

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 15th, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. The roll call showed Council Members Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present along with City Administrator Kent Barton. The Mayor invited all present to stand and join him in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

The Mayor then invited Steve Roberts, City Pool Director, to make his report to the Council. Roberts reported on the following:

- Expense and revenue summary & comparison for previous five years.
- Early lap swimming is poorly attended
- Possibility of adding additional swim lesson sessions.
- Losing 6 trained lifeguards this year – plans to add 4 to 6 more
- Possible improvements including replacement of aging furniture and permanent shade structures.

The Mayor stated that shade structures are definitely needed. Roberts suggested upright type structures with removable nylon canopies similar to those at Spanish Fork’s pool. Discussion ensued and there seemed to be a consensus that this would be a good addition. Robert suggested that perhaps this work could be done as an Eagle Scout project. Mayor Soper also suggested that Roberts look at some family friendly activities that would be compatible at the pool and the addition of music. Robert registered a concern that loud music could be a safety issue, as it would make it harder for lifeguards to hear an emergency call. Jason Vernon asked about the wage scale and suggested that perhaps the 2nd and 3rd year lifeguards should be paid more than their first year counterparts. Roberts said that currently, lifeguard’s who become WSI certified receive an additional \$.50 per hour and are scheduled with additional hours, over the regular lifeguards. Darren Dyreng stated that the restroom and dressing rooms need more attention and cleaning. Additional discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Council that Roberts develop a system for more cleaning and checking of the restroom / dressing room areas. Also discussed were the daily “early swim sessions” (which have been extremely lightly attended) and the desire to make the early hours more productive. After additional discussion, Mayor Soper thanked Steve for his work and challenged him to make the improvements discussed to keep the pool safe, clean and inviting.

The Mayor recognized Kevin Olsen, Fire Chief, for the Manti Volunteer Fire Department. Olsen said he had been in communication with City Administrator, Kent Barton, and they have scheduled March 8th for the burning of the home on the future Sports complex property. Olsen also went on to explain new state wild lands fire program changes and policy. It was noted the Fred Johnson, Area Fire Management Officer, was scheduled to

present the changes to the Council at the March 8th Council Meeting. Olsen said he would plan to attend that meeting along with Johnson.

The Mayor then recognized Linda Nielsen and invited her to come forward. Nielsen explained that the housing inventory in Sanpete County is extremely low and that sales have been brisk. She said the county is ripe for new development and recommended that the Council consider selling the 110 acres of hill property in the extreme northeast quadrant of the city for a high-end housing development. Nielsen explained that she is uniquely qualified to list and sell the property because of her contacts with developers and requested that the city consider entering into a contract giving her exclusive rights to market the property. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Vernon expressed concern that the city should not commit to selling the property without seeing a proposed development plan. Nielsen explained that the city would have the right to accept or reject any proposed development prior to agreeing to sell the property. It appeared there was interest among most members of the Council in selling the property, if a desirable project were proposed. However, several council members expressed concern at entering into an exclusive marketing contract without first having a public hearing concerning the selling of the property. After further discussion Mayor Soper asked if anyone desired to make a motion concerning Nielsen's request for an exclusive marketing contract. Seeing there was none he declared that the issue died for lack of a motion. Further discussion ensued and it was proposed that if Nielsen still desired an exclusive marketing contract with the city, a public hearing would first be required. Gary Chidester then made a motion that we schedule a public hearing regarding the proposed sale of the property. Vaun Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none. After further discussion, Kent Barton agreed to schedule such hearing for Wednesday, March 8th, 2017.

Seeing there was no continuing business, Mayor Soper asked if there were any reports from members of the Council.

Councilmember Maylett said that he had been contacted by the Fair Board Chairman, Mike Bennett, regarding the placement of food booth vendors on the fairgrounds during the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Several other members of the Council including the Mayor indicated that they had been contacted as well. Discussion ensued and it was noted that one of the recommendations from last year's Economic Development Study performed by, the Economic Development Committee, the group from BYU and members of the community was that the food booths near the temple were a deterrent to pageant goers from visiting our downtown and retail establishments. Also, brought up was the fact that based on the recommendation (from the economic development study), the property where the food booths had been located was sold, and the old fire station demolished in anticipation of the food booths being moved into the commercial district and closer to "downtown". Administrator Kent Barton noted that in August of 1993, the city council

passed Ordinance #9-439 regulating that temporary businesses not be allowed within the vicinity of the fairgrounds during the county fair and that all such businesses should be selected by the county, and all businesses associated with the Fair be restricted to located in the fairgrounds. Barton suggested that in the same vein, it makes sense that temporary business associated with the pageant be located where the city designates. It was also noted that the city is a big supporter of the fair and the fairgrounds facility, but that the pageant is a city event and the plan to relocate temporary vendors closer to downtown should move forward as planned. More discussion ensued, after which, the Mayor said it was apparent that the consensus of the Council, is that we locate all food vendors at the newly designated area around Old City Hall, at least for a couple of years and then we can re-evaluate if necessary.

Jason Vernon noted that an Airport Board Meeting is planned for February 27th at 4pm and said that due to his new work assignments it would be difficult for him to continue attending the airport board meetings. The Mayor then asked Gary Chidester if he would be willing to accept the assignment of attending airport board meetings. Chidester said that he would accept the assignment.

Gary Chidester then reported that the library had hired Jaycie Hill to a part time position. Chidester also reported that the library staff and board are planning a book sale during the pageant in June.

Mayor Soper then asked the Council if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. After correction of a grammatical error noted by Councilmember Dyreng, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 1st, 2017 as corrected. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- Updated the Council on the status of the HB 164 dealing with procedures and allowances for transfers from utility enterprise funds. The original wording in the bill would have prevented any such transfers to an entity’s general fund, which was of grave concern to many Utah communities including Manti. Stiff opposition for this proposal from the Utah League of Cities and Towns, as well as community officials from across the state, have since gutted the intent of the bill which is being re-written to include only some changes dealing with notification to residents concerning such transfers, but not prohibiting the transfers.
- Updated the Council on the timeline for noticing and accepting bids for the planned sports complex.
- Advised the Council on the Planning Commission’s consideration of smaller residential lot concepts being considered by the commission.

- Asked for a headcount for the ULCT Spring Conference. Mayor Soper and Vaun Mickelsen committed, with several others still uncertain due to scheduling issues.
- Advised of buffer plan issues under discussion concerning transportation and utility corridors.
- Indicated that he has items dealing with property negotiation, for discussion in closed session.

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss issues dealing with property negotiation. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. 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. Gary Chidester seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

General Account

JoAnn Otten	\$390.00
Von Holmstead	665.00
Utah State Treasurer	612.80
Utah State Treasurer	634.40

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator