

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 21st, 2015
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps present. Councilmember Jason Vernon was excused. The Mayor welcomed all attending and asked them to stand and join him in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Soper invited Power Superintendent, Blake DeMill to approach. Mr. DeMill then reported on Power Department projects scheduled, in process and completed (report included in council packet). Blake also reported on equipment issues including the engine overhaul for the small bucket truck and a hydraulic hose repair for the large bucket truck. The Mayor thanked Blake for his efforts.

Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Supervisor, then reported on maintenance work with the water and sewer lines and updated the Council on ongoing water quality testing. Mayor Soper expressed appreciation to Hatch for his efforts on behalf of the city.

The Mayor invited Gary Keddington, Financial Advisor to the city to report on the annual financial audit, which was recently completed by Hinton & Burdick. Gary reviewed the findings of the audit along with the management letter, (letter attached), which summarized a clean overall audit but made recommendations for several changes in procedure to bring the city into full compliance with new state regulations that have gone in to effect since the last audit. The Mayor thanked Gary for his report.

The Mayor then called for discussion on the possible grant application to CDBG for a project to benefit the city. Kent Barton reported that a discussion with Emery Pololenema indicated the drainage project the city had planned to use for the grant application would likely not qualify for funding. Some discussion ensued. The consensus of the Council was that Barton would research the merits of road improvements in the industrial park for a possible grant application.

Mayor Soper then asked the Council to consider adoption of a resolution, which would provide for Manti City power users to purchase blocks of “green power” from renewable sources. The Mayor read the proposed Resolution 2015-01-21 and then called for discussion from the Council. After brief discussion the Mayor called for a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-01-21, giving Manti City Power users the option to bring renewable energy onto the grid at their option and cost. Jason Maylett made that motion which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Moving to continuing business the following was discussed:

- The Mayor asked Ryan Phelps for a progress report on the development of a city logo. Phelps said he would get with the Economic Development Committee and report at a future meeting.
- Jason Maylett expressed concern that we do not let the “discussions die” concerning rental standards. Mayor Soper expressed agreement.
- The Mayor asked how the Planning Commission was progressing with regard to a rezoning proposal for the possible expansion of commercial, industrial or mixed-use zones in the city. Kent Barton suggested that Scott Olsen, Commission Chair, report at an upcoming meeting. The Mayor asked Barton to schedule him for the next Council meeting.
- Jason Maylett asked about progress on the policy change for off-season utility hook-ups. Kent Barton said that a revised policy is under development and will be ready for the Council’s review soon.

The Mayor asked if any councilmembers had items for discussion.

Jason Maylett gave a progress report on the city building improvements now underway.

Darren Dyreng stated that he had a personnel issue for discussion in closed session.

Vaun Mickelsen indicated that Michelle Palmer, Chair of the Arbor Committee, has made application for renewal of Manti’s “Tree City USA” status. He said that the committee was also working on a proposal for trees to replace the elms that have recently been removed from the cemetery.

Mayor Soper related an article he recently read stating that bark beetles, which kill ash tress, are headed our way. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus that the Arbor Committee makes recommendation on getting started with replacement trees along our Main Street for the many ash trees whose days are likely numbered.

Ryan Phelps reported on the upcoming Legislative Day at the state capitol and plans for the Manti City Youth Council to attend. Phelps also brought up the cemetery improvement project. He raised concerns that the project seems to be growing in scope and cost and questioned the likelihood of raising the required funds for new elements that have been added. Discussion ensued. It was determined that the Mayor, Ryan Phelps and Kent Barton would meet with Jane Braithwaite and members of her committee to discuss those concerns.

Mayor Soper then reported on items discussed at the recent Mayors’ and Commissioners’ meeting including a report by Sanpete County Assessor Ken Bench regarding an online mapping resource called “Picometry” which he described as Google Earth on steroids. The Mayor described plans the county has for the new system and said that the county

has acquired enough user licenses for each community in the county to be able to use the software as well. Mayor Soper also reported that Laura Price from Mia Love's office attended the meeting to report on the congresswoman's activities in Washington DC and to learn about issues of concern from Sanpete County leaders.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous council meeting. Several corrections were noted after which he called for a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting of January 7th, 2014 as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the Public Hearing held on December 10th, 2014. As no corrections were noted the Mayor called accept the minutes from the Public Hearing of December 10th, 2014 as presented. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Discussed marketing and training plans for UMPA member cities with regard to the RenewChoice renewable energy campaign.
- Referenced an email from Nancy Bean in the packet asking if the Council would waive the requirement for liability insurance in order to use the Old Parachute Plant as a clothing exchange bank. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Council was that the requirement for insurance not be waived.
- Reviewed drawings of the proposed Ambulance Facility, explained that a pre-bid meeting is planned for late next week, with a bid opening scheduled for Thursday February 5th at 3 p.m. After reviewing the drawings, members of the Council asked if the Council would be able to have input on the building design. Barton said that as far as color goes the answer would be yes. He promised to bring more detailed exterior drawing with several color options to the Council. A concern was raised by a councilmember that the west sloping roof may result in a "snow problem" for the driveway underneath. Barton promised to get more detail on how that issue would be mitigated.
- Stated that he had items dealing with property negotiation, legal and personnel for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss personnel, property negotiation and legal matters. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Vaun Mickelsen made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Ryan Phelps seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

General Account

Justin Aagard	\$40.00
Utah Green Conference	\$150.00
Empire Builders	\$30,000.00
Cory Hatch	\$138.43
Target Pest Control	\$3,490.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator