

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2011
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding.

Roll call showed Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson present.

Mayor Madsen said a quorum was present and requested that James Sadler, a Boy Scout, lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Sanpete County Sheriff Brian Nielson.

Sheriff Nielson briefly reviewed adjustments made in the Sheriff's Department and in scheduling of deputy's. He noted that in relation to the Manti City contract that patrol is going very well at this time and Manti City is receiving contracted service.

The Sheriff said he is striving for timely and better communication between the City and the Sheriff's Department. He said he is working to assign a Sheriff's office liaison with Manti City to assemble and review information as to service provided and to receive feedback so quality service can be maintained and perhaps increased.

Mayor Madsen addressed certain locations in the City which should have extra patrol those being the ATV route, 500 West Street and the school zone. Sheriff Nielson reported that approximately 90 percent of the time there is a officer patrolling in one of the school zones.

Councilmember Thompson said he has noticed enforcement in the vicinity of the high school and felt that is also a positive step.

Mayor Madsen made note of the detective program which is funded with an extra \$5,000.00 per year from Manti City. Sheriff Nielson stated that the detective program and the school resource officer are a vital service to the citizens.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding law enforcement service to Manti City with Councilmember Mickelsen noting the increased patrol activity on 300 East and complimented on same.

Mayor Madsen said a meeting will be scheduled to go over the current contract and address changes that may need to be considered for the new year and work meeting in early May to review the Pageant process. She noted the partnership between the Sheriff's Department and Manti City has worked very well and to the benefit of both parties.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized ZAN Officer Mike Tillack.

Mike provided a written report of ZAN Officer activities (attached to and made part of the minutes) to the Mayor and Council and reviewed same.

Mike reported on the steady work load regarding to dog issues and with spring right around the corner the situation with cats will begin. He said he will be purchasing two additional cat traps to help with the problem.

Some discussion ensued relative to the Euthanasia class and Mike said that it has been rescheduled and the closest class would be in Pasadena, California in March.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to how many dogs the pound will hold at one time and some discussion ensued as to pound capacity. Councilmember Christiansen also inquired as to the rescue organization that houses animals and Mike said that Wagon Train provides volunteers who rescue animals and this organization is a great help to Manti City.

Mayor Madsen inquired if a dog is moved to one of the rescue organizations, can the owner retrieve the animal. Mike stated that to his knowledge the owner cannot reacquire the dog. He said that Manti City ordinance provides the animal be held for three days by the City, however, he usually keeps animals five days before any action is taken as many people are not aware that the City has a dog pound.

Mike reported that the animal clinic/licensing will be held on Saturday, February 19th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the City yard.

Some discussion ensued regarding nuisance abatement items on City streets and Mike indicated he would again be orange tagging and following up with letters this year.

Mayor Madsen thanked Mike for his report and said many visitors to the City have praised Manti City for their clean up activities, flag displays, trash pick up, etc.

3. Mayor Madsen made note of the request for input from the Planning Commission relative to the proposed zoning and ordinance changes, which have been approved by the Planning Commission, and felt the City should move ahead with the changes. Mayor Madsen directed that a public hearing be scheduled for March 16th at 6:00 p.m. to address the land use ordinance changes reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and to accept public comment prior to action by the City Council.

Councilmember Justesen made note of a correction which should be made to item #6 on the ordinance change format and the change was made.

Mayor Madsen said she would like to see reorganization of the ordinance book for Manti City so the Board of adjustment and the Planning Commission would be in the zoning portion rather than in the administrative and regular portion of the book.

4. Mayor Madsen stated that in regard to the request for input from the Planning Commission concerning change in the .25 of an acre the Planning Commission has recommended the lot requirements stay at .25 of an acre.

Councilmember Thompson said that he accepts the Planning Commissions recommendation and endorsed same. Councilmembers Justesen and Soper concurred with the recommendation and felt it should guide Council action.

Councilmember Christiansen said that he is not sure this is the case because the Council is the governing body, not the Planning Commission, and the Council should make these decisions.

Councilmember Mickelsen concurred that the Council is the governing body and did not agree with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and felt government is becoming too restrictive. He felt that changing the lot size requirements would allow

individuals to utilize small lots and would also help solve the problem of empty lots with weeds.

Councilmember Thompson stated that Manti City is unique because of its open space and this helps to define Manti. He also felt that supporting the Planning Commission is important and Councilmember Soper agreed.

Additional discussion ensued after which Mayor Madsen said further investigation should take place as to how many empty lots of less than .25 acres are in the City limits. She requested that the Deputy Recorder provide this information and place this item on the agenda for a subsequent Council meeting.

5. Mayor Madsen directed that the matter of Ambulance Association insurance be addressed.

Councilmember Thompson said the Ambulance Association has been under the umbrella of City insurance and as they have their own Board this cannot continue. They must provide their own insurance policy but could continue to be insured through Utah Local Governments Trust. He felt that the City should continue to fund the Ambulance insurance as they have done in the past.

Councilmember Justesen requested that a financial statement be provided prior to any decision being made.

Mayor Madsen requested the information be provided and this item be placed on a subsequent agenda.

6. Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to the best way to have garbage cans removed from the street after trash collection. Following some discussion it was the consensus that this message be placed on utility bills noting that the cans must be removed from the City street within 24 hours after pick up.

7. Councilmember Justesen reported on a meeting with the Pioneer Heritage Association. He noted that Shannon Miller has requested certain changes in configuration and location of the electric utility service and that Manti City would be working with the committee in this area. It is anticipated the garden will be in place by the fall of 2011.

Councilmember Justesen made note of the "Manti's Got Talent" showcase at the high school and expressed his thanks to the Mayor for organizing and assisting in same.

Councilmember Justesen made note of a letter relative to street peddlers at the Mormon Miracle Pageant and directed this matter be addressed by the MIBA Committee as they are charged to handle licensing attendant to the Pageant.

Councilmember Justesen said he has a single item on property issues and real estate to be discussed in closed session.

8. Councilmember Thompson reported that the Library will be holding the "10,000 Books Read" celebration on March 21st from noon to 7:00 p.m. He said that 10,000 books was the goal however 19,000 had actually been read.

9. Councilmember Soper invited questions relative to the fire station and future development and landscaping. Some discussion ensued relative to drainage.
10. Councilmember Mickelsen reported that he is continuing to find a chair for the Fourth of July celebration and will follow up on same.
11. Mayor Madsen made note of the following items . . .
 - a. The “Manti’s Got Talent” night was a huge success and felt the talent in Manti City was highly acknowledged in this program.
 - b. The Council meeting of March 2nd conflicts with a conference to be attended and it was the consensus that it be cancelled and one meeting be held in March.
 - c. Has made contact with Wade Garrett in Congressman Chaffetz’s office regarding the flood map for Manti City which is apparently being held up at the FEMA offices in Washington D.C.
Councilmember Christiansen made note of the article in the Manti Messenger concerning Manti City but felt that there should have been a special thanks to the administration, staff and financial advisor recognizing their part of the success that has been accomplished in Manti.
 - d. Met with representatives of Sanpete County and the Fair Board regarding the planned pavilion in the area of the fairgrounds.
 - e. The State of Utah has set April 29th as Arbor Day and plans should be made for this celebration. Some discussion ensued with it being the consensus of Mayor and Council to work with Jason Johnson, Chair of the Tree Committee to organize this celebration
12. Mayor Madsen directed that the minutes of the February 2nd council meeting be considered. Following review Councilmember Justesen moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Galen Christiansen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: none.
13. The Deputy Recorder made note of the following items . . .
 - a. The draft work outline from Sunrise Engineering to the Drinking Water Board.
 - b. The contract with Workforce Services had been extended through December 31, 2014.
 - c. Reminded the City Council of the Miss Manti program in April.
14. Councilmember Justesen moved that the City Council adjourn from regular session and convene in executive session to discuss real estate and property negotiation

issues, seconded by Councilmember Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

15. The bills were presented for payment and following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mickelsen moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available and the meeting adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelson, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

General Account

Sanpete County Justice	\$ 240.00
Dan Nance	74.29
Korey Pace	39.27
Manti Post Office	185.00
Justin Aagard	40.00
Utah State Treasurer	1,597.06
Gunnison Valley Hospital	17.77
Cory Hatch	90.00
Sanpete County	60.00
Utah State University	2,052.00
DL Bown Masonry	15,000.00
Justin Aagard	40.00

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator