



# STATE OF THE CITY

MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

Departmental Reports - October 2023

## Update on Several City Projects

There is so much going on with various projects with the City of Mount Pleasant and, as an outsider looking in, I am sure it can be confusing. Our Downtown Revitalization project is a huge priority and the city was awarded the grant of \$1,250,000 in 2018. What is taking so long? This is probably what residents must be thinking.

Last month the update was that we were reviewing the second bid which also came in very high to determine if we would reject the bid. Also, there was discussion about seeking additional funding and possibly scaling back the project (least favorite option). So, even in just the last month a lot has happened. The City went to the State and asked if we could use the Phase 2 money (\$1,825,000) towards the Phase 1 approved project. The State said yes and at least one other city (Shelbyville) is doing the same because they are having the same issue of the projects coming in incredibly higher than anticipated.

The second bid will likely be rejected at the October Commission meeting. Next, the city will work to purchase many of the items in the project like decorative street lights, trash cans, etc. where the city can purchase with no mark up. The project will need to be bid a third time but hopefully can be at a scale where the funding for Phase 1 combined with Phase 2 will allow us to move forward. Seems like it takes a village but maybe the hard work to resolve the issue will pay off. Stay tuned.

## Bridge Replacement Over Sugar Creek

The State bridge replacement of the bridge on North Main Street over Sugar Creek (right before the railroad viaduct) is on schedule. The State is in the process of bidding it out by November and they anticipate work to begin the first of the year 2024. The road will be closed going BOTH ways and traffic will be diverted to Hwy 43 and back to 1st Avenue. This will be an inconvenience but doing it this way will make the construction take a little over six months instead of at least 18 months. The State has committed to providing lots of signage to make the routes clear and to encourage visitors to still come to town to eat and shop.

## Multimodal Sidewalk Grant

The City also has a grant to add sidewalks from 3rd Avenue to Gray Lane along North Main Street. This was a Multimodal State grant that we hope to get funded each year so sidewalks can be improved or added. This work should begin in the next few months as well. Some work, like obtaining easements must happen first and can be somewhat time consuming.

## Upcoming Events

10/10/23 - 6 PM  
*Planning Commission Meeting*

10/11/23 - 5:30 PM  
*Recreation Commission Meeting*

10/12/23 - 6 PM  
*Commission Study Session*

10/16/23 - 5 PM  
*Historic Zoning Commission Meeting*

10/17/23 - 6 PM  
*Commission Meeting*

Join the City's Text Notification Program to Receive Important Alerts & Announcements



**TEXT: MPCITY  
TO: (931) 340-7700**



**DID YOU KNOW MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE OFFERS  
FREE SMOKE ALARMS?**

Yes it's true! In cooperation with the State of Tennessee Fire Marshall's office, we are able to offer free smoke alarms AND installation to Mount Pleasant City Residents. If any resident would like their smoke alarms checked or replaced, contact the Mount Pleasant Fire Department: (931) 379-3939



2023 Homecoming Parade in front of City Hall



Mayor  
Bill White  
(931) 379-3762



Vice Mayor  
Jacqueline Grandberry  
(931) 334-1691



Commissioner  
Willie Alderson  
(931) 398-8383



Commissioner  
Mike Davis  
(931) 698-6581



Commissioner  
Pam Johnston  
(931) 334-8014

# PARKS & RECREATION

ALYSHIA BUSBY

Take me out to the Ball Game! Take me out to the Crowd! We here in Mt. Pleasant get to watch some of our favorite players play every Monday and Thursday night, at our very own Baseball park. The City has 2 youth baseball fields, Brewer and Barker, located at 900 1st Ave., right off the bypass. These parks host our youth baseball league, Maury County Youth Baseball league. For the spring season the league hosted 139 players, 12 teams of ages 4-12.



This league is made up of Volunteers, from league president to dugout mom. These parents put in so much time working, teaching and loving on these kids! These teams are sponsored by our local businesses, some have been a staple to this league from the first game ever to be played on that field. Throughout the years those fields have seen many girls, boys and even some barefooted Women's League.

Thousands of young men and woman have stepped foot on those fields and will continue to do so for a long time to come. Keeping the fields looking good and maintained is an effort the City and the League work together to do throughout the year. We are grateful and thankful for our League and everyone involved.

“Baseball was, is, and always will be the best game in the world too me!”- Babe Ruth



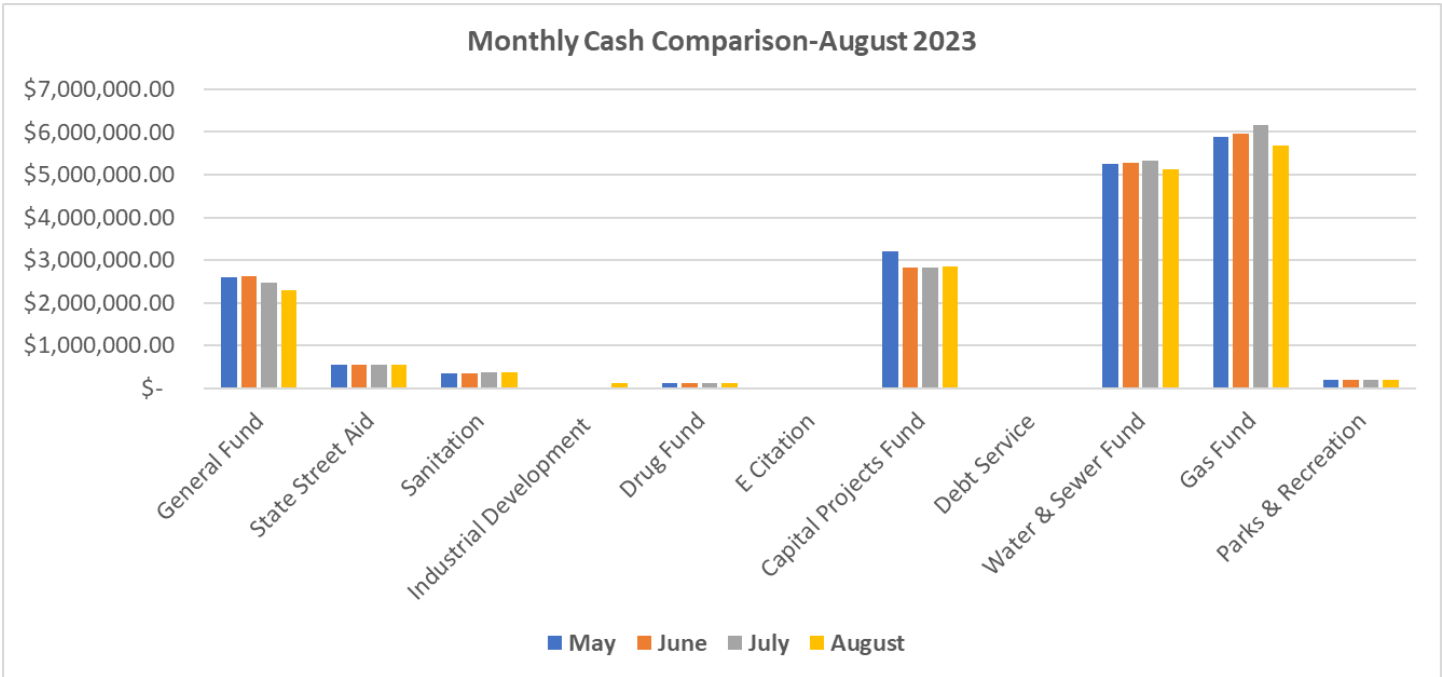
# FINANCE

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## SHIPRAH COX

During the month of August, the books for the prior fiscal year 2022-2023 were closed & the independent audit process for that year has started. The comptroller's office also approved an interfund loan between gas & general fund for parks & paving projects for the city.

Cash in checking and certificates of deposit in the general fund total \$2,295,441.31. The Water Fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$1,376,203.96. The Water/Wastewater construction funds account has a balance of \$3,473,173.40, ARPA funds were used towards the construction of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and customer deposits regular & savings in the amount of \$633,125.07. The gas fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$4,973,266.46. The customer deposits in gas total \$698,756.41.



The City of Mount Pleasant now has an E-Bill Program.

This program will allow our water, wastewater, gas, and sanitation customers to have their monthly bill sent via email, replacing the monthly postcard you receive now.

Visit the city's website to sign up for this service.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

MICHAEL HAY

The new school season is underway and we want to remind those traveling the streets of Mount Pleasant to be vigilant watching for school buses transporting children to/from school as well as children riding their bicycles or walking. To help us with keeping our children safe, there are speed cameras in the school zone and you will get a ticket. Keeping our children safe is a top priority for the police department and should be for everyone.

Mount Pleasant offers a lot of charm and history. As a result, our lovely town attracts lots of visitors. It is important that we are put our town in a positive light.

Our community service employees do a great job routinely cleaning our streets and keeping litter picked up. However, it is all of our responsibility to make sure Mount Pleasant is kept beautiful and litter free. If you want others to love Mount Pleasant as we do, then please help us keep our home town clean. We must remind you that littering is not just a public nuisance, it is a crime. Please refer to Tennessee State Annotated 39-14-502 and City Ordinance 16-107 to read the statues prohibiting littering.



Officer Holland at TLC Daycare taking to kids about police work.

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CHRIS BROOKS

## How to Winterize Your Home Checklist

1. **Have Your Furnace Inspected and Ducts Cleaned:** If you rely on a stand-alone furnace for your heating, have it inspected and maintained before winter starts. A well-maintained furnace performs more efficiently throughout the cold season – keeping you warm and lowering your heating expenses. In addition, clean the ducts and change the filters often (preferably every three months).
2. **Clean and Cover Your Air Conditioning Unit:** Clean your air conditioning unit and remove grime and build-up from its fins. After cleaning: Cover it using a breathable material.- Put plywood over its top to shield it from ice and snow. - Weigh it down using rocks or bricks to keep it in place. Alternatively, you can install a wood shelter over the unit.
3. **Check Your Heating System:** Inspect your HVAC system by turning it on and seeing how well it works. Alternatively, you can have an HVAC technician inspect it before winter. You should regularly replace the filters every three months or sooner if you have pets, use a fireplace, or have a large family. You can use inexpensive fiberglass filters, UV filters, or upgrade to pleated or HEPA filters.
4. **Move Furniture Away from Blocking Any Vents:** Vents provide a necessary free flow of air in and out of your home. Therefore, it is unwise to block them with furniture because it could make your HVAC system run sub-optimally or damage it.
5. **Reverse Ceiling Fans:** Reversing your ceiling fans during winter creates a gentle updraft and recirculates heat down. To reverse your fans, use a switch to change the blades' movement clockwise.
6. **Block Air Leaks:** Inspect your windows and doors for air leaks. To block air leaks, you can use weatherstripping, install new sweeps., use foam tape, apply foil stripping and rigid foam insulation, insulated curtains, or caulking.
7. **Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Ensure all carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are in top condition. Press and hold down the device's test button for a few seconds until you hear two beeps, signifying it is in testing mode.
8. **Seal Your Doors and Windows:** Air Leaks through windows, doors, and other outlets to the exterior of your home account for a significant drain on energy costs. Have a professional inspect your windows to determine how old they are and whether they leak. Then, you can opt to replace them with energy-efficient windows or add an interior layer of shrink film (plastic) or use caulking to seal around the window. Take a similar approach for maintaining your doors.
9. **Have Storm Doors and Windows Replaced, Updated, or Repaired:** Inspect your storm doors and windows and have them repaired, replaced, or updated where necessary. Poorly insulated storm doors and windows can tax your home's heating system and contribute to high energy bills.
10. **Insulate Exposed Water Pipes:** Insulate all exposed pipes throughout your home (especially in non-heated areas) to prevent freezing.
11. **Trim Trees around Your Home:** Maintain your trees and plants. Prune overhanging branches near your home and driveway.
12. **Clean Your Gutters:**Leaves can clog gutters and cause water to back up and freeze, creating ice dams. In addition, the added weight can damage your gutters or pull them out of position as more ice builds up. Make sure your gutters are clean before winter rolls around.
13. **Check the State of Your Home's Insulation:** Check the insulation of your home to determine whether it warrants adding or blowing additional insulation on top. Check for and seal gaps and holes within your attic insulation to prevent air leakage. For crawl spaces, you can opt to insulate the perimeter wall or the underside of the floor.
14. **Have Your Roof Inspected:** Have a roofing contractor inspect your roofing system for missing shingles, granules, water leaks, and mold or mildew. If the roof is old and beaten up, the roofer can recommend a replacement.

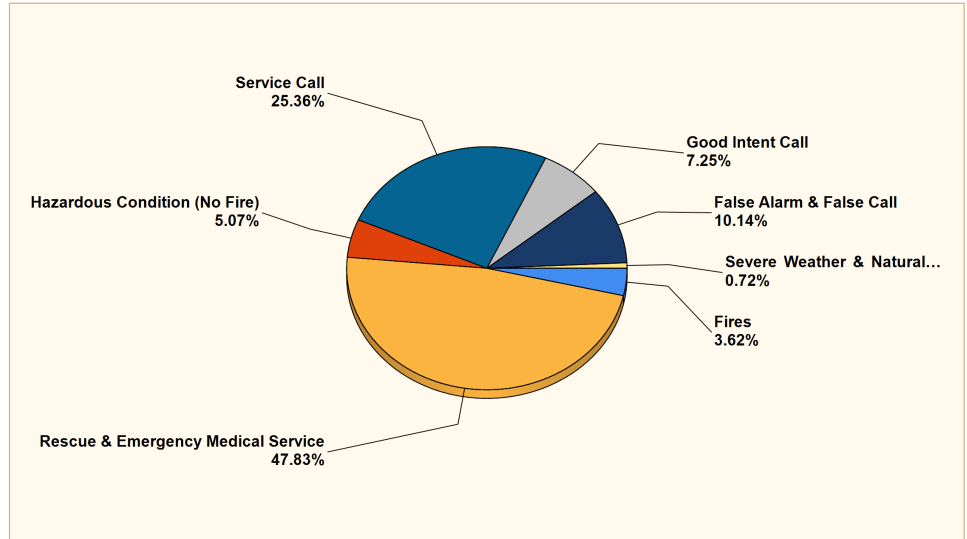
# FIRE DEPARTMENT

PHILLIP GROOMS

The Mount Pleasant Fire Department (MPFD) responded to a total of (138) calls for service.

Calls for service included: five (5) fires; sixty-six (66) emergency medical responses; seven (7) hazardous conditions; forty-five (45) public service and good intent calls; and fourteen (14) false alarms: seven (7) burn permits were issued in the city. Community risk reduction activities included thirty-eight (38) fire prevention inspections at local business and industry. In addition, firefighters installed nine

(9) smoke alarms in residential homes. Lastly, six (6) open burning permits were issued in the city.



Firefighters, Brian Finn, Lucas Steele, and Jacob Robinson completed Firefighter II, live burn training. The training is a requirement to take the certification written exam.

All three completed, live burn and written examination. Congratulations, all three passed and are now certified at the Firefighter II level.





Captain, Ben Willard completed eighty hours of fire investigation training at Tennessee Fire Codes and Enforcement Academy (TFACA). This course was designed to assist fire investigators in conducting a variety of fire investigations. This course covered National Fire Protection Association, (NFPA 921), Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations and addresses job performance requirements in the NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators. Congratulations! Captain Ben Willard for completing the course and passing the certification exam.

Lastly, Mount Pleasant Fire and Mount Pleasant Police had the opportunity to support our local youth baseball league with a friendly competitive sponge ball game. As usual, the MPFD won the game and graciously accepted the winning hardware. (picture on left)

OCCUPANCY	DATE	INSPECTOR	RESULTS	NOTES
<b>Inspection Type: Fire Inspection</b>				
Rose's Shell	08/15/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Pleasantwood Apartments	08/17/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire re-inspection.
G&M Construction (Chris Gibson)	08/17/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Just Clean	08/21/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Roundtree Napier & Ogilvie's Funeral Home	08/21/2023	Willard, Ben	Pending	Unable to make contact with Managers/Emergency Contacts. Unable to complete fire inspection. Contact information left on site.
Gray's Auto Unlimited, LLC. #2	08/21/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	Fire Inspection on Main Building Only; 2nd Building Vacant and Secured (Inspection to be completed once remodel completed.) 2018 IFC 906 Fire Extinguishers should be available for the extinguishment of small fires.
Seal Master	08/23/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
Tracie's Mobile Kitchen	08/24/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
GCP Products	08/25/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
El Indio Mexican Restaurant	08/28/2023	Willard, Ben	Third Correction Notice	Third and Final Correction Notice: 2018 IFC 607 Hood and Duct cleaning must be completed within (7) seven days. Re-inspection 09/06/2023
Athena-SCE Gaskets	08/30/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection.
First United Methodist Church	08/31/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	2018 IFC 604.3 - Electrical Panels can not have duct tape holding breakers in place. 2018 IFC 604.5 - Extensions cords must not be plugged into each other; unplug when not in use. 2018 IFC 1031.10 - Make sure all emergency lighting is working properly. Lights not activating when test button pushed.
Victory Supply	09/06/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed with Comments	2018 IFC 3207.2.1 Shelf storage 15ft or more in height shall be protected in an approved manner with special fire protection.
El Indio Mexican Restaurant	09/06/2023	Willard, Ben	Passed	No violations found during fire inspection. All previous violations have been corrected.
			<b>Total # Inspections for: Fire Inspection: 14</b>	



OCCUPANCY	DATE	INSPECTOR	RESULTS	NOTES
<b>Inspection Type: Fire Prevention Inspection</b>				
Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion	08/15/2023	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	No oblivious hazards or violations found at the time of survey.
Cowley Container Corp	08/15/2023	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	No oblivious hazards or violations found at the time of visit.
Vacant Storage	08/16/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	Exterior plan only. Due to not being able to locate the occupants or owner, a letter was sent to the owners from Captain Willard.
Froggy Fog	08/18/2023	Chatman, Jimmy	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards during pre-plan.
Mount Pleasant Community Center	08/19/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No hazards or violations found at the time of the inspection.
Mount Pleasant Housing Authority	08/21/2023	Counts, Phillip	Pre-Plan Only	No Oblivious hazards found at the time of pre-plan.
Hygrade	08/28/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No Oblivious hazards found at the time of pre-plan.
McNeese Service	08/29/2023	Cockrell, Brent	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Harmony Erosion & Site Management	08/29/2023	Hardison, Deon	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Ryder	08/29/2023	Garcia , Michael	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during fire prevention survey.
Insulating Services	08/31/2023	Kelley, Josh	Pre-Plan Only	No violations found during fire prevention inspection
Elite (technician management group)	09/01/2023	Hardison, Deon	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Hamilton Place-Kinzer -Twisted Copper	09/01/2023	Hardison, Deon	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey.
Mount Pleasant Public Works	09/05/2023	Chatman, Jimmy	Pre-Plan Only	Recommendations on fire extinguisher not serviced properly.
Hair Haven Salon and Tanning	09/05/2023	Kelly, Sean	Pre-Plan Only	Emergency light in Right hallway needs to be fixed not working. Fire extinguisher needs to be serviced and updated.
St. John's Church	09/07/2023	Cockrell, Brent	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards or violation found during pre-fire plan survey.
Mount Pleasant Village Apartments	09/08/2023	Kelly, Sean	Pre-Plan Only	Exit and emergency lighting not working properly. Extinguishers need to be serviced annually.
VLS-Armor	09/12/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	No major hazard or violations found during the fire prevention inspection. A note was made to repair a few exit signs and replace a cover over an electrical outlet.
<b>Inspection Type: Fire Prevention Inspection</b>				
Mount Pleasant Sales	09/12/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	Outside survey was completed as well as an exterior pre-plan.
Arts of Grace	09/12/2023	Duncan, Nathan	Pre-Plan Only	An exterior preplan was done due to no contact with the owner. Several calls were made to schedule a time.
Doug Jeffords Spice Company	09/14/2023	Counts, Phillip		No Obvious hazards or violations found during pre-fire plan survey
Vanderbilt University Life Flight Base #4	09/15/2023	Mattox, Austin	Pre-Plan Only	No obvious hazards found at the time of the inspection.
Vector	09/15/2023	Mattox, Austin	Pre-Plan Only	Extension cords used but power is terminated at the end of the day.
			<b>Total # Inspections for: Fire Prevention Inspection : 23</b>	
<b>Inspection Type: Reinspection</b>				
El Indio Mexican Restaurant	08/15/2023	Willard, Ben	Second Correction Notice	2018 IFC 607 Cooking hood and duct cleaning must be performed every 6 months. 2018 IFC 604.3 Electrical Panel - Missing breakers shall be covered with approved black plastic blank covers. Re-Inspection in 14-Days. 8/28/23.
			<b>Total # Inspections for: Reinspection: 1</b>	
<b>TOTAL # INSPECTIONS: 38</b>				

# STREETS

TED HOWELL

Municipal Solid Waste  
174 Tons

Aluminum Recycled  
220 Lbs

Bulky Brush Pickup  
Call: (931) 325-5701



Potholes Repaired

N Main Street  
Haylong Ave  
Wall Street  
Brookside Drive

# UTILITIES

TED HOWELL

Wastewater Plant/Lagoons

Plant August 2023 - 17.46 MG    Plant August 2022 - 10.97 MG  
Rain August 2023 - 5.48 inches    Rain August 2022 - 2.48 inches

Lagoons

Upper Lagoon (20%)  
Bottom Lagoon (20%)

Water Treated / Water Sold

T vs S

Water Treated August 2023 - 41.82 MG  
Water Sold August 2023 - 23.35 MG  
Water Treated August 2022 - 41.14 MG  
Water Sold August 2022 - 17.99 MG

55.83%

43.72%

Tennessee One Calls  
August 2023 - 83



Utility Distribution System

Water Leaks Repaired (14)  
Water Meter Changes (07)  
Gas Meter Changes (05)

Spray Field - 10.19 MG

# HUMAN RESOURCES

LAYTOYA ALDERSON

The City of Mount Pleasant employs 72 Full-time and 19 part-time employees. The City had no worker comp claims and no property damage claims for the month of September.

We are happy to present the following employees whose employment anniversaries were in September.

Terry Jennings (Fire Department) 6 years  
Sean Kelly (Fire Department) 9 years  
Rodger Brown (Public Works Department) 1 year  
Samuel Dickey (Police Department) 5 years  
Peyton Holland (Police Department) 6 years



October Birthdays

Derrell Ferguson  
Marshall Hopkins  
Stephen Dowell  
John Kennedy  
Andrew Buffey  
Joshua Koger

Thanks to all of our City employees for making the Mount Pleasant a better place to live, work, and play.