

Public Hearing Minutes

July 28, 2026 – 6:20 p.m.

MOUNT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
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The Mount Pleasant City Council held a public hearing on July 28, 2026, at 6:20 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 115 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Utah. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive information and public comments regarding a proposed Recreation Impact Fee.

Present: Jakob Howcroft, Michael Olsen (non-voting), Russell G. Keisel, and Cade A. Beck.

Excused: D. Lynn Beesley and Rondy G. Black.

A quorum was present.

Sunrise Engineering presented information from the Recreation Impact Fee study. The firm worked with the City to identify and inventory the existing facilities used for recreation, evaluate the City's current level of service, and determine which facilities and improvements may be eligible for inclusion in the calculation of a recreation impact fee.

Jeff McDonald asked whether the amount of the proposed impact fee had been determined.

Justin Atkinson explained that state law requires the City to inventory and evaluate its existing recreation facilities to establish the current level of service. He stated that maintaining that level of service as the city grows will require additional investment. An estimated maximum amount of approximately \$36,000 was discussed for maintaining that level of service.

Claudia Jarrett expressed concern about the additional financial burden being placed on Mount Pleasant residents.

Mayor Michael Olsen explained that the impact fee would allow the City to set aside funds to maintain or improve existing parks or add new recreation facilities as growth occurs.

Mr. McDonald asked the City Council to consider that some new residents may not use the City's recreation programs or facilities. He stated that he did not believe additional recreation facilities were currently a community need and expressed concern that many recreation participants may live outside the city. He characterized recreation as a want rather than a necessity and encouraged the Council to consider improvements that would provide a broader benefit to City residents.

Shane Ward stated that approximately \$65,000 was needed to complete electrical improvements at the park.

Ms. Jarrett questioned whether it was fair to require new residents to pay the proposed fee and asked what had happened to the proposal to establish a recreation district.

Britanny Adams stated that the impact fee could help keep participation fees for the City's existing recreation programs lower.

Mr. Atkinson explained that an impact fee would help offset a portion of the costs associated with growth but would not pay the entire cost of the facilities needed or improvements.

Ashley Robinet stated that she currently must travel outside Mount Pleasant for recreation because the condition of the City's fields makes them unsuitable for play.

Ms. Jarrett clarified that she was not opposed to recreation. She stated that she had understood recreation funding would be addressed through a recreation district, which would allow everyone to benefit from the programs and facilities to contribute.

Mayor Olsen stated that one of the City Council's concerns was how to maintain the parks and recreation facilities the city currently has and where the necessary funding would come from.

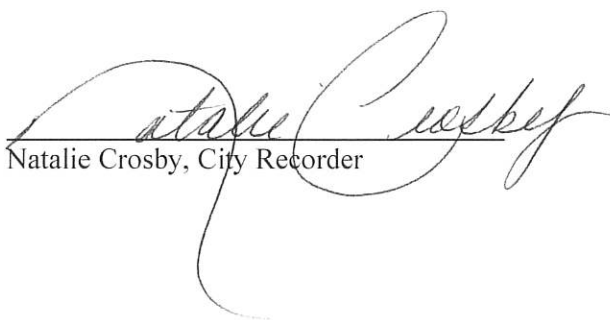
Additional discussion was held regarding the impact-fee calculation. Mayor Olsen stated that the study indicated a maximum supportable fee of up to approximately \$36,000; however, he did not believe the City's impact fee should be set anywhere near that amount.

Ms. Jarrett asked how confident Sunrise Engineering was in the projected growth rate. She also asked whether the city intended to continue irrigating its parks with culinary water.

Mayor Olsen stated that the city had experienced growth of approximately 6 to 8 percent, while the study used a projected growth rate of approximately 2 percent. He stated that he believed the City's actual growth rate was higher. It was explained that the study's growth projections were based on information from the 2020 Census.

Mr. McDonald stated that he believed there were other ways to raise money for recreation.

There were no additional public comments. Mayor Olsen closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.


Natalie Crosby, City Recorder

