



Work Session Minutes
Mount Pleasant City Council
July 28, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Regular Work Session Meeting

The Mount Pleasant City Council will hold a Work Session on July 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at 115 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Utah.

1. Roll Call

Present: *Jakob Howcroft, Michael Olsen (not voting), Russell G. Keisel, Cade A. Beck.*

Excused: *D. Lynn Beesley, Rondy G. Black*

Employees Present: *Dave Oxman, Trinity Blackburn, Shane Ward, Jeff Parish, Assistant Chief Logan Ludvigson.*

Others Present: *Harriet Jorgensen, Keith Kasperson*

2. Discussion regarding potential amendments to the Mt. Pleasant City Cemetery Ordinance.

The City Council reviewed and discussed potential amendments to the Mt. Pleasant City Cemetery Ordinance. City Recorder Natalie Crosby presented several questions for the Council's consideration.

The Council discussed whether purchasers should receive an exclusive right of interment rather than ownership of cemetery land. Because the City is not selling the land itself, the Council agreed that issuing a "Certificate of Burial Rights" would be clearer and more appropriate than issuing a "Deed."

The Council considered whether the number of grave spaces a person may purchase should be limited to eight. No clear direction or consensus was reached on this question.

The Council also discussed adopting cemetery decoration and operational rules. Council members indicated that the rules should prohibit alcohol and glass vases within the cemetery. They also discussed requiring solar lights to be placed on the headstone or its base.

Council members considered whether a headstone should be recognized as historically significant after 50 years. Following discussion, the Council determined that historical designation should be considered individually and determined by the City Council rather than based solely on the age of the headstone.

The Council discussed allowing up to three cremated remains to be interred in a single grave space. It was noted that any additional memorial markers for the cremated remains would need to be flat markers.

The Council also discussed whether unused burial rights should revert to the City when a burial plot has been considered abandoned for more than 60 years, consistent with Utah law. If the Council moves forward with this provision, it will apply only to Sections B, C, and D of the cemetery. Section A would not be included.



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The Council further discussed the responsibility for leveling and maintaining headstones and whether that responsibility should rest with the City or with the burial-right owner. Additional review was requested before determining how this responsibility should be addressed in the ordinance.

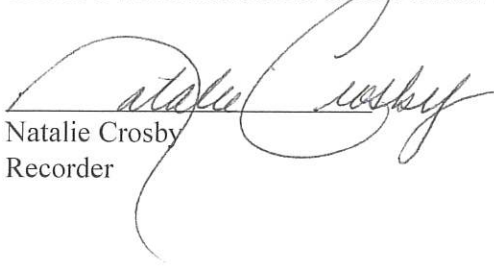
The discussion was intended to identify possible ordinance revisions for future consideration. No ordinance amendments were adopted, and no formal action was taken during the work session.

3. Discussion regarding a proposed citywide camera surveillance system.

The proposed citywide camera surveillance system was discussed briefly. It was determined that additional bids would be obtained for the Council's consideration. Councilman Keisel requested that the Veterans Memorial be added to the list of proposed camera locations.

Closed at 6:20 PM

This is a work session. No formal action will be taken.


Natalie Crosby
Recorder

