

Mt. Pleasant Youth City Council

Dear Applicant and Parent or Guardian:

During the Spring of 2001, the Mt. Pleasant Youth City Council (YCC) was re-activated. Since that time, we have had the privilege of working with many fine youth from our community.

The Youth City Council is patterned after the actual Mt. Pleasant City Council. We are a governing body that mirrors the efforts of the City Council. Our primary purpose is to serve the community and promote youth programs.

Participation in this program requires a sincere commitment of time and energy. We realize that the students may be very active in school-sponsored programs as well. Adhering to the YCC By-Laws is imperative for members of this council.

Attached you will find a packet of materials that contain the YCC Application, the YCC By-Laws, and YCC General Information. Please review the material. For youth who wish to participate in this program, we ask that you and your parent or guardian sign the attached form that is the official acknowledgment that you have read and agree to the terms contained within the packet.

We look forward to working together in this civic-minded program that is designed to fulfill the intent of our YCC motto, "Leaders of Tomorrow Serving Our Community Today." We have seen the personal impact that this program has had on its participating members many of whom have become Sterling Scholars and have attained positions of leadership in their chosen college.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at (435) 462-2456.

General Information

The purpose of the Mt. Pleasant Youth City Council (known as YCC) is to be an advisory body to the Mt. Pleasant City Council, dealing with, considering, and making recommendations in respect of all manner of issues and programs, youth crime, teen counseling and activities, and teen employment opportunities.

The YCC has been re-activated as of 2001. The YCC consists of twelve (12) or more high school age students and volunteer Advisors. The concept to create such an organization was a high priority of the Mt. Pleasant City Council, who wish to hear the voice of the youth of Mt. Pleasant.

All members of the YCC voluntarily come together at least once a month to discuss youth issues and community concerns facing today's world. In coming together, members are hoping to generate solutions to the challenges they face every day.

Members are learning valuable leadership and organizational skills as well as an understanding of municipal governments. They are laying a foundation for future Youth City Council members to follow, and for other state municipalities to draw ideas from.

If you are interested in YCC, have questions or concerns, or want meeting dates and times contact Mt. Pleasant City Hall at (435) 462-2456.

APPLICATION

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 and live within the boundaries of Mt. Pleasant City. Please complete the application for consideration of membership and submit it to Mt. Pleasant City Hall.

Name: _____

Phone# _____

Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone#: _____

Do you have a job? _____ How many hours per week do you work? _____

What school activities do you participate in? _____

Which of the following positions would you aspire to hold on the YCC?

~ Mayor ~ Pro-Tem Mayor ~ Recorder ~ Treasurer ~ Historian ~ Council Members (8)

The following are some of the events that the YCC helps with:

4th of July Hub City Days

Halloween Bash

Trip to Capitol for Legislative Day

Easter Egg Hunt

Pioneer Day Events

Christmas Main Street Lighting

We, as a Youth City Council, think it is important to follow a set of rules and guidelines (By-Laws).

The signatures below indicate that the attached By-Laws have been read, understood, and recognized as an important factor in any future involvement with the YCC. I declare under penalty of perjury that all the information in this application is true and correct, and I hereby agree to comply with the rules and regulations.

Applicant's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

MT. PLEASANT CITY RESOLUTION 2016-15**A RESOLUTION WHICH SUPERCEDES RESOLUTION 05-11-22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MT. PLEASANT CITY, UTAH ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (YCC) FOR THE CITY OF MT. PLEASANT BY UPDATING THE BY-LAWS OF THE YOUTH CITYCOUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mt. Pleasant, Utah has determined that the young people of our community have unique insight into the needs, desires, problems and issues which confront, and are experienced by young people; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that our youth, as inheritors of the community, are certainly deserving of a voice and representation, in efforts adopted by the City to identify and resolve issues which concern the youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council feels it is important to provide an opportunity for the youth of Mt. Pleasant to acquire a greater knowledge of and appreciation for the political system through active participation in the system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes by establishing a Youth City Council it will instill a feeling of a positive self-worth and esteem, to teach respect for the rights and property of others, to promote community pride, and eliminate potential negative influences among our future community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. PLEASANT, UTAH THAT:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a "Youth City Council" hereinafter "YCC". The purpose of the YCC is to actively advise the City Council with thoughtful recommendations on issues concerning youth and to assist City staff in considering youth perspectives in its planning efforts. The YCC shall hold periodic meetings with the Mayor and/or City Council and will attend City Council and City Board and Commission meetings when youth issues are on the agenda. YCC shall create task forces, as needed. The YCC shall not constitute a Board or Commission under title 2 of the Mt. Pleasant City Ordinances.

SECTION 2. The Youth Council shall be composed of 12 or more members between the ages of 14 and 18 years, who live within and/or adjacent to the city limits of Mt. Pleasant. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint members to serve one-year terms. The YCC shall have adult non-voting advisors. The advisors may be appointed from the full-time career employees of the City Staff or may be a community volunteer.

SECTION 2A. The Youth Council shall establish a sub-committee that will consist of past YCC members and students within the city limits of Mt. Pleasant who will choose specific activities to participate in with the understanding that they will be required to attend YCC meetings prior to the event. Members of the sub-committee shall be required to setup for the event and stay to clean up after the event is completed.

SECTION 3. The YCC shall meet ~~two times per month~~ at least once a month. All members shall serve on at least one task force and cannot miss more than six meetings in a one-year period. The YCC shall choose its own officers and shall adopt rules of procedure for the proper conduct of its business.

SECTION 4. No member of the YCC shall receive compensation for service, but members of the YCC may be reimbursed necessary expenses, which are approved in advance by the Adult Advisor. All members shall be subject to removal by City Council at its pleasure and at any time without cause.

SECTION 5. By-Laws of the Youth City Council are attached, and made part of this resolution.

**BY-LAWS of the
CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT YOUTH CITY COUNCIL (YCC)**

ARTICLE I: IDENTIFICATION

Section 1: Name

The name of the group is the Youth City Council or YCC.

Section 2: Address

The address of the YCC is City Hall, 115 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant, UT 84647.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Selection Process for Members

During the fall of each school year, an Information Packet will be distributed to the North Sanpete High School. A notice will also be submitted to the local newspaper for students who fit the age criteria and live within the boundaries of Mt. Pleasant. Students will be asked to fill out the YCC Application if they are interested in serving on the Youth City Council and return it to the Mt. Pleasant City Hall. The Advisory Committee will interview students individually. The Advisory Committee will make a recommendation to the City Council and the City Council will make the appointments. The Youth Council Application is attached.

Section 1A: Sub-Committee

The Youth Council shall establish a sub-committee that will consist of past YCC members and students who live within the boundaries of Mt. Pleasant. The members of the sub-committee will choose specific activities to participate in with the understanding that they will be required to attend YCC meetings prior to the event. Members of the sub-committee shall be required to setup for the event and stay to clean up after the event is completed.

Section 2: Qualifications

A) Membership shall be open to students who attend the North Sanpete High School and who live within the boundaries of Mt. Pleasant, Utah. B) The applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years old. Every effort will be made to assure that a diverse group of young people is represented on the YCC.

Section 3: Number

The Youth City Council shall consist of twelve (12) or more members.

Section 4: Term of Membership

Members shall serve a one-year term with the option of applying for subsequent terms. Terms will run from October to October of the next year.- 2 -

Section 5: YCC Absences

A) Excused – an absence will be excused if the member calls the Youth Mayor and/or YCC Advisor prior to the meeting, or if in the case of an emergency, up to one day following the meeting. Members will be allowed six (6) excused absences per one-year term. One excused absence may include consecutive days upon approval of the Advisory Committee. B) Attendance at major YCC events is mandatory and will count as one (1) excused absence. C) Unexcused – absences will be considered unexcused if the member fails to call the Youth Mayor and/or the YCC Advisor prior to the meeting or within the following two days after the meeting. In special circumstances, exceptions can be made to this rule as determined by the YCC leadership.

Section 6: Removal

If a member has violated the unexcused absence policy, that member will no longer be eligible for membership for the duration of his/her term. The individual shall be eligible to apply for membership during the next year.

Section 7: Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs during the normal membership term, the City Council shall appoint individual to fulfill the duration of the term. The newly appointed individual may then apply for a full term during the next recruitment cycle.

Section 8: Quorum

Fifty-one percent (51%) of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9: Regular Meetings

Meetings shall be held twice a month, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. The YCC may at anytime, by majority vote of a quorum, change the regular meeting days and time to better accommodate the needs of the membership. Meetings will be conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order 10th Edition.

Section 10: Special Meetings

A) Special meetings prior to major events shall be determined and schedule based upon the needs of the event. Other special meetings shall be determined on an as-needed basis.

Section 11: Events/Projects

Attendance at events or projects that are initiated by the YCC or directed by the City Council is mandatory. Refer to Section 5 – Absences. Furthermore, it is expected that set-up and cleanup for events will be considered as the sum total of event participation.

Section 12: Duties

The YCC will make recommendations to the City Council on youth related programs, policies, and allocations. Members will also assume a liaison relationship between the youth community and the City Council. Within this, members may take on specific tasks to better advocate for the youth community. Members may also serve as liaisons between the City departments and the YCC.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1: Number, Tenure and Qualifications

There shall be a Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and a Recorder. Officers will serve one-year terms. Officers must be active members of the YCC.

Section 2: Duties

Mayor – will meet monthly with the YCC Advisor to prepare meeting agendas and discuss issues related to YCC, chair all meetings and encourage full YCC participation and leadership in YCC activities.

Mayor Pro-Tem – will have the full responsibility of the Mayor in the Mayors absence.

Recorder – shall keep minutes of all board meetings and distribute them as needed, will contact the Mayor for the agenda items, type up the agendas and will keep a notebook of YCC minutes and agendas.

Section 3: Officers

Officers may **Delegate Powers and Duties** as necessary.

Section 4: Vacancies

Officer vacancies will be filled by the vote of the YCC.

Section 5: Removal

Officers who fail to perform their duties satisfactorily can be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members and final approval by the YCC Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENT

These By-Laws may be amended at anytime by the vote of two-thirds of the active membership of the YCC and approved by the YCC Advisory Committee.

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____ have read and understand the contents of the YCC Packet, which include: YCC Application, YCC By-Laws and YCC General Information.

I further acknowledge by my signature below that I agree to the terms and conditions of my potential membership in the YCC and recognize that the YCC Advisory Committee will review my application and this acknowledgment.

It is understood that I will be contacted by the Advisory Committee for an interview upon approval of my application.

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and understand the content of the YCC Packet. I also grant permission for my son/daughter, _____ to participate as a member, if so chosen, of the Mt. Pleasant Youth City Council and acknowledge this with my signature below.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed: _____