

**MAPLETON CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 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  
Bryce Oyler, Finance Director

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

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

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Garrett called the work session meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Bryce Oyler, Finance Director, presented an overview of the City's solid waste fund, including current expenditures, revenues, and reserve levels. He reported that the fund experienced a \$122,000 deficit in FY2025 and is projected to have an approximate \$133,000 deficit in FY2026. The City has been utilizing fund reserves to offset these losses, resulting in a decline in the fund balance from approximately \$724,000 in FY2023 to \$499,000 in FY2025, with further reductions anticipated.

Bryce explained that increased costs from contracted services, including Republic Services and Dry Creek Transfer Station, are the primary drivers of the deficit. These increases include contractual annual rate escalations and higher per-ton disposal fees. A target reserve of approximately \$500,000, equivalent to 180 days of operating expenses, was identified as an appropriate benchmark for maintaining financial stability within the enterprise fund.

He presented two rate adjustment options. Option A would increase the first can to \$13.50 per month and the additional can to \$9.50 per month, generating an estimated annual surplus of approximately \$25,000. Option B would increase the first can to \$14.00 per month and the additional can to \$10.00 per month, generating an estimated annual surplus of approximately \$100,000. Bryce recommended Option B, noting it would provide greater long-term sustainability and reduce the likelihood of frequent future rate adjustments.

Councilmembers discussed the proposed rate adjustments and generally indicated that Option A would not adequately address long-term financial needs due to ongoing cost increases. Discussion included consideration of the pricing structure between first and additional cans, with several Councilmembers expressing interest in narrowing the price gap or exploring alternative pricing models, including equalizing rates or reducing the difference between cans.

It was noted that both cans cost the City the same to service, and the current pricing structure partially reflects the absence of a recycling program. Staff indicated that changes to second-can pricing may result in minor reductions in participation but are unlikely to significantly alter customer behavior. Council also discussed the cost of spring and fall cleanup events, estimated at approximately \$30,000 annually. While acknowledged as a contributing expense, these events were not identified as the primary cause of the fund deficit.

Council emphasized the importance of proactively informing residents about the financial condition of the solid waste fund and the need for a rate adjustment. Staff was directed to develop and provide additional rate scenarios reflecting Council feedback, evaluate alternative pricing structures for first and additional cans, and prepare a public communication plan outlining the need for rate adjustments. Bryce indicated the intent to bring a final rate proposal forward for Council consideration in advance of budget adoption in June, with a public hearing to be scheduled as part of the rate adjustment process.

Mayor Garrett called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Cl. Egbert gave the invocation, and Cl. Jones gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **CEREMONIAL ITEM:**

**Leann Powell**, Executive Director of the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA), thanked the Council for the opportunity to recognize the City's Parks and Recreation Department. She noted that URPA represents approximately 2,000 professionals statewide and presents annual awards based on nominations from across Utah.

She highlighted the three core pillars of parks and recreation: health and wellness, sustainability and conservation, and ensuring recreation opportunities for all. She expressed appreciation for the Council's support, emphasizing its importance in maintaining strong community programs.

Ms. Powell also recognized staff members for their leadership, including Jacqueline for her participation in the leadership academy, Kyle Clyde for serving on the URPA Board, and Logan Miner as a statewide leader in parks and recreation.

She concluded by commending the City's Parks and Recreation team before turning the time over for the award presentation.

**Janell Payne**, President Elect of the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA) expressed appreciation for the opportunity to speak and echoed prior remarks, noting her personal and professional gratitude for the support and collaboration of the City's Parks and Recreation staff. She highlighted Logan Miner as a valuable resource and leader who has been especially helpful in sharing ideas and providing guidance.

She explained that URPA presents awards across 11 categories, with the Outstanding Special Event category being highly competitive. She commended Mapleton's Veterans Drive event, noting its strong community involvement, interactive nature, and meaningful support of local veterans. She emphasized that the event stood out for its ability to actively engage the community rather than simply hosting a traditional ceremony.

Ms. Payne concluded by congratulating Mapleton City and formally presenting the Outstanding Special Event award for the Veterans Drive.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

**Brooklyn Nelson and Scott Lewis** representing the Mapleton Youth City Council, (MYCC), thanked the Council for the opportunity to present and discussed proposed changes to the program. They

referenced the Utah Youth Council definition, emphasizing that youth councils are intended to promote civic engagement, service, and leadership within the community.

They acknowledged concerns about a lack of government focus within MYCC and agreed that strengthening that component is important. However, they expressed opposition to the proposal to split the program into separate government and service groups, stating that doing so could reduce unity and force participants to choose between the two. They emphasized that the combination of service and government involvement helps build leadership, relationships, and overall engagement.

They suggested maintaining a unified structure while improving balance between service and government activities. Additional recommendations included involving members in the decision-making process, reducing overall membership to a more manageable size (around 50 participants), and implementing participation requirements to encourage commitment and engagement.

They concluded by reiterating the importance of preserving unity within MYCC while enhancing its effectiveness.

**Hannah Gabler** described her committee's work with Councilmember Leslie Jones on library planning, noting it provided meaningful, real-world government experience.

She supported increasing government involvement within MYCC but opposed splitting the program, emphasizing the importance of maintaining both service and government opportunities. She encouraged continued collaboration with the City Council to improve the program.

**Lizzie Ariona**, a two-year MYCC member, shared her positive experience and noted she initially joined for service but developed an interest in government through recent involvement in library planning discussions.

She supported increasing the government focus but expressed concern about splitting the program, stating that service helped lead her to government involvement. She encouraged continued collaboration and input from MYCC members in shaping the program's future.

**Andrew Felt**, a first-year MYCC member, shared that he developed an interest in government through recent activities and emphasized the importance of keeping service and government combined. He suggested alternating monthly activities between service and government rather than splitting the program.

He also requested more information on the proposed changes and their background. Council members responded that the concept has been discussed for several years and expressed openness to sharing information and holding a joint work session. Both groups emphasized collaboration and a shared goal of fostering engaged, service-minded youth.

**Rebecca Dastrup** shared that she initially joined for service but developed an interest in government through involvement in library planning and City Council meetings. She expressed concern that splitting MYCC could limit similar opportunities for youth to discover civic engagement.

Council members then thanked the MYCC participants for their thoughtful input and participation, noting their professionalism and willingness to engage in the discussion. They emphasized confidence in reaching a collaborative solution through continued dialogue.

**Lexi Holley** shared that the program highly valuable, building friendships and learning through both service and government experiences. She encouraged the council to include the youth in decisions about MYCC, emphasizing that experiential learning and shared input are important.

**Jackie Gabler**, a parent expressed concern about limited communication regarding proposed changes to MYCC, noting they were unaware of a shift toward increased government focus despite long-term involvement in the program. They emphasized the need for transparency and clarity about the City's vision and how changes could affect youth and families.

They requested a presentation outlining the proposal and suggested receiving more detailed information within about a month. Council members acknowledged the concerns and indicated a willingness to provide additional clarity on the proposed direction.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Item 1.** Approval of City Council meeting minutes- April 1, 2026
- Item 2.** Consideration of a Resolution to approve the contract with Innovate Construction for \$1,036,372.00 for the Mapleton Public Works Building and Yard Phase I project.  
**Resolution No. 2026-20**
- Item 3.** Consideration of a Resolution to approve deposit accounts with Central Bank.  
**Resolution No. 2026-21**
- Item 4.** Consideration of Resolution authorizing city staff to write off 3 utility accounts.  
**Resolution No. 2026-22**
- Item 5.** Consideration of a Resolution to approve a contract with B Hone X LLC for \$34,200 to install the sump storm drain system at 1350 Wet 1200 North. **Resolution No. 2026-23**
- Motion:** Cl. Jones 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

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**Item 5. Discussion regarding Utility Billing Process.**

Bryce Oyler, Finance Director, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. He presented an overview of the City’s utility billing process, outlining the monthly billing cycle, late notices, delinquent notices, and shut-off procedures. He explained that the process includes multiple steps of notification, including mailed bills, late fees, green delinquent notices, and final shut-off warnings, with phone notifications sent through Everbridge prior to service interruption.

He noted that the City works with residents to resolve payment issues and provides extensions or assistance when contacted. Bryce then proposed adding an additional courtesy reminder call/text before the delinquent notice stage to improve communication and reduce missed payments, stating it would not disrupt the existing billing process.

Council members discussed the proposal, generally supporting the additional notification as an administrative improvement while noting it falls within staff operations. They emphasized the importance of continued evaluation of processes and commended staff for their work in managing utility billing and maintaining clear communication with residents

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Rob Hunter** informed the Council of an incident in the Sunrise Ranch area where an incorrect valve was closed during pressurized irrigation system work, resulting in a retention pond filling and minor flooding. He reported that staff responded quickly and resolved the issue, with cleanup completed the same day.

One residence experienced minor basement water intrusion and is working with a restoration company for repairs.

He noted that the situation has been addressed and no further issues remain. Rob also stated that most city projects are currently in preparation stages and no additional updates were provided.

**Cl. Egbert** reported no legislative update due to the end of the legislative session. She noted ongoing meetings and budget planning and mentioned upcoming attendance at the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference and will be presenting with the Utah Municipal Clerks Association.

**Cl. Lake** noted excitement following the bike park groundbreaking and upcoming construction and opening plans. He discussed a proposed children’s market requesting park space during existing farmers market events. Council agreed to invite the organizers to present at a future meeting for further discussion. Updates were also given on Mapleton Community Theater, including upcoming activities and a May 1 fundraising gala benefiting the organization.

**Cl. Bott** reported that the senior lunch program continues to grow, with about 90 participants this month, and noted plans to replace aging equipment and consider adjusting hours for better accessibility. They also highlighted positive youth engagement and support for a future joint discussion on civic engagement planning. Additional updates included a Chamber groundbreaking for a new business on Highway 89.

**Mayor Garrett** encouraged participation in the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference and the upcoming community cleanup event on the 25th, noting the value of community involvement and service. He also provided an update on a local missing person case, stating the vehicle had been located and asking the community to keep the family in their thoughts. He concluded by noting ongoing budget committee meetings, with a draft budget expected in early May

**Cl. Jones** noted an upcoming initial meeting with Rocky Mountain Power in May, with follow-up reporting to Council after the meeting.

**Logan Miner** thanked all for coming to the groundbreaking, they are excited about the project and he will keep the council updated on key milestones. A few upcoming dates are Arbor Day is April 24 at 1:30 p.m. at Harvest Park with Maple Ridge Elementary participating and a tree planting demonstration. Opening Day is May 9 with parade, T-ball, and ceremonies at Ira Allen. Chalk the Walk is May 11 from 6–8 p.m. with a health and wellness focus alongside traditional activities. Evans Park design kickoff is expected in the next week or two.

On “Flip the Strip,” he recommends replacing grass medians on 400 North with a more water-wise, low-maintenance landscape like rock and drought-tolerant plantings, and council generally supported moving forward. The ice rink discussions continue with residents on funding and long-term sustainability, with more updates to come.

**Motion:** Cl. Bott moved to adjourn the meeting and open a closed session pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205 for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

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

**Vote:** Passed unanimously at 7:25 p.m.

**APPROVED: May 6, 2026**

  
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Camille Brown, City Recorder