



Minutes
Mount Pleasant City Council
January 27th, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Mount Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting on January 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 115 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Utah.

Call to Order-Mayor

1. Opening Ceremony- *By Invitation*

Pledge of Allegiance – *Dave Oxman*

Opening Prayer- *Jakob Howcroft*

2. Roll Call – *City Recorder*

Present: *D. Lynn Beesley, Jakob Howcroft, Micheal Olsen (not voting), Russell G. Keisel, Rony G. Black*

Absent: *Cade A. Beck.*

3. Consent Agenda – *Mayor*

Claims Register:

Dated 01/10/2026 to 01/23/2026 in the amount of \$142,442.50

Approval of Minutes:

Public Hearing Industrial Lot Sale

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Motion: Action: To Approve the consent agenda **moved by** Councilman Keisel **Seconded by** Councilman Beesley

Yes: Councilman Beesley, Councilman Howcroft, Councilman Keisel, Councilman Black

4. Public Comment

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 prior to the start of the meeting. Participation is limited to three minutes. Each 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.



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Cathie Beesley:

Cathie Beesley addressed the Council regarding the Contoy Arena and presented prepared remarks recognizing the many accomplishments of Jack and Gaylynn and their years of dedicated service. She expressed concern that their compensation has not reflected what is typical for managers of comparable facilities. Cathie also spoke to the importance of the Contoy Arena to the community and asked the Council to clarify its future plans. She requested that Mayor Olsen consider recusing himself from the decision-making process related to selecting a replacement Contoy Arena Manager.

Richard Tree:

Richard Tree commented that Cathie Beesley effectively outlined the concerns currently facing the arena. He stated that the city will have difficulty replacing the experience and contributions of Jack and Gaylynn. He requested that, moving forward, the equine community be included in the process of selecting a new manager and encouraged the Council to work together to find the best path forward for the Contoy Arena.

Councilman Russell Keisel:

Councilman Keisel responded to the public comments and expressed his support for Jack and Gaylynn. He suggested that the city considers having Jack assist in training a successor to ensure a smooth transition and continued success of the arena. He also stated that he would like to see Jack and Gaylynn appropriately recognized and rewarded for their years of service once the transition is complete.

Kami Millet:

Kami Millet shared that the Contoy Arena has played an important role in the community since it was established and noted that it has been a place where many families, including her own, have spent significant time. She stated that she had heard rumors the city may consider closing the Contoy Arena and expressed hope that this was not the case. She emphasized the arena's value for rodeos and community events and encouraged the Council to ensure that future leadership is knowledgeable and well-qualified as decisions are made moving forward.

Sanpete County 4-H:

Kenley Kelso, representing Sanpete County 4-H, stated that the organization would like to donate new barrels to the Contoy Arena. She also expressed appreciation to Jack and Gaylynn for their ongoing support of the 4-H program and its events.

5. Business/Action Items

a. Purchases & Requisitions

- i. Requisition #012604 to ATSCO Sales and Service in the amount of \$8,443.00 for Auma Actuator Part for Unit #3- Tyler Beesley acting for Shane Ward**



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b. Approval of Out-of-State Travel to Washington, D.C. (Cost Update) – Shane Ward

Motion: Action: To postpone to next meeting moved by Councilman Keisel **Seconded** by Councilman Howcroft

Motion Passed

c. Approval of ORDINANCE 2026-01 DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF TITLE 10 OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE A NEW SECTION ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

Motion: Action: To Approve moved by Councilman Black **Seconded** by Councilman Beesley

Yes: Councilman Beesley, Councilman Howcroft, Councilman Keisel, Councilman Black

d. Approval of ORDINANCE 2026-02 COMMERCIAL ZONES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 10 OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE COMMERCIAL ZONING REGULATIONS TO REMOVE STAND-ALONE RESIDENTIAL USES AS A PERMITTED USE, UPDATE CODE REFERENCES, AND MODERNIZE TERMS.

Motion: Action: To Approve moved by Councilman Beesley **Seconded** by Councilman Keisel

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e. Approval of Resolution # 2026-01 A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2017-09 SETTING SEWER RATES.



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- f.* Discussion: Approval of Resignation of Arena Manager(s) and discussion moving forward -*Mayor Olsen*

Mayor Olsen reported that Jack and Gaylynn submitted their resignation letter to the City Recorder, with their final day of employment being **January 31, 2026**.

Councilman Keisel expressed interest in retaining Jack on a temporary basis until a replacement can be hired. Councilman Beesley agreed and suggested that the Council consider forming a committee to assist with the transition and selection process.

Councilman Black stated that he has always supported Jack and has never opposed requests or needs brought forward for the Contoy Arena. He noted that he was surprised by the resignation and felt further discussion with Jack would be beneficial.

Mayor Olsen stated that staff members Debbie James, Dave Oxman, and Jeff Parish have been involved in discussions regarding next steps. Jeff Parish reported that he met with Jack earlier in the day and that Jack indicated he is willing to assist as long as possible during the transition and is open to continued cooperation with the city regarding arena operations.

Mayor Olsen suggested that the city may consider approving a temporary position or arrangement, such as a **Special Projects Employee**, to help maintain continuity during the hiring process. Debbie James stated that Jack and Gaylynn are ready to move on, and both Debbie and Jeff noted that they have been easy to work with and that there have been no negative feelings in recent meetings.

Councilman Beesley commented that Jeff will likely need additional support during the transition period. Mayor Olsen also expressed interest in moving some arena operations and processes online. The Council held further discussion regarding possible solutions and next steps for the Contoy Arena.

Mayor asked if Councilman Keisel would like to approach Jack about the Special Projects Employee and see if he would be willing to come to a work session.

Motion: To table the matter pending contact with the City Attorney; to accept Jack and Gaylynn's resignation; and to post the Contoy Arena Manager position internally prior to opening the recruitment to the public.



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6. Reports

a. Council Reports

Councilmember Donald Lynn Beesley:

- Reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the ordinance amendment allowing boat and RV storage within the Industrial Park.
- Stated, the Commission is considering changing its regular meeting time from **12:00 PM to 6:00 PM** to improve accessibility.
- Shared that the Hub City Days planning meeting went well and that the city will be seeking additional volunteers.
- Noted that the Recreation Department continues to offer strong programming, but Director Stephanie Blain has requested additional staff support.
- Encouraged the Council to begin exploring options for hiring or assistance within the Recreation Department.
- Raised the issue of potentially revisiting sewer lateral responsibility and asked for Council input. Mayor Olsen commented that the City has limited control over issues such as improper flushing or tree root intrusion. Discussion followed regarding how emergency sewer situations should be handled.
- Requested that the Council receive more consistent department head reports moving forward.

Councilmember Jakob Howcroft:

- Reported that he visited with Library Director Dawn Coates.
- Shared that the library will soon implement a new catalog search system allowing patrons to search resources from other county libraries as well.

Councilmember Russell Keisel:

- Announced that the Veterans Memorial Polar Plunge event will be held on **January 31st**.
- Reported meeting with project engineers and noted that a few design adjustments will be made as the project continues.
- Reported that approximately **2,000 names** have been collected so far for inclusion in the memorial.

Councilmember Rondy G. Black:

- It is reported that a funding package is being finalized, with approximately **\$3.1 million** expected to be allocated toward City Road improvements. Sunrise Engineering has assisted in developing the list of road projects planned for completion.
- Noted the lack of snowfall this season and requested that Public Works Director Colter Allen monitor the City's water resources closely.



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b. Staff Reports

Debbie James: reported that the cost of fireworks has increased approximately **15%** this year. She stated that the Fire Chief needs directions on whether the city can absorb the increased cost or if the fireworks show will need to be reduced in production.

The Council agreed to proceed with the fireworks show at the higher cost.

Debbie also noted that radio advertisements for the concert series will begin tomorrow.

Councilmember Howcroft stated that while reports were being given, he researched and the city cannot reject Jack's resignation letter. He explained that the Council may ask Jack if he wishes to withdraw the resignation; however, once the effective date listed in the letter is reached, his employment may officially conclude. Councilmember Keisel stated that he will speak with Jack the following day.

c. Mayor Report

- Reported that he met with JUB Engineering regarding the grant application to pipe the irrigation ditch near the cemetery.
- Informed residents that they are currently conducting a FEMA floodplain study in the area, and citizens may have noticed FEMA personnel working in creeks, drainage channels, or private backyards.
- Mayor Olsen noted that the city has a scheduled court date with HMH lawsuit in Manti tomorrow.

7. Adjourn

Motion: Action: To Adjourn **moved by** Councilman Keisel **Seconded by** Councilman Black
Motion Passed


Natalie Crosby
Recorder