higgins withdrew his application prior to the meeting.

All applicants were present except for Jeanmarie Andersen who was present via. Teams.

Each applicant introduced themselves and then answered 3 questions that Mayor Garrett asked. They were then able to give a closing statement and a secret vote was held. Camille Brown, City Recorder, gathered the ballots and tallied the votes. The votes were unanimous for Melanie Bott.

Resolution No. 2026-02

Melanie Bott was then administered the Oath of Office by Camille Brown, City Recorder and she then sat at the dais.

OPEN FORUM:

Scott Birdsall urged the council to carefully vet candidates for the recent council vacancy, considering both qualifications and alignment with the new mayor's vision, rather than relying solely on prior election results. He congratulated the new mayor and council members.

Brian Miller stated he is a Mapleton resident from Whiting Farms and expressed enthusiasm for serving on the RAP Tax Committee. He shared his previous experience on Cedar Hills City Council and offered perspective on the appointment process. He also noted his professional role with the Utah County Attorney's Office as the liaison to the Mapleton Police Department. He thanked outgoing Chief Jackson and welcomed incoming Chief Hooley, expressing appreciation for the city's law enforcement and their contribution to the community. He indicated a commitment to supporting the department through training, consultation, and ongoing engagement, while also emphasizing his desire to serve and remain active in the Mapleton community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. Approval of City Council meeting minutes- December 18, 2025

Item 2. Consideration of a Resolution of the Annual Meeting Schedule for the City Council and Planning Commission for Calendar year 2026. **Resolution No. 2026-01**

Motion: Cl. Egbert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Cl. Jones seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Bott Yes

Cl. Lake Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

Item 3. **Consideration of an Ordinance amending Mapleton City Code (MCC) Chapter 2.26 Police Department**

Cory Branch, City Administrator, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance.

The public hearing was opened at 7:42 pm. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

Motion: Cl. Beck moved to approve an Ordinance amending Mapleton City Code (MCC) Chapter 2.26 Police Department

Second: Cl. Egbert seconded the motion.

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Bott Yes

Cl. Lake Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

Ordinance No. 2026-01

Item 4. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Mapleton City Code (MCC) Chapter 2.32 Fire Department

Cory Branch, City Administrator, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance.

The public hearing was opened at 7:44 pm. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

Motion: Cl. Lake moved to approve an Ordinance amending Mapleton City Code (MCC) Chapter 2.32 Fire Department

Second: Cl. Beck seconded the motion.

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Lake Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Cl. Bott Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

Ordinance No. 2026-02

ACTION ITEMS:

Item 5. Consideration of a Resolution for the appointment of Clay Hooley as the Mapleton City Chief of Police

John Jackson, Police Chief, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. He welcomed Clay Hooley who previously worked for Spanish Fork Police Department and said he is going to make a good fit with Mapleton. Clay Hooley will receive the Oath of Office on January 21st.

Motion: Cl. Egbert moved to approve a Resolution for the appointment of Clay Hooley as the Mapleton City Chief of Police

Second: Cl. Bott seconded the motion.

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Lake Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Cl. Bott Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Logan Miner congratulated the newly seated council members and expressed appreciation for continued collaboration and the opportunity to serve the community.

He reported that the bike park project is progressing as planned and remains on schedule. Design work is nearing completion, and preparations are underway for the next phases, including coordination of timelines, funding opportunities, and community participation.

He reminded the council about the upcoming Burn Bright community event and encouraged council members to attend. The event has previously received regional recognition, and staff expressed excitement about continuing its success. He also gave an update on the continued growth and success of youth recreation programming, noting increased participation and outreach efforts. Staff emphasized the role of partnerships and school engagement in reaching youth who had not previously participated in city programs.

Bryce Oyler welcomed Cl. Bott and Cl. Lake to the City Council and noted that training materials will be provided. He encouraged council members to reach out with any questions about finance and invited

them to meet individually to review the city budget in more detail and address any budget-related questions.

John Jackson reported that Officer Fernandez has resigned to accept a position with another agency, creating a current vacancy. Applications are being accepted for the open position, with the application period closing the following week. He also reported that himself and Chief Hooley will be meeting with a state legislator at the start of the legislative session and will provide updates on any law enforcement-related topics.

Rob Hunter reminded the council that he is available to answer questions at any time and noted that, due to the large volume of Public Works activities, not all updates are provided at every meeting. He reported that the Transportation Master Plan has been completed after approximately one year of work. The plan received a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission in December. Public noticing is underway, and the plan is scheduled to be brought before the council at the next meeting. The plan is currently available on the Public Works website, and staff will distribute it directly to council members for review.

He also reported that updates are being made to the Public Works Design Standards, which were originally adopted approximately two to two-and-a-half years ago. The updates include proposed revisions and the addition of guidance for cross-sections on UDOT roadways to assist developers. Staff is awaiting final feedback and anticipates bringing the updated standards to the council within the next few weeks, potentially in February.

In response to a question regarding the 800 North signal, Rob reported that the project is awaiting a required Bureau of Reclamation signature to allow fiber installation. Timing remains uncertain, as approval timelines vary.

Cl. Egbert provided an overview of the upcoming legislative session (January 20 – March 6) and key items for council awareness.

She highlighted Local Officials Day on the Hill (January 21) and League training opportunities for council members. Several legislative proposals are being monitored, including changes to property tax and truth-in-taxation requirements, land use and planning commission processes, and detached accessory dwelling unit regulations. There are governmental immunity cases affecting cities and emergency personnel, noting the League's involvement as amicus and potential implications for municipal liability. Council members were advised to stay informed as the session progresses.

Cl. Bott expressed gratitude for the trust placed in her and appreciation for the work of current and past council members. She shared excitement about serving, learning the council processes, and contributing to city governance, emphasizing that she takes the responsibility seriously.

Cl. Lake thanked all for the opportunity to serve and for the ability to continue working with city staff and fellow council members. He commented positively on the staff and council team and expressed enthusiasm for collaborating with city leadership and participating in community events.

Mayor Garrett expressed appreciation for the support received since the election and reflected on his recent involvement in hiring the new Police Chief, noting the strength and dedication of city staff and the police department. He expressed confidence in the selection and enthusiasm for working with the new chief. He also said that he has been reviewing council liaison assignments and anticipates proposing updates soon.

Cl. Beck congratulated the newly elected members of the council and also MYCC for the upcoming year and noted their enthusiasm for participation in events, including the end-of-year banquet and Local Officials Day. He added that there is a large group this year with 72 members, and praised their engagement and leadership and their advisers are planning an orientation meeting in late January and intend to involve council liaisons and the mayor.

Sean Conroy stated that the new builder permits for 2025 hit almost 700. Also, Cl. Bott will need to be replaced on the Planning Commission.

Cory Branch reminded council members to review their schedules for upcoming retreat/work session dates. Council members were asked to submit topics for discussion by the following day so staff can compile them and coordinate with the mayor. Staff expressed enthusiasm for working with the council and encouraged members to reach out with questions or additional topics.

Motion: Cl. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Cl Beck seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: January 21, 2026



Camille Brown, City Recorder