

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 3rd, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen present. Councilmembers Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon were excused. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and asked that they stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrator Kent Barton explained that Pam Lund, who heads the Community Easter Egg Hunt Committee was unable to attend the meeting but had visited the office earlier in the week and requested to say that her committee is willing to again plan setup and oversee the annual, Easter egg hunt at the city park. They proposed that the event be held on March 27th (the Saturday before Easter). The cost for the candy and giveaways at last year's event totaled sixteen hundred dollars, twelve hundred of which was contributed by the city with the remaining four hundred coming from private sources. Barton said that the committee has requested that they city again contribute \$1,200.00 for this year's event. Mayor Soper voiced support for the contribution saying: "it's an event that our community really looks forward to and enjoy – especially our young people". Other comments of support were expressed by members of the Council. After more discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to contribute \$1,200.00 for purchasing supplies for the Easter egg hunt. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then referred to the next item on the agenda regarding a proposed annexation by the city. He invited Kent Barton to explain the petition, process and procedure. Barton displayed a map for those present to view, and explained that the annexation, which was initiated by the city, would include the entire the 150 acre parcel that was purchased by the city from the Morlin & Gayle Buchanan Family trust in 2014. He said additional property to be involved in the annexation is located between the city property described above and the city boundary at 800 South Street between 500 West and 100 West streets and would include the following:

- ∞ Approximately 13 acres owned by Manti City Creek Waters Users Mutual Association, located between 800 South Street and US Highway 89.
- ∞ Approximately 22 acres owned by Lee J. Anderson, located directly south of 800 South and east of 500 West Streets, and bordered on the east by the above-described property owned by the Manti City Creek Water Users Mutual Association.
- ∞ Approximately 2 acres owned by K & K Services, located directly south and east of the intersection of 500 West and 800 South streets.

- ∞ Approximately 150 acres owned by Manti City, located directly south of US Highway 89 and east of Serviceberry Road, directly across US Highway 89 from the above-described property owned by Manti City Creek Water Users Mutual Association.

The owners of each of the above-described properties signed the annexation petition as co-sponsors. Barton explained that acting as City Recorder he had certified the petition, as required by state law. Some discussion ensued and Barton entertained a few questions from members of the Council. Mayor Soper then read aloud a proposed resolution of acceptance of the petition of annexation and asked if the Council desired any discussion. Seeing there was none, he called for a motion to adopt the Resolution 20161 – 02 – 03 as presented. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none

Barton then explained the remaining steps in the annexation process, which included the following:

- ∞ A 30-day protest period starting immediately will be noticed in the paper for 3 weeks. Those desiring to submit written protest may submit to the Sanpete County Clerk’s office.
- ∞ After the protest period ends, the Council must hold a public hearing to take any public comment concerning the annexation.
- ∞ After the completion of the public hearing and consideration of any public comment, the Council may by motion accept the annexation as proposed into the incorporated limits of the city.

Mayor Soper then proposed to the Council the March 10th be the date designated for the public hearing with a Council meeting to follow. He explained that this meeting would replace the meeting normally scheduled for the first Wednesday of March but said that both he and Kent Barton would be out of town that week for the Utah Rural Water Association annual conference. The Mayor then polled the 3 councilmembers in attendance concerning availability for the hearing and council meeting on March 10th. All three indicated they would be available to meet that night. Mayor Soper asked Kent Barton to speak with Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon to advise them of the date.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to continuing business and asked Kent Barton if he had located any details of prior discussion from the previous Council regarding a possible financial contribution from the city to the Sanpete County Food Bank. Barton referred the Council to detail that were recorded in the minutes of meeting held in November and January of 2012. Those minutes indicated that there was concern about how to administer a voluntary donation from residents through the city. The discussion was tabled in December 2012 and had not been raised again. Councilmember Maylett said that he didn’t agree with a mandated donation on the utility bill but would be open to

a utility bill fee provided residents could “opt out”. Gary Chidester suggested that as an alternative to an increase on the utility bill the Council could consider an annual contribution from the city’s general fund. Mayor Soper asked the Council to consider both of those options, as well as any other that may come to mind and be prepared to discuss at a future meeting. He then reflected on the important work done by the food bank, which benefits those in need throughout the county, including residents of Manti and said: “we should do our part”.

The Mayor asked if there was other continuing business to be discussed. Jason Maylett reminded the Council and staff that 800 North Street, between 200 and 500 west streets, really needs improvement including the addition of pavement. Discussion ensued with Gary Chidester agreeing that something should be done. Vaun Mickelsen and the Mayor also agreed that the road experiences significant traffic and said we should place the three-block stretch as high priority for improvement. Kent Barton said that improvements would likely include the removal of the top coat of reject sand, which has a tendency to rut and “washboard”, and then place an additional layer of road base before paving. He said he would discuss the desire of the Council with Dale Nielson and get an estimated cost and then advise the Council.

Regarding other continuing business, Kent Barton reported that Jones and DeMill is planning to move ahead with the requesting of bids for the redevelopment of Sister Spring along with upgrades to the central spring area collection box. He reminded the Council that funding this project may require an increase to the current monthly water utility rate. Barton said that he is studying rates of neighboring communities as well as analyzing our costs to determine a recommendation to the Mayor and Council of a possible rate increase in the water rate or other rates or fees. He said he would have something ready for the council to look at in a month or so.

Moving to Council member reports, Jason Maylett asked about the possible upcoming election of officers for the Fire Department. Kent Barton said a meeting was being held tonight at the fire department where nominations would take place with an election planned for February 25th. The Mayor asked if both Maylett would plan to attend to oversee the elections. Both replied to the affirmative.

Gary Chidester reported that he plans to attend next weeks Library Board Meeting.

Mayor Soper then reported the following from the recent UMPA board meeting:

- ∞ A legislative reception for those concerned with energy usage, resources and development is planned for Thursday February 16th from 4:30 – 7:00 in the evening. He invited any member of the Council that may desire to attend the reception to let him know and he would supply more details.
- ∞ Referred to a copy of the proposed Power Purchase Agreement with a firm by the name of BMB who is planning to construct a hydropower generating plant in Six-Mile Canyon and desires to interconnect their transmission line into the Manti

City grid. BMB has been in discussions with UMPA and Manti City for a couple of years and negotiations for a 3-year power purchase price have recently been agreed upon. A binding agreement will need to be passed by the Manti City Council and UMPA Board of Directors. The project is important for the city because it will bring a local source of power generation into our system, and it will also count towards “green” power generation credits, which will bolster UMPS’s portfolio.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. Two typographical errors were noted . Mayor Soper then call for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of January 20th, 2016 as corrected. Gary Chidester made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Advised Council that Gary Keddington will report on the financial audit at the February 17th Council Meeting.
- ∞ Referred to a memo in the packet that contained the timeline details for the planned annexation.
- ∞ Advised of planned meeting for Monday February 8th with Dr. Clay and the BYU to meet with the Economic Development Committee and Planning Commission for the purpose of starting phase 2 of the BYU Manti project. Explained this phase will concentrate on strategies for the city including a vision for Main Street, better leveraging of special events, and a developmental plan for the city property south of town. Barton reported that this round, the group would be working more closely with the Economic Development Committee and Planning Commission. He also invited the Mayor and Members of the Council to attend.
- ∞ Referenced a planned 50th Anniversary of the Pageant celebration that in under development by an independent committee which has asked the city to serve as sponsor of the event which will include an opening ceremony to occur at the football stadium of Manti High School. Some discussion ensued and Mayor Soper explained several exciting details of the planned event with the Council.
- ∞ Indicated that he had issues dealing with property negotiation and personnel for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation and personnel issues. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded

by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Justin Aagard	\$ 40.00
Donna or Doug Birk	236.21
Bankcard Center	689.00
Utah State Tax Commission	11,174.32
Christine Bown	200.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	95,204.15
JoAnn Otten	37.11
Manti Post Office	440.14

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator