

# Manti City Council Meeting

## MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2020  
6:30 PM

MANTI CITY BUILDING  
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MEETING CALLED BY	Mayor Korry L. Soper
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Council Meeting
ATTENDEES	Mayor: Korry Soper Councilmembers: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon and Mary L. Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember: Jason Maylett - excused
WELCOME	Mayor Soper
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Soper

### Agenda Items

ITEM 1	<b>Discussion &amp; Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2020-02-12-1, Modifying the Zoning Map and Designating Multiple Commercial Zones.</b>
<p>Mayor Soper said that the Manti Municipal Code contains one single commercial zone and the Mayor and Council desire to establish multiple commercial zones. They desire to allow for unique uses and restrictions in each of the designated zones. He then asked if the City Council had any discussion relative to this ordinance.</p> <p>Dave Hall asked for permission to speak, which the Mayor granted. Hall thanked the Mayor and City Council for the work they have completed on the ordinance and said he felt that a unity had grown between the merchants and the council during this process. He then questioned if this ordinance was “set in stone” or if changes could be made at a later date. Mayor Soper said that the ordinance is set in stone after adoption; however, if changes need to be made in the future this may be</p>	

accomplished by the City Council. Mayor Soper then called for a motion to pass Ordinance #2020-02-12-1, an “*Ordinance Creating Multiple Commercial Zones and Modifying the Zoning Map to Include Newly Created Zones*”.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Councilmember Jason Vernon moved to adopt Ordinance #2020-02-12-1 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Vernon, Gary Chidester, Mary Wintch and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

**ITEM 2**

**Discussion & Possible Adoption of Ordinance 2020-02-12-2, Defining Zoning Requirements in the Downtown, North Gateway & South Gateway Commercial zones.**

Mayor Soper said that the Manti Municipal Code contains no restrictions for building height, area, yard regulations, setbacks exterior signage or design standards in the commercial zones. He then stated: “*The Mayor and Council desire to protect the aesthetics of the Downtown and Gateway commercial zones and believe the placement of reasonable restrictions will protect property values and aesthetics in the commercial zones.*”

Mayor Soper asked if there was any discussion desired by the Council. Seeing none, the Mayor called for a motion to pass ordinance #2020-02-12-2 defining multiple commercial zones resolution requesting recertification by the State of Utah.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Councilmember Mary Wintch moved to adopt Ordinance #2020-02-12-2 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

**ITEM 3**

**Discussion Concerning the Possibilities of Implementing the UMPA Yard Equipment Exchange Program.**

Mayor Soper explained that UMPA is offering a Clean Air Equipment Exchange Program and inquired if the city council would be interested in Manti City participating in this program. This would allow any Manti citizen to receive a rebate on disposal of gas yard equipment when purchasing RenewChoice equipment including yard equipment, lawnmowers, snow blowers, grass trimmers, leaf blowers and chain saws. The rebates will be available on a first come first serve basis while funds last.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
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After discussion the city council agreed that Manti City should implement and participate in this program. The Mayor pointed out that the cap for rebates for Manti residents for the coming year would be \$4,000.

<b>ITEM 4</b>	<b>Linda Nielson - Request to Address Mayor and City Council</b>
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Ms. Nielson stated that she previously submitted concerns to the city council regarding the newly adopted downtown zoning ordinance that she and some merchants feel have not yet been addressed. She then asked what Manti City's mission statement or vision is. Councilmember Wintch responded that Manti City adopted the General Plan in 2016 which has been incorporated and sets forth a vision for the city. Linda went on to criticize the lack of support from the city to struggling merchants. The Mayor explained that we focus on many activities and events to bring people into the city, but that it is not our responsibility to get people into your store. Linda disagreed and said it is a shared responsibility. Some discussion ensued and various members of the council pointed out the many events and activities that the city has sponsored to bring people into the city. Linda then said that bringing people to the park, the pool the temple or the ballfields is not bringing them downtown and that it is the responsibility of the city council to produce activities that will bring foot traffic to the downtown corridor.

<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	
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Additional discussion ensued relative to the city working with merchants and it was noted that re-creating a Manti Chamber of Commerce would benefit the downtown businesses immensely and help the city to better understand their needs. It was also suggested that the Manti City website be used to help promote local businesses and the council concurred with this action.

<b>ITEM 5</b>	<b>Continuing Business</b>
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There was no continuing business brought up for discussion

<b>ITEM 6</b>	<b>Councilmember Reports</b>
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Mary Wintch reported on library matters including the following:

- the Public Library will host a movie on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Eva Beal Auditorium.
- A children's movie will be presented on the third Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

- Librarian Cynthia Lopez applied for, and received, a grant for children's books. She also noted that the summer children's programs are in the process of being organized and planned.
- The family of Don Simmons requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Manti Public Library in memory of Don, which brought a total donation of \$700.00. Expressed the Library's appreciation to the Simmons family.
- The library is holding a Smithsonian Poster Expo in the walkway between the city building and the library.
- Stated that she has been studying the fee structure for nuisance abatement and felt this is an item that should be revisited.

<b>ITEM 7</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
There was no public comment.	

<b>ITEM 8</b>	<b>Mayor Soper</b>
Mayor had no business.	

<b>ITEM 9</b>	<b>Consideration of Minutes from Previous Meeting</b>
The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous regular council meetings. After brief discussion, seeing there were no errors or changes noted, he called for motions to accept the minutes a presented of those two meetings.	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
Councilmember Darren Dyreng made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 8 <sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.	
Councilmember Jason Vernon made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 16 <sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.	
Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 29 <sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Darren Dyreng, Councilmembers	

voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon and Gary Chidester.  
 Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ITEM 10	<b>City Manager’s Report</b>
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City Manager Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Noted that he has submitted an application to extend an expiring water non-use permit with the state division of water rights. Added that he is in the process of reviewing all non-use permits to identify others that may need to be renewed.
- Attended the Rural Water Rally in Washington DC. and met with Utah Senators and Congressmen concerning pending legislation issues that affect our culinary and waste water systems.
- Explained that he included in the packet a guide to Utah Recreation/Trail grants that may be available to the city.
- Advised that Garrick Willden of Jones and DeMille will be present at the next council meeting with an update of the planned waste water land application project.
- Met with Recreation Director Vern Jensen and Treasurer Michelle Francks regarding a software scheduling application which would benefit the city.
- An updated council calendar is available in the packet.
- Demolition of the MIBA building and the Cox building is almost complete and a fence will be placed to secure the site.
- The State Courts Appropriation Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> regarding funding for the new courthouse.

ACTION TAKEN	
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The bills were then presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Jason Vernon made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Vernon, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ADJOURNED	7:45 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – March 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

General Account

Gunnison Valley Hospital	\$ 30.00
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Mary Wintch	319.76
Elliot Anderson	149.08
Rob Anderson	660.00
Utah State Tax Commission	402.02
Division of Water Rights	250.00

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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JoAnn Otten, City Recorder