

**MAPLETON CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 2026**

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**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  
Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer  
Logan Miner, Parks and Recreation Director

**Minutes taken by:** Camille Brown, City Recorder

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

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

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Doug Allen** raised concerns related to traffic and development in Mapleton. First, he highlighted speeding issues on northbound 1600 North/Highway 89, noting that many vehicles are traveling significantly over the speed limit, with some reaching up to 90 mph. He referenced a traffic monitoring box previously installed by Chief John Jackson and expressed frustration that no action has been taken yet. Staff agreed to review the data and follow up with him directly.

He also addressed the use of engine brakes by large trucks in the area. While the state allows the city to post a restricted-use sign, enforcement would be the city's responsibility. He requested that the council revisit this matter to determine next steps.

Doug suggested placing a temporary hold on issuing building permits until the city's water situation improves. He explained that slowing new construction now would be easier than managing problems later, noting past instances where moratoriums were used. Council members indicated they would consider these items and discuss potential actions in future meetings.

**Andrew Felt**, a first-year member of the Mapleton Youth City Council (MYCC), addressed concerns about a potential split of MYCC into two separate groups, a service group and a government group. He explained that the current unified structure is what drew him to the program, as it allowed him to serve the community while learning how local government functions. Felt emphasized that splitting the council could disconnect the government-focused members from community service and deprive the executive council of practical leadership experience. He noted that most MYCC members were unaware of the proposed split until recently and that the idea was largely unpopular among members. Felt urged that the council remain a single, integrated group, highlighting that the current balance is effective and

inspiring for youth involvement. He concluded by acknowledging upcoming meetings where the proposal will be discussed further and questions addressed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Item 1.** Approval of City Council meeting minutes- March 18, 2026
  - Item 2.** Consideration of a Resolution to approve the contract with Caliber Contractor LLC for \$4,248,304.40 for the Bike Park. **Resolution No. 2026-16**
  - Item 3.** Consideration of a Resolution to approve the contract with Holbrook Asphalt for \$151,200.00 for the 2026 Spring Crack Seal project. **Resolution No. 2026-17**
  - Item 4.** Consideration of a Resolution to approve \$21,422.50 for Change Order 3 on the 800 North Hwy 89 Intersection Improvements project. **Resolution No. 2026-18**
- Motion:** Cl. Lake 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

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Item 5. Consideration of a Resolution adopting the Mapleton City Transportation Master Plan.** Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. Jeremy Searle, WCG, updated revisions to the Transportation Master Plan following prior council and public feedback. The plan was refined after additional analysis of the transportation network and community input. A key revision included the removal of the proposed West Maple Street extension between US-89 and Double Day. Instead, traffic circulation will be accommodated through intersection improvements and alternative routing, maintaining acceptable levels of service. The plan also incorporates active transportation enhancements, including a trail connection through the Dry Creek area with access to Helen Way, preserving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity without adding a roadway. Jeremy highlighted a major success from the planning process, noting the City secured approximately \$1.7 million in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for a roundabout project. The council expressed appreciation for the extensive public outreach, including surveys, open houses, and stakeholder engagement.

- Motion:** Cl. Beck moved to approve a Resolution adopting the Mapleton City Transportation Master Plan with the revisions that were presented.  
**Second:** Cl. Jones seconded the motion.
- Cl. Bott Yes
  - Cl. Lake Yes
  - Cl. Beck Yes
  - Cl. Jones Yes
  - Cl. Egbert Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0  
**Resolution No. 2026-19**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**Item 5. Discussion regarding Pioneer Days**

Logan Miner, Parks and Recreation Director, provided background on the continued growth of attendance at the Pioneer Days, particularly on Saturday evening, noting that the increase in participation has created challenges related to seating availability and space reservation. He explained that despite prior efforts to establish designated setup times, attendees frequently reserve spaces earlier than permitted. Enforcement has been difficult due to the open nature of the park, which allows access from multiple points, resulting in reliance on an honor system. Additional concerns include the increasing size of reserved areas and instances where spaces are held for extended periods without being used, limiting access for other attendees. He reported that while total attendance reaches approximately 14,000 to 15,000 individuals, the number of formal complaints remains relatively low. However, the concerns raised have been consistent and primarily relate to oversized reserved areas and delayed occupancy. He also noted that approximately 40% of attendees are city residents, with a higher percentage likely when accounting for visiting family members. Councilmembers discussed the importance of clearly identifying the problem before implementing solutions. Concerns were raised regarding the feasibility of enforcement and the potential unintended consequences of more restrictive measures. The idea of implementing paid seating was discussed but generally viewed as complex and potentially problematic. The Council expressed support for beginning with increased communication and education rather than immediate regulation. Several members suggested encouraging a reasonable space limit, such as a 10-by-10 area per household, and improving public messaging regarding setup times and considerate use of space. The use of creative and engaging communication methods was also encouraged. The Council indicated a preference for a measured approach, starting with education and voluntary compliance, while allowing staff to evaluate outcomes before considering more formalized systems or enforcement mechanisms in the future. Logan also reported that the Pioneer Days logo has been finalized and that registration for all events opened, with pre-sales running through June 1. He noted that the event magazine will be distributed earlier this year, with delivery expected in mid-June, as it has proven to be an important tool for increasing participation. Pioneer Days is scheduled for July 10–18 and will celebrate 125 years of Mapleton with the theme “Together We Thrive,” incorporating elements of the America 250 initiative. He highlighted several new additions, including an essay contest, a Pioneer Festival focused on heritage activities, a car show, adjustments to the flag ceremony, a Lego competition, and a drone show. He noted that staff are working to balance new ideas with overall event capacity while maintaining the event’s traditional character.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Rob Hunter** reported that the 800 North signal is now fully operational, with no issues reported. Some minor repaving will occur in the next few weeks to correct slope and curbing issues from winter work, but the overall project is complete. The city’s pavement maintenance season is beginning soon, including crack sealing within the next two to three weeks, micro-sealing from late May into June, and HA5 and milling overlays planned for July and August.

On 1600 South, work is underway to pipe the remaining section of the city's only connected storm drain through Chief Jackson's yard, a high-priority project from the stormwater master plan. The construction contract for the public works yard, recently bid, will be presented to the council at the next meeting for approval, with bids coming in well below estimates.

Information regarding engine brakes was also mentioned. Staff will review the ordinance specifics and prepare a summary for the council.

**Cl. Egbert** provided an overview of the recently concluded legislative session, highlighting positive outcomes for cities. She noted that funding for local administrators, which had been cut last year, was restored, benefiting cities that cannot afford a full-time administrator. Several property tax revisions passed, and the Utah League of Cities and Towns has developed new educational materials and outreach to help residents understand truth-in-taxation processes and how their tax dollars are used. Detached accessory units remain largely unaffected in Mapleton, and proposed property tax restrictions for cities did not pass.

Egbert also discussed energy and utility amendments, including rules about revenue bonds and service territories, which require further review. Language around economic opportunity reverted to "economic development," and emergency medical services remain covered under governmental immunity retroactive to 1985. SB68 was passed to limit lawsuits seeking monetary compensation for ADA non-compliance, allowing cities to recoup costs. Political signs may now be placed in park strips under new rules, and transportation utility fees are now codified in law. She noted that interim legislation related to the Olympics, homelessness, transportation, and infrastructure will continue to develop. Overall, she emphasized that the session was favorable for cities, with many concerning proposals either amended or defeated, and that Mapleton will integrate relevant updates into local codes.

**Cl. Bott** noted that the Senior Citizens Lunch will be held on April 9th, with advance registration encouraged to assist with planning.

An update was provided on MYCC, highlighting efforts to expand youth engagement, with further discussion planned at an upcoming meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce is organizing its annual Business Bingo event, offering an opportunity for community engagement.

**Cl. Lake** reminded the council given that the bike park groundbreaking will take place in two weeks prior to the council meeting. He also noted that additional discussion on a children's market will be provided at a future meeting.

**Mayor Garrett** noted that, to promote water conservation, the City has decided to discontinue fire department spray-down activities at school and community events for the current year. This decision was made due to the significant amount of water used during these activities, with the goal of reducing unnecessary water consumption.

**Cl. Jones** shared input regarding the library, which aligned with ongoing council discussions about potential changes to the administration building. Staff have participated in multiple meetings utilizing a human-centered design process and recently completed a prototype. A presentation to the Council is anticipated within the next few weeks.

She stated that Cory is coordinating a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power, expected to take place toward the end of April, to begin discussions on power-related matters.

Additionally, it was observed that the City's bid opening process is highly transparent. Council members were encouraged to attend a future bid opening to better understand the process and help communicate accurate information to the public.

**Sean Conroy** reported that Eckles Paving has begun dirt-moving activities for their office building just north of Harvest Park on Highway 89. The expansion has been approved for several years and does not include additional yard space.

He also reported that a mixed-use development at 200 North Highway 89, featuring commercial space on the ground floor with residential above, has been approved. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m., with invitations to the Mayor and Council will be coming. Cl. Egbert questioned about the “Active Projects” portion of the website. Sean stated that it is near completion.

**Cory Branch** reminded the council of the upcoming opportunity to meet with a group of 23 Mapleton Junior High students on Tuesday, April 14th. The students are members of the National Junior Honor Society, which emphasizes scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

The visit is scheduled from 10:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with department breakout sessions from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by lunch from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m., and concluding with a Q&A session with the Mayor from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Council members are encouraged to attend the portions relevant to the departments they liaise with, though they may attend the full session if desired.

Questions and discussion topics will include how council decisions are made, pursuing leadership at the state level, and students reflecting on their strengths in the NJHS pillars. An agenda and proposed questions will be sent to council members prior to the visit.

**Logan Miner** reported that the Splash Color event held the previous Saturday was successful, with good weather and strong attendance. Appreciation was expressed for city staff and the MYCC for their efforts in organizing the event.

Additionally, he mentioned the recent groundbreaking ceremony and indicated plans to report back on the Children’s Entrepreneur Fair, including potential next steps for that event.


**Motion:** Cl. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Cl. Egbert seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Passed unanimously at 7:06 p.m.

**APPROVED: April 15, 2026**

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Camille Brown, City Recorder

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