



Minutes
Mount Pleasant City Council
April 28, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

The Mount Pleasant City Council held a regular meeting April 28, 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- *Jeff Parish*

Opening Prayer- *Britanny Adams*

2. Roll Call – *City Recorder*

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

Employees Present: Natalie Crosby, Chief Steve Gray, Colter Allen, Jeff Parish, Debbie James, Shane Ward, Trinity Blackburn, Marilu Zamudio

Others Present: Rick Allred, Claudia Jarrett, Pam Stoker, Sarah Carter, Harriet Jorgensen, Rod Eichelberger, Shirleen Cox

3. Consent Agenda – *Mayor*

Claims Register:

Dated 04/11/2026 to 04/24/2026 in the amount of \$261,976.03

Approval of Minutes:

April 14, 2026, Regular City Council Minutes

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

Yes: Councilman Beck, 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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Rod Eichelberger, Head Water Master – Twin Creek Irrigation:

Mr. Eichelberger provided a water update, reporting that current water levels are approximately 80% lower than the previous year. He expressed appreciation to Mayor Olsen, Public Works Director Colter Allen, and Debbie James for organizing the recent water meeting. He also commended the Public Works Department for their prompt response in repairing a recent water leak.

Sarah Carter:

Ms. Carter expressed concerns regarding the increased truck traffic associated with the new gravel pit located down Llama Lane. She noted that children in the RV park area could be placed at risk, as trucks would cross the walking trail multiple times. She questioned the signage directing all truck traffic past the RV park and stated that, as a business owner, she did not feel it was fair for all truck traffic to be routed past her business. Ms. Carter requested that alternative route options be considered.

Shirlene Cox:

Ms. Cox, a resident of Carter's RV Park, stated that she had also contacted Terry Brotherson regarding the issue. She voiced concerns about the safety of children walking to school and traveling to the park due to truck traffic from the new gravel pit down Llama Lane, citing the narrow roadway and increased traffic. Ms. Cox asked whether alternative truck routes could be explored. The Council advised Ms. Cox to present her concerns to Sanpete County officials, as the gravel pit is located within county jurisdiction and outside Mt. Pleasant City limits.

5. Business/Action Items:

a. Purchases & Requisitions

i. Requisition #042601 to Wesco for MVA Transformer for Substation 3 in the amount of \$653,054.00- *Shane Ward*

Power Superintendent Shane Ward presented Requisition #042601 for the purchase of an MVA transformer from Wesco for Substation 3 in the amount of \$653,054.00. Mr. Ward explained that the estimated lead time for the transformer is approximately 2.5 years, making it necessary to move forward with the purchase at this time to meet project timelines. He stated that the transformer will be utilized for the new substation project and funded through power impact fees associated with the project. Mr. Ward also noted that billing for the transformer will occur in multiple phases throughout the procurement process. Additionally, he indicated that transformer allocations may be adjusted or swapped once the equipment arrives, depending on project needs.

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

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ii. Requisition #042602 to Diamond Mountain Marketing for lights at Veteran's Memorial in the amount of \$15,619.31-Shane Ward

Power Superintendent Shane Ward presented Requisition #042602 for the purchase of lighting for the Veterans Memorial from Diamond Mountain Marketing in the amount of \$15,619.31. Mr. Ward stated that, to the greatest extent possible, funding for the project would come from the Veterans Memorial budget. He further noted that the Power Department is willing to contribute a portion of the funding to assist with the project.

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

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

Motion passed

Finance Director Dave Oxman presented Requisition #040603 for the purchase of a new printer for the Recreation Center from Les Olson Company in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. Following discussion, the Council determined additional options should be explored prior to approval.

Motion: Council action was taken to postpone consideration of the requisition until the next meeting to allow for further review of available options.

iii. Requisition #040604 to Sunrise Engineering in the amount of \$10,400.00-Brittanny Adams

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

Yes: Councilman Keisel, Councilman Black

No: Councilman Beck, Councilman Beesley, Councilman Howcroft

Motion failed.

iv. Ratification of Emergency Requisitions (if any)

Debbie James informed the Council that bids had been received for painting the foyer at the Contoy Arena. She stated that the project will be funded through a \$20,000 grant awarded by the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, with Mario's Painting of Moroni submitting the



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selected bid in the amount of \$8,000. Although formal Council approval was not required for the expenditure, Ms. James presented the information to keep the Council informed of the project and funding allocation.

- b. Approval of Resolution #2026-05 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PAPERLESS UTILITY BILLING POLICY FOR MT. PLEASANT CITY; ESTABLISHING LIMITED EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS- Debbie James*

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

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

Motion passed

- c. Approval of Resolution #2026-06 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD (MVR) POLICY FOR MT. PLEASANT CITY- Brittany Adams*

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

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

Motion passed

- d. Approval of Resolution #2026-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RETURN-TO-WORK POLICY FOR MT. PLEASANT CITY- Brittany Adams*

Motion: Action: To Approve with the amendment to remove the Recorder's name and replace it with the title "City Recorder." **moved by** Councilman Beck **Seconded by** Councilman Keisel

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- e. Approval of Recommendation from Planning & Zoning – Proposed Rezone of Sensitive Land located at approximately 925 South and 100 West (Llama Lane), currently RA Zone extending south to the City Limits- **Dave Oxman**

Finance Director Dave Oxman presented a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the proposed rezone of sensitive land located at approximately 925 South and 100 West (Llama Lane), currently designated as RA Zone and extending south to the city limits. The Council discussed the boundaries and specific areas proposed for rezoning.

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

Yes: Councilman Beck, Councilman Beesley, Councilman Black

No: Councilman Howcroft

Abstain: Councilman Keisel

Motion passed

- f. Approval of Ordinance #2026-07 *AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MITIGATION RATES AND A BILLING PROGRAM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES*-**Fire Chief Sam Draper**

Ordinance #2026-07, establishing mitigation rates and a billing program for Fire Department services, was presented for Council consideration. Fire Chief Sam Draper was not in attendance at the meeting, and Councilmembers expressed concerns and questions regarding the ordinance. It was also noted that Exhibit A had not been included in the Council packet for review.

Motion: Council action was taken to postpone consideration of Ordinance #2026-07 until Fire Chief Draper can be present to address Council questions and Exhibit A is provided for review.

6. Discussion/Possible Action:

- a. Discussion/Possible Action: Truck Route for Gravel Pit South of City Park- **Mayor Olsen**

Mayor Olsen led a discussion regarding truck traffic routes associated with the gravel pit located south of the City Park. Councilmembers acknowledged that there was no ideal solution for the roadway concerns but discussed several measures to improve public safety. Among the options considered was reducing the speed limit in affected areas to help address concerns related to increased truck traffic near residential areas, the park, and pedestrian routes.



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The Council agreed to reduce the speed limit to 15 mph in designated sections surrounding the impacted area.

Motion: Councilman Beck moved to lower the speed limit to 15 mph from Highway 89 along 200 West to the park loop, extending to 700 South. **Councilman Howcroft seconded** the motion.

Councilman Beck subsequently withdrew his motion.

A revised motion was then made by **Councilman Howcroft** and **seconded by Councilman Beck** to lower the speed limit to 15 mph in the previously discussed areas, including south of 9700 East Llama Lane.

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

Motion passed

- b.* Discussion/Possible Action: Irrigation Watering Practices, Enforcement Measures, and Field Watering Within City Limits -**Colter Allen**

Public Works Director Colter Allen led a discussion regarding current irrigation watering practices, enforcement measures, and field watering within City limits. Mr. Allen stated that signage outlining in-town field watering regulations and usage requirements will be posted throughout the community, including 200 North, to increase public awareness.

The Council discussed concerns regarding water overuse, particularly due to some pastures continuing to run irrigation water overnight during a critically dry year. Councilman Beesley emphasized the seriousness of current water conditions and the need for stronger conservation efforts.

Mr. Allen proposed an enforcement process for violations of watering restrictions, recommending that the first offense result in a warning letter and subsequent violations result in fines added to the resident's utility bill. Additional discussion occurred regarding the possibility of further reducing watering times to conserve water resources. Mayor Olsen inquired about sign placement, and Mr. Allen confirmed signage would be prominently posted in key areas to notify residents of the watering regulations

Motion: Action: To Approve moved by Councilman Beck Seconded by Councilman Howcroft

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c. Discussion/Possible Action: Impact Fees Related to School District – *Shane Ward*

Power Superintendent Shane Ward presented information to the Council regarding impact fees related to the School District. Mr. Ward provided a summary document outlining the purpose, structure, and application of the City's impact fees. He explained that the presentation was intended to ensure Councilmembers understood the reasoning behind charging impact fees and how those fees support infrastructure needs associated with growth and development.

7. Reports

Council Reports

Councilman Cade Beck:

- No report.

Councilman Rondy Black:

- Spoke with UDOT regarding changes resulting from the recent speed study; new signs have been ordered.
- Provided a sewer project update, stated water lines have been installed, and preparations are underway for the new headworks building.
- Reported that Mayor Olsen signed the contract for road design work.
- Surveyors are expected within two weeks.
- Public Works will address potholes and widen select roadway areas prior to completion of overlays.

Councilman Russell G. Keisel:

- Reported that the Veterans Memorial pad is expected to be poured this week.
- Thanked the Power Department for installing conduit for the project.
- Stated that Public Works Director Colter Allen will coordinate efforts for upcoming sidewalk installation.

Councilman Jake Howcroft:

- Reminded staff not to distribute employee phone numbers publicly.
- Thanked the Public Works Department for their irrigation efforts.



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- Expressed appreciation to Debbie James and Brittany Adams for their work at the recent concert event.
- Reminded residents that City Cleanup Days will be held the next two Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the sewer ponds.
- Noted that toxic materials and tires will not be accepted.

Councilman D. Lynn Beesley:

- Asked about the water line extension to the park; Mayor Olsen stated updated information had been received and the project will soon go out for bids.
- Requested that more bid information be distributed to Council when departments are asking for project bids.
- Requested regular departmental reports, Councilman Beck will develop a reporting template for departments.
- Requested re-valuation of the mowing tractor currently at the shop to determine whether rental was necessary.
- Inquired about the cemetery ditch project; Mayor Olsen confirmed it has been awarded.
- Reported that pickleball continues to grow in popularity.
- Noted that Planning & Zoning approved several zone changes, with additional recommendations likely to be forthcoming.

Police Chief Steve Gray:

- Reported that the Police Department participated in the second-largest drug bust in Sanpete County history.
- Recognized Officer John Blackburn for outstanding work with the K9 unit.

Staff Reports:

Debbie James:

- Boat Regatta at the pool this Saturday.
- May 9: Hub City Royalty and Cornhole Tournament.
- May 16: Miss Mt. Pleasant.
- May 30: Paw Fest and Trail Open House.

Dave Oxman:

- Reported that he sent email requesting feedback from the council.



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Shane Ward:

- Provided an update on Kyle Sorensen's condition.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Olsen:

- Had nothing further to report.

8. Closed Session (if necessary)

No closed session was held.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Action: To Adjourn **moved by** Councilman Keisel **Seconded by** Councilman Beck

Motion Passed

