

**MAPLETON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 18, 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
Clay Hooley, Police Chief
Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer
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 work session meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

WORK SESSION:

Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer, reviewed the proposed project priorities:

- **South Main Street (1600 South to Magnolia Lane):** Recommended to proceed with roadway reconstruction, pressurized irrigation, and partial widening to accommodate turning movements. Estimated new construction cost: \$1.1 million.
- **East Maple Street (North Side Only):** Recommended scaled approach focusing on curb, gutter, sidewalk, ADA improvements, and storm drainage. Estimated cost: \$1.1 million. No additional right-of-way is required on the north side. South side deferred for future consideration.
- **1200 North Sidewalk (800 West to Main Street):** Previously identified project to complete sidewalk on the south side for improved school access. Estimated cost: \$670,000.

Funding Overview:

- Approximately \$2 million available in C-Road reserves.
- Proposed projects exceed available funds, requiring an estimated \$900,000–\$1 million from Capital Improvement Fund reserves.

Additional Projects (Future Funding):

- Improvements involving the Utah Department of Transportation, including the Main/Maple roundabout and 1600 South sidewalk, will be pursued when state funding becomes available.
- Maple Street Extension remains a long-term project in coordination with Mountainland Association of Governments.

The Council expressed support for the proposed project priorities and emphasis was placed on early and direct communication with affected property owners. The south side of East Maple Street was acknowledged as a continuing future need.

The Council indicated general agreement with the proposed project approach and funding strategy and staff was directed to proceed with preliminary planning, design, and coordination with property owners, and to return with formal budget requests and project details at a later date. No formal action was taken.

Motion: Cl. Jones moved to adjourn the Work Session.

Second: Cl. Bott seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously at 5:45 p.m.

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

OPEN FORUM:

Jim Jurgens expressed concern regarding the City’s utility billing process after receiving a delinquency notice just days before a scheduled water shutoff. He explained that after more than two decades of consistently paying his bills, he was not aware of a missed payment and felt the lack of earlier communication was impersonal and inconsistent with the community’s “small town, big heart” values. Councilmembers acknowledged the concern and noted a similar experience had been reported by another resident. This prompted discussion about whether the issue may have been an isolated incident or indicative of a broader process gap. There was general agreement that earlier notification, such as automated reminders, could improve communication and provide residents with an opportunity to resolve issues before reaching a shutoff notice. Staff indicated the process would be reviewed to better align with community expectations and customer service standards.

Barbara Brown shared an upcoming community partnership opportunity with the Ruth Theater, which will highlight Mapleton during a dedicated week from May 11–16, 2026. During that time, the theater will feature a welcome message recognizing the City and Mayor, and performances will include *Wizard of Oz* and *Once Upon an Island*.

She provided vouchers for councilmembers and staff, along with a resident discount offer of \$5 off tickets during that week. Opportunities for optional behind-the-scenes tours will also be available for those attending. Barbara noted ongoing collaboration efforts between the theater and the City, including coordination with local arts programming, and emphasized a shared goal of strengthening community connections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1. Approval of City Council meeting minutes- March 4, 2026

Item 2. Consideration of a Resolution for the approval of reimbursement for the work to be done with the Goble Subdivision for \$52,649.75 to install the storm drain system at 1470 West 1400 North. **Resolution No. 2026-14**

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

Second: Cl. Bott 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 various sections of Mapleton City Code Title 15 (Buildings & Construction) including the adoption of the Wildlands Urban Interface (WUI) map.

Sean Conroy, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. He presented proposed updates related to wildfire risk following the state's adoption of HB48. The legislation requires cities to identify high-risk fire areas and adopt corresponding Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) maps and building standards.

Using the state's fire hazard map, the City has identified its WUI area primarily along the foothills within the critical environmental zone. While development in these areas is currently limited, any future construction would be subject to enhanced building codes aimed at reducing wildfire risk.

The proposed ordinance also includes a cleanup of Title 15, removing redundant language and aligning City code with state standards. No major policy changes are included beyond adopting the required map and code updates. Staff recommended approval of the amendments and adoption of the WUI map.

The public hearing was opened at 6:20 p.m. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

Motion: Cl. Bott moved to approve an Ordinance amending various sections of Mapleton City Code Title 15 (Buildings & Construction) including the adoption of the Wildlands Urban Interface (WUI) map.

Second: Cl. Lake seconded the motion.

Cl. Egbert Yes
Cl. Bott Yes
Cl. Lake Yes
Cl. Beck Yes
Cl. Jones Yes
Vote: Passed 5:0

Ordinance No. 2026-05

Item 4. Consideration of a Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.

Bryce Oyler, Finance Director, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. He presented a budget amendment focused primarily on reallocating existing funds rather than introducing significant new expenses. Key updates include adjustments for police overtime, unanticipated dispatch fees, and increased equipment costs.

The recreation budget allocates \$56,000 to launch the community theater program, with future funding expected to be supported by RAP tax, ticket revenue, and sponsorships. The Pioneer Day budget was also included, with details outlined in Schedule A.

Previously allocated funds for a community center design are being redirected to an electric utility study. Additionally, \$50,000 is set aside this fiscal year for facility design work, with larger construction funding planned for next year.

Council discussion centered on theater revenue projections, technology cost increases, and overall facility planning needs, with the expectation of future budget adjustments as projects progress.

The public hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

Motion: Cl. Jones moved to approve a Resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.
Second: Cl. Beck seconded the motion.
Cl. Egbert Yes
Cl. Bott Yes
Cl. Lake Yes
Cl. Beck Yes
Cl. Jones Yes
Vote: Passed 5:0

Resolution No. 2026-15

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Item 5. Discussion regarding direction and feedback on the Moonlight Half Marathon

Logan Miner, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. He reviewed participation and cost trends, noting some growth in runners but ongoing challenges with rising costs and relatively low participation from Mapleton residents. He outlined several options, including continuing with improvements, modifying the race format or timing, outsourcing, or discontinuing the event.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the event and its unique trail experience but raised concerns about the level of City subsidy and limited local engagement. While the event was described as valuable, most supported discontinuing the race and reallocating resources to other community events, with interest in exploring alternative trail-based activities that better serve residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Sean Conroy reviewed updates to the landscape rebate program from the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, noting residents may now receive partial rebates without adoption of the model ordinance, with full rebates available if adopted.

The Council discussed the item in the context of drought preparedness and expressed continued reluctance to mandate landscaping requirements, favoring voluntary conservation efforts. Staff will continue public outreach to promote water-wise practices and inform residents of rebate opportunities. The Council did not indicate support for adopting the ordinance at this time.

Rob Hunter reported that installation of the traffic signal along U.S. Route 89 is nearing completion, with mast arms installed and utility connections underway by Rocky Mountain Power. While the project is being completed in coordination with the Utah Department of Transportation, staff indicated the signal is anticipated to be operational within the next few weeks. The project was noted as a significant milestone following several years of coordination.

Cl. Egbert expressed appreciation for the progress on the traffic signal along U.S. Route 89 and noted anticipation for its completion. She provided an update on the legislative session, with notice that Representative Whyte will hold his town hall meeting to share his perspective. She discussed transitioning to review how new legislation may impact City procedures and ordinances, including potential implications related to accessory dwelling units and land use. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming conference hosted by the Utah League of Cities and Towns in St. George and encouraged all to attend.

Cl. Lake recognized Logan and his staff for receiving an Outstanding Special Event Award from the Utah Recreation and Parks Association for the City's Veterans Drive event. The event was noted as a meaningful way to honor local veterans, and appreciation was expressed for the team's efforts in organizing a successful community event.

Cl. Bott reported on recent community activities, highlighting the senior luncheon held last week, which included a preparedness presentation. The next senior event is scheduled for April 9th and will focus on pet preparedness. Registrations are now being collected online and via phone to better track attendance, with details shared in the city newsletter and on Facebook. The seniors' group had a meeting to discuss their priorities, reinforcing the city's commitment to inclusive, community-focused planning.

The MYCC youth group continues its engagement process, meeting in small groups to discuss library experiences and gather input on improvements.

Cl. Beck reported that the budget committee has been meeting every other week and has reviewed departmental needs. The process is gradually moving closer to finalizing the next fiscal year's budget, with further updates to come.

Cory Branch noted that April will be busier than usual, with council meetings planned for the 1st and 15th. The master plan is likely to return for review on April 1st. Additionally, Mapleton Junior High will visit on Tuesday, April 14th, from approximately 10 a.m. to noon. Staff will provide a detailed agenda and reminders to ensure council members know when their participation is needed.

Logan Miner reminded all of the Splash of Color event is on March 28th at Ira Allan from 12 to 2 p.m. Regarding the bike park, bids closed last Thursday with 10 qualified submissions. The team is reviewing contractor qualifications to ensure experience with bike park construction. Bids came in below the engineer's estimate, and staff hopes to present for council approval on April 1st.

Groundbreaking is tentatively planned for mid-April, but due to ongoing construction on Harmony Ridge Parkway, a smaller in-person ceremony with the mayor and council is planned, likely livestreamed for safety. Staff will confirm the exact date once coordinated

Bryce Oyler added that the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District is preparing next year's budget and plans to raise their rates by \$1 per ton, from \$46 to \$47, due to increases at Bay View. The city has maintained its rates steady despite prior district increases. A work session is planned to review the impact on local garbage service rates and discuss potential adjustments.

Chief Hooley reported that the animal shelter budget will be finalized and voted on in April or May. The proposed budget is similar to last year, and no concerns were noted at this time. Councilmembers were invited to provide any input prior to the vote. Recent legislation impacting animal shelter operations was also noted, though it is not expected to significantly affect the City.

He also provided an update on House Bill 381, which will take effect May 6, addressing regulation of electric motorcycles. The law clarifies that these vehicles are classified as motor vehicles, requiring registration and insurance. Staff will work on public education efforts to inform residents, as violations may result in mandatory impound.

Mayor Garrett reported on ongoing planning efforts for Pioneer Day, noting the committee is making good progress and expects to finalize the event logo soon. He expressed appreciation for the work being done to prepare for the celebration. He also reminded the Council of the upcoming community cleanup scheduled for April 25 and encouraged participation.

Motion: Cl. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Cl. Beck seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed unanimously at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED: April 1, 2026



Camille Brown, City Recorder