

**MAPLETON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING: Mayor Therin Garrett

Council 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
Clay Hooley, Police Chief
Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Logan Miner, Parks and Recreation Director by phone

Minutes taken by: Camille Brown, City Recorder

The items may not have been heard in the order below

Urban Deer: Work Session

Chief Hooley presented information regarding urban deer management and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) requirements for establishing a municipal program. He explained that an approved management plan would be required and could include trapping and harvesting resident deer. The City would be responsible for administering and funding the program, including staffing and potential overtime costs. He noted that the management season runs from August 1 through September 30 and that costs would depend on the scope of the program.

Chief Hooley reviewed recent animal-related accident statistics and stated that deer-related incidents currently do not indicate a significant public safety concern. The Council discussed resident concerns, property damage, existing DWR options for qualifying property owners, and other deer deterrents available to residents.

Following discussion, the council generally agreed not to pursue a city-funded urban deer management program at this time and instead focus on educating residents about existing legal options and deterrents. Chief Hooley will prepare educational information through City communication channels.

The Work Session was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Garrett called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Cl. Lake gave the invocation, and Cl. Beck gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION ITEM:

Presentation from the Red Cross for Battle of the Badges blood drive.

Benjamin Donner, Executive Director of the American Red Cross in Utah County, recognized Mapleton City for its continued support of Red Cross blood drives. He presented the Fire Department with the

trophy for winning Mapleton's first Battle of the Badges (Guns and Hoses) blood drive and thanked both the Fire and Police Departments for their participation.

He reported that the event collected 109 units of blood, with the potential to help up to 327 individuals. He praised Mapleton's ongoing commitment to blood donation and noted that the community serves as an example for other communities.

OPEN FORUM:

Travis Boswell expressed support for a new fire station, ambulance, and fire equipment. He also suggested installing an emergency siren to improve notification and response for fire and medical emergencies.

Jay Allen stated that he is a candidate for Utah County Commission Seat B and introduced himself to the Council. He discussed the importance of planning for continued growth in Utah County, particularly regarding transportation, infrastructure, land use, housing, and the preservation of agricultural land and open space.

Laynee Pace, Miss Springville/Mapleton 2026, shared information about her service initiative, Moms and Minis, which supports mothers with children in the NICU and those experiencing postpartum anxiety and depression. She highlighted an upcoming Moms and Minis Tea Party, with proceeds benefiting NICU mothers and families. She noted that she and her royalty enjoy participating in a variety of events throughout the year and encouraged the city to reach out when opportunities arise.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item 1. Approval of City Council meeting minutes- August 19, 2026

Item 2. Consideration of a Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with Spanish Fork City for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services. **Resolution No. 2026-45**

Item 3. Consideration of a Resolution awarding the Construction Manager/General Contractor contract for the Evans Family Park. **Resolution No. 2026-46**

Motion: Cl. Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Cl. Jones seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cl. Egbert Yes

Cl. Lake Yes

Cl. Bott Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

Item 4. **Consideration of a Resolution to amend Public Works Design Standards.**

Rob Hunter, Public Works Director/City Engineer, reviewed the staff report for those in attendance. He presented the proposed updates to the City's Public Works Design and Construction Standards. He explained that the standards apply to both city and development projects and are being updated to address minor corrections, clarifications, and changes identified since their adoption in 2023. Significant updates include prohibiting street trees within 30 feet of intersections, adding trail standards for lighting, signage, striping, and amenities, strengthening infiltration and retention system requirements, establishing standards for local streets connecting to Highway 89, updating streetlight drawings, and adding a standard detail for future roundabouts.

In response to a question regarding retention ponds, Rob explained that the revised standards include additional requirements for underground systems and testing intended to reduce future standing water and drainage issues.

The public hearing was opened at 6:23 p.m.

Mackenzie Boring asked about future roads and traffic signals along Highway 89. Rob explained that the Transportation Master Plan identifies potential future signal locations, subject to UDOT requirements, and that the updated standards will help accommodate future improvements as intersections redevelop.

No further comments were made, and the hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

Motion: Cl. Egbert moved to approve a Resolution to amend Public Works Design Standards.

Second: Cl. Bott seconded the motion.

Vote:

Cl. Lake Yes

Cl. Bott Yes

Cl. Beck Yes

Cl. Jones Yes

Cl. Egbert Yes

Vote: Passed 5:0

Resolution No. 2026-47

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Rob Hunter provided an update on safety concerns at the Highway 89 and Harvest Parkway/800 South intersection. He reported that advance warning signs have been installed, UDOT has increased pedestrian crossing time, and plans to modify the signal to restrict turns while pedestrians are crossing.

Cl. Egbert discussed school zone signage and crosswalks near Mapleton Elementary. Rob clarified that 300 West does not qualify as a reduced-speed school zone and agreed that confusing signage could be removed. He also noted that additional crosswalks are being installed based on recent studies.

She also reminded the Council of the upcoming ULCT conference.

Cl. Lake reminded everyone that the Scarecrow Spectacular will be held October 10. The Council discussed ways to encourage families, businesses, neighborhoods, and community groups to participate by creating scarecrows and promoting the event through social media and other city communication channels.

Cl. Bott reported that the senior citizen luncheons have resumed and meet the second Thursday of each month. She also provided an update on the Youth City Council's e-bike safety initiative, which focuses on educating the community about helmets, e-bike requirements, and new laws. The group plans to work with Chief Hooley on ways to promote safe riding and recognize positive behavior.

She also noted that the Chamber's Scholarship and Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 21.

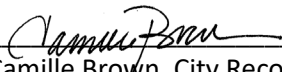
Cory Branch discussed a resident's request to reconsider the City's dog leash ordinance. The Council supported further discussion and suggested forming a focus group to explore options and responsible pet ownership. He will organize the group and report back to the Council.

He also announced that Mapleton 101 will begin in October and consist of four Tuesday evening sessions for approximately 20 residents. The program will provide participants an opportunity to learn more about city departments and local government.

Chief Hooley reported that he will be meeting with members of the Youth City Council regarding their e-bike safety initiative and expressed support for their efforts. He also reported that the Police Department's new Tahoe's are nearly complete and will soon be in service.

Motion: Cl. Egbert moved to adjourn the meeting and open a closed session pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205 for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property.
Second: Cl. Beck seconded the motion.
Vote: Passed unanimously at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED: October 7, 2026



Camille Brown, City Recorder