MAPLETON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 20, 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 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 regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Cl. Bott gave the invocation, and Cl. Beck gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>OPEN FORUM:</u>

Isaac Paxman, candidate for Utah County Commissioner Seat B, introduced himself and outlined his background in law and eight years of local government service with Provo City. He highlighted experience managing city departments, coordinating regional collaboration among local governments, and securing outside funding, including for the Provo City Airport project completed without debt or tax increases. Mr. Paxman emphasized his vision of a collaborative county government that respects city autonomy, supports communities of all sizes, and advocates for transportation funding and regional priorities throughout Utah County.

Alex Yang expressed concerns regarding the proposed project, stating that ice rinks in Utah generally require tax support and questioning the project's financial viability if revenue generation is a goal. He raised concerns about public safety, citing research he conducted regarding crime impacts near ice rinks and characterizing the proposal as more commercial in nature than a city amenity. Mr. Yang urged the City to conduct independent due diligence regarding potential negative impacts rather than relying solely on information provided through the proposed MOU process. He stated that many neighboring residents oppose the city signing the MOU, requested that the document be made available for public review, and emphasized community priorities of safety, neighborhood character, and maintaining Mapleton as a family-oriented community.

<u>PRESENTATION ITEMS:</u>

Jessica Lake, representing Northridge Event Center, presented a $4,500 donation check and shared information about the *Cinderella Enchanted* gala fundraiser that made the contribution possible. She explained that the event was developed through a collaborative community effort involving themed décor, live entertainment, silent auction, raffle donations, and volunteer participation. She highlighted the involvement of local performers, community theater members, and business partners who donated time, talent, services, and materials to create the event experience. She noted that the event included 91 plated dinners and more than $41,000 in donated event value, and expressed appreciation to the many volunteers, sponsors, and community members whose support contributed to the successful fundraiser and resulting donation.

Mapleton Youth City Council (MYCC) presented the results of a human-centered design process focused on the future of the Mapleton Library, facilitated by Council Member Leslie Jones. The group described working through stages including empathizing, defining needs, ideating, synthesizing ideas, and prototyping concepts to better understand community needs and envision a more inclusive library experience. Youth participants emphasized themes of belonging, flexible gathering spaces, food and café concepts, technology and maker spaces, designated areas for different age groups, expanded checkout options beyond books, and opportunities for off-screen activities and community connection. Council and staff discussed potential next steps, including upcoming facility concept planning efforts, and expressed appreciation for the youth's engagement, creativity, and thoughtful participation in the process.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u>

Item 1.	Approval of City Council meeting minutes- May 6, 2026
Item 2.	Consideration of a Resolution appointing a new alternate member of the Planning Commission. **Resolution No. 2026-28**
Item 3.	Consideration of a Resolution to approve the contract with Holbrook Asphalt for $285,034.43 for the 2026 HA5 High Density Mineral Bond project. **Resolution No. 2026-29**
Item 4.	Consideration of a Resolution to approve the contract with Keller Associates for $97,800 for the South Main Street Improvements design. **Resolution No. 2026-30**
Motion:	Cl. Jones moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Second:	Cl. Beck seconded the motion.
Vote:	
Cl. Egbert	Yes
Cl. Bott	Yes
Cl. Lake	Yes
Cl. Beck	Yes
Cl. Jones	Yes
Vote:	Passed 5:0

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:</u>

Sean Conroy thanked everyone for taking the time to come to Rick Hansen's retirement open house. He did an outstanding job for Mapleton during his tenure here.

Cl. Egbert reported that the interim legislative session has begun. She noted that impact fees and property tax issues are her primary legislative concerns, along with other recurring topics expected to return during the session.

Cl. Bott stated that the Springville/Mapleton Chamber business bingo materials have been distributed to schools in Mapleton and Springville, with students participating by visiting local businesses from May 27 through June 13. She noted that the recent senior lunch was successful, with preregistration helping improve food planning, and announced that the June senior event will be a barbecue and bingo.
Cl. Lake stated that the Power Committee had a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power and there was some good feedback.
Cl. Beck stated that the budget will be on the June 3rd agenda. The outside lights for Ira Allan sports park were taken out of the budget.
Cl. Jones reported a positive kickoff meeting with Rocky Mountain Power regarding a statutorily required process to appraise city-owned electrical infrastructure. She explained that the utility will conduct an appraisal of assets such as poles and lighting to determine market value with depreciation, and the city will be responsible for the cost of the work. She noted that the cost of the appraisal is still unknown and will be estimated later, but the initial discussion was collaborative and encouraging.
Bryce Oyler stated that he met with the budget review committee and the budget will be on the June 3rd agenda.
Logan Miner highlighted a successful Opening Day and Chalk the Walk events with strong community participation, along with continued planning for Pioneer Days and mid-June magazine distribution to improve event engagement. Progress on the bike park was noted, with grading underway and trail construction beginning soon. Water conservation efforts were also discussed, including a system audit to improve irrigation efficiency, and residents were encouraged to report water issues such as leaks or broken sprinklers.

Motion:	Cl. Beck moved to adjourn the meeting and open a closed session pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205 for the purpose of discussing real property.
Second:	Cl. Lake seconded the motion.
Vote:	Passed unanimously at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED: **June 3, 2026**

Camille Brown, City Recorder