

**MAPLETON CITY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 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
Bryce Oyler, Finance Director

Minutes taken by: Camille Brown, City Recorder

The items may not have been heard in the order below

Shipping Containers: Work Session

Sean Conroy, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director, reviewed proposed amendments to the City's shipping container ordinance, including allowing temporary containers for construction projects and short-term storage, and permanent containers on properties of two acres or larger with setback requirements. He reported that approximately 70 shipping containers were identified throughout the city with occasional complaints primarily concerning their appearance. The Council discussed regulations for residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial properties, including container size, placement, setbacks, permitting, and enforcement. There was general support for removing the 120-day restriction in commercial and industrial zones. Councilmembers also considered regulating residential shipping containers under accessory structure standards, with distinctions between temporary and permanent use. Staff will provide additional information regarding existing containers and prepare revised ordinance language for further Council consideration.

Motion: Cl. Egbert moved to adjourn the Work Session.
Second: Cl. Jones seconded the motion.
Vote: Passed unanimously at 5:55 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION ITEM:

Swearing in of Mark Gordon, Fire Engineer

Chief Glasgow introduced Mark Gordon as the Fire Department's new full-time engineer. He recognized Mark's dedication and determination in returning to work following a serious arm injury and surgery. Mark's wife, Emily, pinned his badge, and City Recorder Camille Brown administered the Oath of Office.

OPEN FORUM:

Gary Antonino expressed appreciation for the honor of serving as Mapleton City Grand Marshal. He then raised concerns regarding the proposed charter school on 1200 North, citing increased traffic, speeding, and pedestrian safety concerns due to limited sidewalks and an open ditch. He expressed frustration with the school's location and the lack of public input during the comment period. Councilmember Egbert explained that recent state legislation allows charter schools in all municipal zoning districts, limiting the City's authority over school locations. However, the City can work with the school to address traffic impacts through measures such as staggered start times, bus transportation, and improved drop-off procedures. She encouraged residents to share their concerns directly with the school and state representatives and assured Mr. Antonino that the City is actively working to address these concerns.

Judy Ferguson stated her concerns regarding safety along 1200 North, citing the narrow roadway, lack of sidewalks, open ditches, and limited emergency vehicle access. She urged the City to prioritize pedestrian safety, particularly considering the proposed charter school. She also raised concerns about building permit fees and property taxes. Councilmember Egbert encouraged her to attend the City's Mapleton 101 course to learn more about City finances and tax allocations.

Ruthie Whyte, a Maple Mountain High School student and Vice Chair of the Utah Attorney General's Student Advisory Council, presented her civic engagement project to encourage voter participation in the November 3 election. Her plans include a voting-themed scarecrow, distributing voter registration flyers to the local elementaries, participate in community events, and use social media to educate young voters about voter registration. She requested the City's support in sharing information and hopes to expand the initiative to neighboring communities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Item 1.** Approval of City Council meeting minutes- September 16, 2026
- Item 2.** Consideration of a Resolution for the ratification of the award for the Mapleton ADA Ramps 2026 Project to Century Construction, and to approve Public Works up to 20% contingency for additional ADA ramp improvements. **Resolution No. 2026-48**
- Item 3.** Consideration of a Resolution for the approval of a Utah County Tourism Tax Advisory Board Grant Agreement for Union Bench Bike Park. **Resolution No. 2026-49**
- Item 4.** Consideration of Resolution authorizing Gold Cross Services to write off 69 accounts from ambulance transports and authorizing city staff to write off 6 utility accounts and send them to collection. **Resolution No. 2026-50**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Cl. Egbert provided a legislative update on several issues anticipated during the upcoming session, including municipal annexation, impact fees, housing regulations, and land use authority. She discussed concerns regarding preliminary cities and the financial impacts of annexation, along with proposed legislation affecting impact fees and the ability of cities to fund growth-related infrastructure. Additional topics included preapproved housing plans, inspection timelines, smaller residential lots, moderate-income housing requirements, and detached accessory dwelling units. She also discussed efforts to encourage rehabilitation of existing housing and a proposed pilot program using artificial intelligence in land use approvals. She indicated that these issues will continue to be monitored as the legislative session approaches.

Cl. Lake reminded everyone of the upcoming Scarecrow Festival, noting that Logan Miner would provide additional details.

Cl. Bott reported that the MYCC is assisting Ruthie Whyte with distributing voter registration flyers and preparing for the Scarecrow Festival. She announced the upcoming senior luncheon featuring a nutrition presentation. She also shared that the Chamber is working on a National Civics Bee for middle school students, offering scholarship opportunities, and a Highway 89 tourism coalition to promote tourism leading up to the Olympics.

Mayor Garrett shared details on the Solid Waste District transfer station fire, noting that repairs and insurance matters are nearly complete and operations have been restored. He reported that MAG is reviewing and prioritizing transportation projects for future funding. He also discussed efforts to update the City's emergency management plans and strengthen coordination with local churches and organizations. Additionally, he provided an update on the South Main Street widening and PI line project, noting that staff are meeting with affected residents to discuss project impacts and potential mitigation measures.

Cl. Beck stated that he plans to reach out to Councilmembers and staff to better understand project priorities and identify potential needs well in advance of the next budget cycle.

Cl. Jones provided an update on the City's exploration of municipal power options. She explained that Matt Hancock will work with an engineering firm to develop a preliminary cost assessment to determine whether the project is financially feasible. Staff will also prepare an RFP for formal appraisal if the initial findings support moving forward. The preliminary assessment is anticipated within approximately three months, with the overall process potentially taking four to six months. Cory Branch confirmed that the work will remain within the approved budget.

Logan Miner shared details on the upcoming Scarecrow Festival and Bake-Off, including a dance and free pumpkins donated by Harward Farms. He also announced a partnership with BYU students to survey seniors about community needs, with findings to be presented to the Council. The Veterans Drive event is scheduled for November 5.

He reported that the Bike Park is progressing but remains behind schedule, with paving completed and work continuing on trails, concrete, landscaping, and restrooms. Staff will discuss park operating hours and lighting schedules at a future work session. The trailhead park is substantially complete, with only minor items remaining. He also shared updates on automated restroom locks, seasonal restroom closures, and upcoming recreation programs. He thanked Parks and Recreation staff and volunteers for their continued efforts.

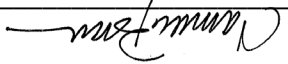
Chief Hoohey announced a new initiative in partnership with the Mapleton Youth City Council to recognize and reward positive behavior among youth. Beginning on Monday, officers will acknowledge children demonstrating safe and responsible behavior with treats or prizes provided by the Youth City Council. The program will also be introduced in schools through the NOVA program. Chief Hoohey plans to evaluate the feedback and report back to the Council, with the possibility of making it an annual program. He also discussed the potential return of the Youth Police Academy next year.

Sean Conroy demonstrated four new information dashboards available on the City's website, designed to provide residents with access to information on development projects, building permits, public infrastructure, and traffic speed studies. The dashboards include interactive maps, project details, utility information, and traffic data. He explained that infrastructure information updates automatically as projects are completed, while development information is updated manually. The Council discussed adding reminders about Blue Stakes requirements and links to the City's traffic calming policy. Additional dashboards, including park amenities and reservations, are being developed. Sean welcomed feedback and recognized Seth Barrus, Assistant City Engineer, for his work on the project.

Motion:
Second:
Vote:

Cl. Egbert moved to adjourn the meeting.
Cl. Beck seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVED: October 21, 2026


Camille Brown, City Recorder