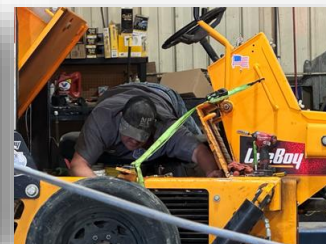


City Council

BI-WEEKLY REPORT

October 10 – October 23, 2026





This bi-weekly report was originally designed to provide highlights from a two-week period with members of the City Council.

We also share this timely information regarding projects, programs, and accomplishments within our various departments with our citizens to build trust, minimize the circulation of inaccurate information and give you a glimpse of what your city staff are doing for this community.

This report should not be considered a comprehensive report of all citywide activity.

We hope you find this informative and helpful.



City Manager



Do the *RIGHT* thing
at the *RIGHT* time
for the *RIGHT*
reasons.

- Led Leadership Team Meeting (X2)
- Worked with developer on hotel projects
- Presented employee evaluations to 2 Directors
- Met with representatives of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Association
- Participated in virtual demo for ZacTax with MPEDC staff
- Met with Interim Fire Chief Aristeo Rodriguez for department update and prepare for upcoming joint Council/Commissioners meeting to discuss Fire Services Agreement
- Worked with legal to finalize agreements with Chamber of Commerce and Deer Park Development
- Worked with Consultant and Developer on TIRZ project
- Participated in City Council meeting
- Worked with HR on personnel matters
- Meeting with Finance Director to discuss old and new budgets – closing out the old budget, preparing for the audit and laying out timeline for next year's budget process.

Monthly Meetings: Public Works Director Garrett Houston, Utilities Director Erin Marshall, Mayor Lyon, Council Member Corbell, Council Member Faulkner

Special Events Attended: Chamber of Commerce Harvest Dinner

Assistant City Manager / City Secretary



- Demoed a Records retention software platform
- Made little libraries with Council and Directors
- Weekly meeting with the City Manager
- Met with OpenGov about upcoming changes and upgrades
- Attended Advanced Institute for recertification
- Sold 2 cemetery plots
- Worked on establishing core values with employees and leadership
- Responded to several TPIA requests
- Worked with the Main Street Manager to plan Tree Lighting

3 Ways to get the Community involved in City Council Meetings

1. Create a "Community Spotlight" Agenda Item. Recognize a Citizen of the Month, local business milestone, student achievement, or volunteer service project.
2. Hold Quarterly Community Conversations Before Council Meetings
3. Share meeting recaps that explain decisions in plain language.

Romans 12:4-5:

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

AIRPORT

- This week, Phase II Hangar Site expansion was completed. A new asphalt taxiway and the new lots are seeded and growing grass. We now have 10 new building lots for hangar expansion.
- The Mid-American Flight Museum has been donated a DC-3. It is a 1937 model and the oldest DC-3 still flying. This was an old American Airlines airplane, and it is beautifully restored to what it looked like when it flew passengers.
- Aircraft traffic for the past two weeks totaled 450 operations, including 46 jet aircraft and 40 helicopters.
- Fuel sales during this period totaled 5,718 gallons of Jet A and 3,379 gallons of Avgas 100LL.





Animal Services





Animal Services

Shelter currently has 14 cats and 31 dogs

44 Total Number of Intakes from 10/08-10/20/2026

- City of Pittsburg- 6 dogs
- Titus County- 9 dogs
- ACO- 5 (2 cats, 3 dogs)
- City of Mount Pleasant Public- 24 (19 dogs, 5 cats)

51 Total Number of Outcomes

- Adoptions- 11 (9 dogs, 2 cats)
- Return to Owner- 2 dogs
- Euthanasia- 39 (31 dogs, 8 cats)
- Transfers to Rescue- 3 dogs

Adoption Events

- Lowes 10/17- 2 dogs were adopted

CIVIC CENTER EVENTS OCT 12TH – OCT 23RD

- Completed Fair Oct 3rd-5th (Clean up day)
- Financial Group MHE 8th
- Holiday 12th
- Lunch and Learn 14th
- Farm Bureau MHW and Walnut 15th
- TXFB MH rental 19th

HIGHLIGHTS, STAFF DUTIES & REVENUE

- During the week of October 3rd – Oct 17th , staff completed scrubbing and burnishing of all rooms at the Center. Daily outdoor maintenance has also been performed, including trash pickup and weed removal around the flowerbeds and surrounding areas.
- Daily tasks and cleanup after Fair week
- Cleaned Pavilion daily; restocked pavilion and Civic Center daily.
- Reset Building for upcoming events
- Sept Total \$3,650
- Oct so far: \$5,150
- Sept-Oct Events: FAIR, Bingo for Bags
- Notable Events: Fair, Lunch and Learn, Christus Bingo for Bags



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Operations

- Fire Calls 11
- MVAs 4
- EMS 5
- Misc. 24
- Training Hrs. 77

Fire Prevention

- Fire Inspections 19
- Fire System Test 4
- Public Relations 11





Fire Department

- Attended the weekly Director's meeting with the City Manager x2.
- Met with the City Manager for our monthly meeting.
- Deputy Chief Beard and Firefighter Riley attended the weekly DRC Meeting.
- Fire Prevention team attended multiple schools for Fire Prevention Programs.
- Met with the Pittsburg Fire Dept for a safety meeting and tour of the Alpha Dog Food Plant on Hwy 271 S.
- Met with Council and the City Leadership Team for a team building activity.
- Met with multiple sprinkler companies to inspect the fire systems in the new multi-family apartments.
- Attended Chapel Hill ISD quarterly safety meeting.
- MPFD leadership team completed interviews for the open firefighter position.
- Met with Tri-County Press for "Know Your City's Directors" video.
- Captain Pipes attended the virtual Regional Hazmat Team meeting.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!!

October is Fire Prevention Month, a reminder that fire safety starts with everyday actions. Residents can help protect their families by testing smoke alarms and practicing a home escape plan. It is also a great time to teach children how to respond when an alarm sounds and where to meet safely outside. Together, we can make fire prevention a year-round priority.

The past two weeks, Fire Fighters have gone to the following locations to discuss fire safety:

- Chapel Hill Elementary
- Annie Simms Elementary
- Vivian Fowler Elementary
- Francis Corprew Elementary
- AA Treehouse Daycare
- Kindle Light Daycare



Courtenay Higginbotham
Main Street Manager

Main Street

- Attended the Main Street Advisory Board Meeting
- Attended Second Saturday on October 10th
- Met with the Assistant City Manager/ City Secretary and Public Works Director to start planning our Christmas on the Square
- Sent Christmas event information to vendors and community partners
- Meet & Greet with the Chamber of Commerce
- Preparing for downtown merchant outreach



Municipal Court Cases filed: 150

- Penal Code: 23
- Traffic Count: 111
- Ordinance Count: 37
- Warrant Postcards Sent: 27
- Online Payments: 57
- Appeal: 1
- Pre-Trials: 0
- Bench:0
- Jury:0
- Total filed: 171

Amount Collected

- Tech Fund: \$44.95
- Building Security Fund: \$54.55
- State: \$9,111.49
- Fine: \$9,052.38
- City: \$6,396.88
- Warrant Fee \$1,521.97
- Total Amount Collected: \$26,182.22

Warrants

Issued: 64
Recalled: 15
Served: 10

DISPOSITIONS

Paid in Full: 52
Credit for Time Served: 5
Dismissed: 34
Total Disposed: 91

Paid Partial: 123

HUMAN RESOURCES PERSONNEL UPDATES

Taylor Lennox
New Hire
Receptionist



Destiny Cannon
New Hire
Police Officer



Courtenay
Higginbotham
Promoted to
Mainstreet Manager



Obtained Class B CDL License:

Levi Carter
Cody Cannon,
Michael Underwood
Camron McGill
Jonathan Tinsley
Cristopher Barboza,
Riley Nalls



HUMAN RESOURCES

Activities and Projects

- Continued recruitment efforts for vacant positions, including development and promotion of recruitment materials, onboarding meetings with new employees, and .
- Updated and reviewed job descriptions to support workforce planning and organizational needs.
- Attended the kickoff meeting for the development City's employee-driven Core Values.
- Submitted information for employee benefit and retiree benefit compliance reviews.
- Assisted with annual audit requests and payroll-related record gathering.
- Researched and identified additional employee training resources, including workplace harassment prevention training options.
- Attended Director meetings, Council meetings, and benefit administration meetings in support of ongoing City operations.



LIBRARY

Programs held:

- Silent Book Club at Hueys
- Senior Center Outreach
- Preschool Story Time
- Pushing the Limits Book Club:
Disasters and Science
- Snack Saturday
- Community Conversation
- Adult Craft
- Second Saturday at Laura's
Cheesecake



LIBRARY

Programs continued:

- Paws to Read
 - Friends of the Library Fundraiser: Mahjong
 - Chair Yoga
 - Family Night: Haunted Library
 - Legal Aid
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- Library Statistics:
 - New Accounts (21)
 - Computer usage (179)
 - Program Attendance (331)
 - Circulation (1,775)
 - ILL (6)





MOUNT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

10/04-10/17/2026

- Arrests: 34
- Calls for Service: 840
- Traffic Stops: 341
- Minor Accidents: 38
- Major Accidents: 2
- Hit and Runs: 9

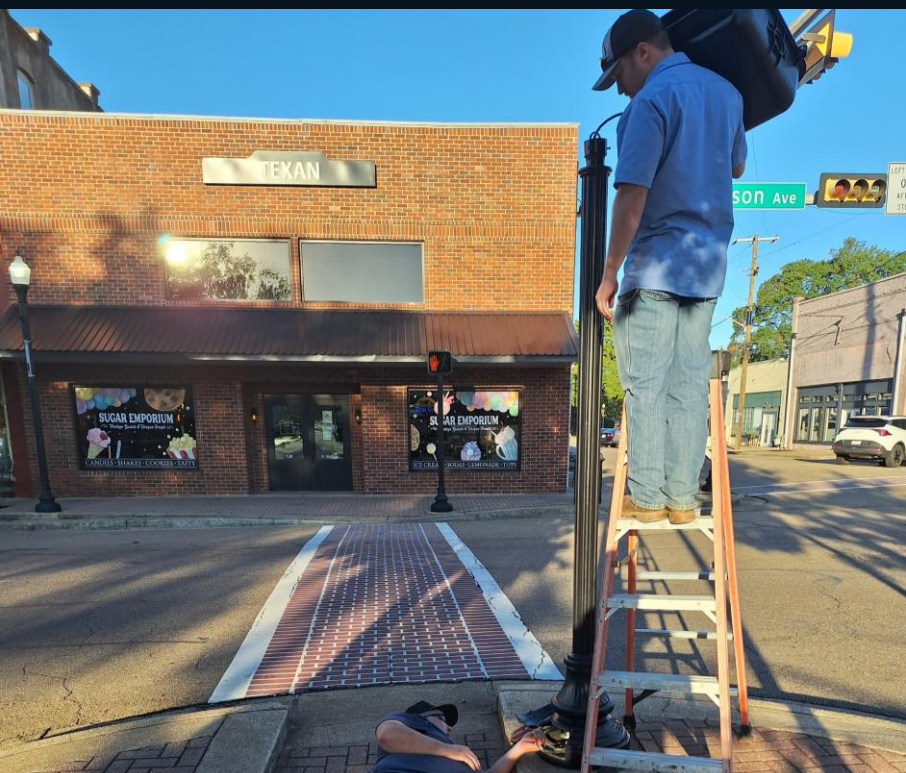


Police Department

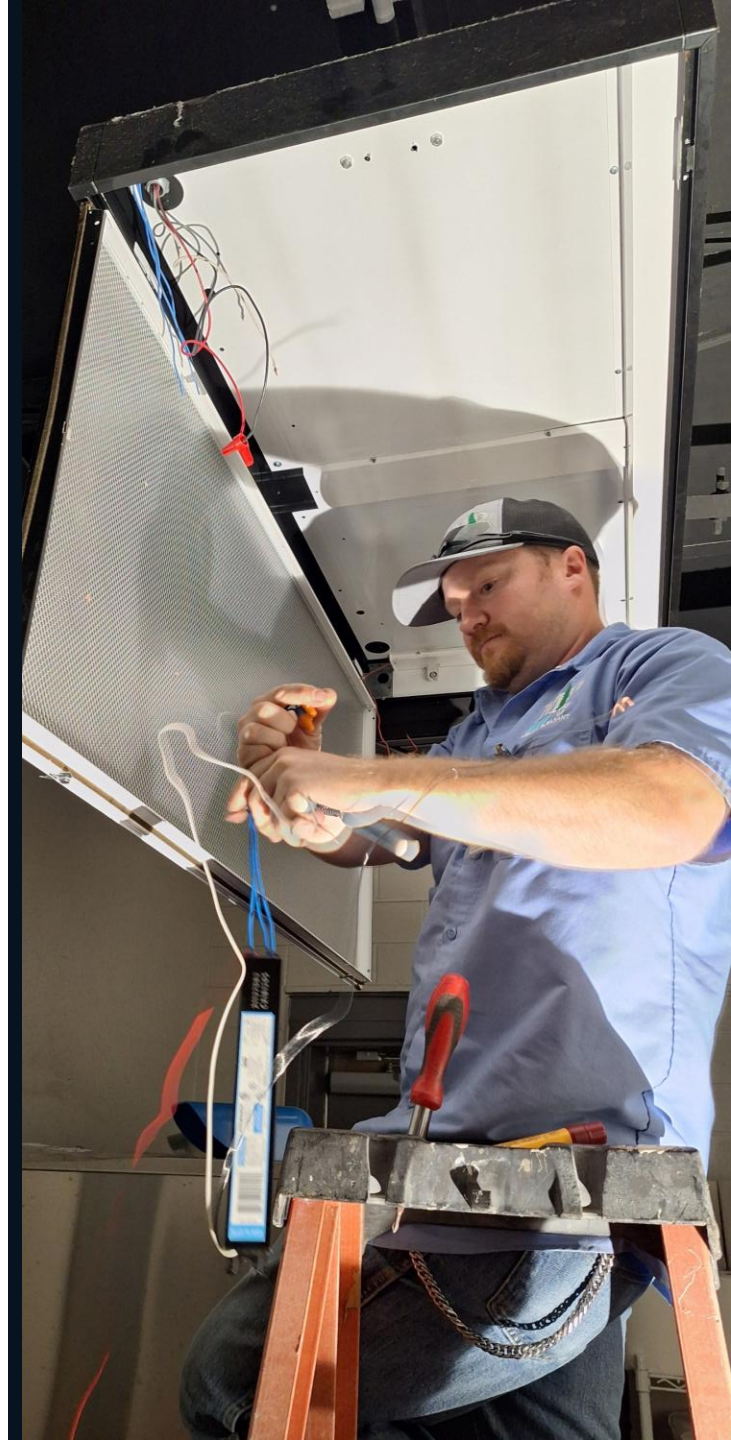
- 10/11- Officers responded to the 2400 block of W Ferguson (Hwy 49) for a report of a Major Accident. No serious injuries were reported, EMS transported one patient.
- 10/13- MPPD SWAT Team visited Mount Pleasant High School's Criminal Justice class
- 10/15- Officer Destiny Cannon rehired as Peace Officer. Officer Cannon began her Law Enforcement career with Mount Pleasant Police Department in 2014 and rose to the position of Corporal before moving to MPISD Police Department. We are excited to have Officer Cannon back at MPPD!
- 10/20- MPPD Chief Buhman visited MP Library for Story Time; Officer Lamont provided a Patrol Unit for children to tour

Public Works

Building Maintenance Department



- Civic Center – Check all breaker panels and receptacles for power on the Fair grounds and repair as needed.
- Library – Install handrail and two lights for sidewalk.
- Sports Complex – Replace two lights on the outside of the concession stand.
- Civic Center – Exterior door want lock.
- Livestock Pavilion - Water leak .
- Tower Crooks Drive – Uninterruptible power supply not working, had to bypass Battery backup.
- Central Fire Department – A/C not working.
- Airport – Replace kitchen faucet.
- Animal Control – Water heater circulation pump air vent leaking water.
- Airport – Hanger D toilet not working and faucet leaking in men’s bathroom at terminal.
- Fire Station two – Laundry room light out convert to LED.
- Downtown – Cross walk sign on pole broke off 2nd and Madison.
- P.D. – West side door not working, Replace Gym door batteries and assemble book organizer.
- Journey Park – Toilet leaking men’s bathroom.
- P.D. – Evidence room no electric power.



Public Works Fleet Services Department

- 10 preventative maintenance services performed
- 5 flat repairs performed
- 2 tires replaced
- 5 cabin air filters replaced
- 2 upper engine decarbs performed
- 2 blade sets replaced
- 1 deck belt replaced
- 2 batteries replaced
- 2 engine spark plug sets replaced
- 2 engine ignition wire sets replaced
- 2 a/c blower motors replaced
- 1 water pump replaced
- 2 ignition coils replaced
- 2 electrical problems diagnosed and repaired



Public Works Parks and Recreation Department

- Clean and maintain 14 Parks including 13 restroom facilities Monday – Saturday
- Pavilion Rentals- 9
- Mowed, trimmed, and edged sidewalks/ curbs at all city parks
- Adult league soccer group hosted games at Old Sam Parker Field October 10, 16, and 17
- MPYSA hosted games on October 15, 16, 22, and 23
- Prepared Heritage Park for Priefert softball tournament and 6 U softball Scrimmage
- Repaired and replaced damaged fence at R.L. Jurney park
- Removed fallen limbs at Masonic Cemetery and Sports Complex
- Weeded Landscaping in front of City Hall
- Washed and cleaned gazebo at Caldwell Park and prepared park for The Harvest Dinner
- Marked one grave at Cortznes Cemetery



Public Works Street Department



302 Greenhill Park replaced bad spot of concrete.

S. Washington replaced stop sign that got ran over.

Nevils rd. cleaned ditch line in multiple spots and cleaned culverts.

642 E. 11th milled asphalt failure and replaced with hot mix.

E. 8th and Haggard rebased base failure and topped with asphalt.

1010 E. 8th rebased base failure and topped with asphalt.

1106 E. 8TH rebased base failure and topped with asphalt.

517 Branch ave. removed large tree limb from road.

608 W. 5th removed a large tree limb that was in the road.

Replaced Park rules signs at Heritage Park.

Replaced Park rules sign at Dellwood Park.

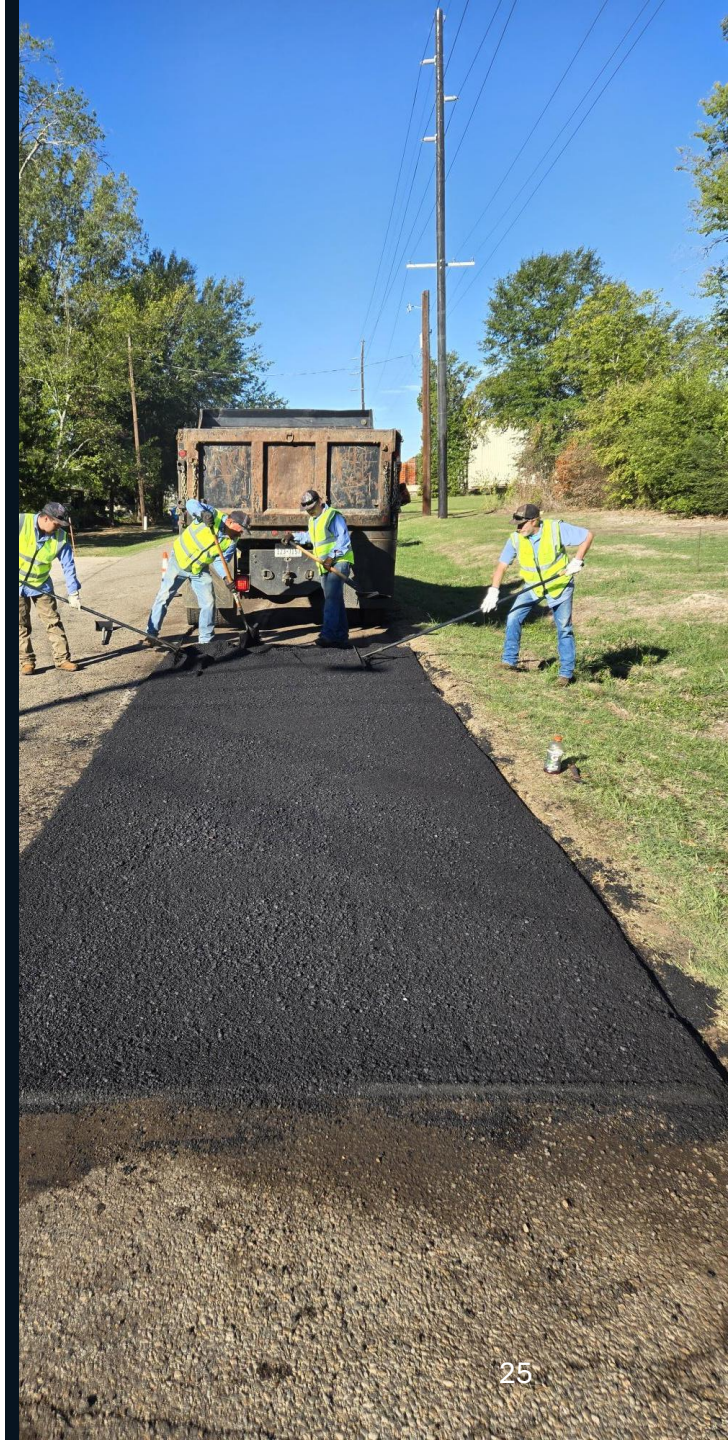
Turtle Creek trimmed low hanging limbs to Cedar Hill.

Cedar Hill trimmed low hanging limbs all the way to circle turn around.

1613 S. O'Tyson Ave. Hot mixed the spot that was previously rebased.

33 tons of asphalt.

68 hrs. Sweeping



Service Calls

13 water issues:

5 new meters installed

8 water leaks

0 low pressure issues

8 wastewater issues:

8 sewer stoppages

0 lift station malfunctions

0 repair of sewer cleanouts

37 utility locates (boring crews install internet fiber)



Raw water

We have had questions about the raw water line repairs, and we thought we could give a little more information on them. This is a picture of one of the repairs, as you can tell this is not a small line nor is it shallow. When damage occurs, it does take time to repair. The city has applied for a grant to replace one of the two lines and it has been on the city's radar to be replaced for years. We average two leaks a year on at least one of the two lines. One line is from the early 70's and the other is from the mid 90's.





Utility Locates

Recent damage to gas, water, sewer, and internet lines underscores the importance of utility locates. Before starting a project, residents should call 811 to request this service. Provide the work location or address and explain the planned activity, such as digging or installing a pole or fence. Utility companies have two business days to locate their lines, so please call ahead. If you see no painted markings, call 811 again and report that no marks are visible. This follow-up helps confirm that someone has checked the area for underground utilities. Never assume that an unmarked area has no buried lines. Accidentally striking a line could result in a fine from the Railroad Commission. These fines must be paid and can total thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars, depending on the damage. Contractors working around town have not consistently followed these steps, and the City is taking action to address the issue.