

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 17th, 2016
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Soper recognized Gary Keddington, financial advisor to the city. Keddington then reviewed the financial audit for FY2015 and explained to the Council that the city received a “clean audit”. Keddington explained that there were 3 findings from the auditor that outlined areas where the city needed to change or improve policy or procedure in order to fully comply with current state regulations. Those three areas are as follows:

- 1) Designated city records officer must complete on-line records management training. Keddington explained that this has now been completed.
- 2) City must account for (as a liability) its share of State’s shortfall in the state retirement fund. This is a “paper” loss or gain over which the city has no control, but must show it’s share of the deficit on the financial statements.
- 3) City must develop a Nepotism / Conflict of Interest policy. Kent Barton explained that this was under development.

Keddington reported that there were no surprises in the audit and that the city’s financial management is strong, with the city in a good position at present.

The Mayor thanked Keddington for his report and excused him to leave as he had a commitment to report at the Centerfield Council Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Becky Christensen, representing the Manti City Library Board. Christensen explained that the board was concerned that the State Library Board had recently placed the Manti Library on probation, due to a decline in spending trend at the library. Christensen was concerned that a failure to resolve the probation status would disqualify the city from receiving some state grants that support the library. Kent Barton explained that recent discussions with the state office have determined that our probationary status is in the process of being reversed and that it appears the state made a mistake in placing us on probation in the first place. Barton complimented Librarian Shanna Colburn for her efforts to improve the library as a resource in the community. He also said that he supports the efforts she has made to operate the library more efficiently, including efforts to purchase books from less expensive sources. He continued that while some operating costs at the library have decreased, it was not by enough to warrant the city being placed on probation. Christensen echoed support of the board for Colburn’s

management of the library but cautioned that going forward the library needs to be allotted sufficient budget so as not to be in danger of being placed on probationary status. Christensen also mentioned that several friends of the library were in attendance at the meeting including members of the Literary Club. Marilyn Miller, a member of the literary club spoke briefly of the club's support and advocacy of the library and the great service it provides to citizens in the community.

The Mayor thanked Christensen, Miller and those who had joined them at the meeting for their support and interest in the library. He then recognized Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Supervisor.

Hatch reported on the city's Waste Water Self Assessment, which must be completed by the city and filed with the state annually. Hatch displayed a copy of the assessment and explained that the assessment has improved over last year with the creation of a sinking fund, which was set up last year for possible future capital expenditure projects with the waste water system.

After Hatch addressed several questions from the Council, the Mayor read proposed resolution number 2016-02-17 and called for a motion to create the resolution, adopting the self-assessment. Jason Maylett made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Hatch then reported on projects that have been completed, are in process, or planned within the water and sewer departments, after which the Mayor thanked him for his service to the city.

The Mayor asked Kent Barton to report on progress with the city's general plan, which has been under development. Barton reported that the Planning Commission had adopted the plan, at its meeting on February 8th pending several edits. Which are being made by the BYU group. Once the edits are completed, Barton said he would make copies of the plan available to the Council. Mayor Soper suggested that once the Council has had an opportunity to review the full plan, he would like them to consider the full plan for adoption. The Mayor said he hoped that could be considered at the next Council Meeting.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to continuing business and the following issues were discussed:

- ∞ Mayor Soper brought up the needed street improvement on west Union Street near the elementary school and his desire to work with the school district to complete this project in order to enhance the safety of our children. Kent Barton reported on recent discussions with the Assistant Superintendent concerning improvement options and funding options. Some discussion ensued and there

appeared to be broad support for this project from the Council. However, costs will need to be defined so a final decision can be made.

- ∞ Darren Dyreng brought up the poor road condition of 800 North from 500 W to 200 W. Discussion ensued with the consensus being that this road needed to be moved to top priority for improvements. Discussion ensued and Kent Barton reported that he and Dale have discussed the project and are tentatively planning to prep the road with additional road base material and then to apply a hard surface, possibly during this year's chip sealing project. He did point out that there are several "urgent" road projects needing attention and that he will collect cost estimates for the Council so they can determine a priority order of which projects to tackle first as we probably won't be able to do all of them in the coming budget year.
- ∞ Mayor Soper brought up food bank request for funding assistance from communities in the county. The Mayor stated that after much thought and consideration, he feels that it would not be right to obligate our citizens to pay for charitable purposes by adding a fee to the utility bill. He believes that we can support by informing citizens of this important need that exists in our community and then encouraging individuals to support the effort, whether through volunteer, in-kind or cash contributions. Discussion ensued and all members of the Council stated their agreement with the Mayor's position. Mayor Soper then stated we would table the discussion for the time being and review the possibility of a contribution from the general fund in the upcoming budget year.

Moving to Council member reports, Jason Maylett stated that he and Kent Barton planned to attend the fire department election meeting next Wednesday to serve as election judges. The Mayor said he looked forward to their election report. He then advised the Council that according to the bylaws, the Council ultimately make the appointment of officers but he expected that the election of the members of the department would weigh heavily on the Council's decision.

Vaun Mickelsen reported that Justin Black has agreed to serve as Chairperson of the Tree Committee. The Mayor expressed appreciation for Dustin's willingness to serve.

The Mayor then asked if any in attendance wished to make public comment. A man who identified himself as John Mount, introduced his wife Linda and stated that they had recently relocated to Manti from Springville where their aim was to escape encroaching socialism, which is expanding along the I-15 corridor. He said they are happy that it appears Manti is mostly free from this practice unlike Mt. Pleasant where a friend told him the city has accepted government grants which have "greased palms" in that community. He went on to offer a caution to the Council encourage them to avoid the addition of smart meters which he suggested are detrimental to the public health and

should be avoided, as well as any grants for the addition of smart meter. He said that he and his wife's "fall back position" is to move to another community further south. Linda Mount then came forward and expressed appreciation for the responsible manner in which it appears the Council is governing in the community and encouraged them to continue to avoid obligating citizens through additional taxes. The Mayor thanked the Mounts for their attendance at the meeting as well as their interest in the community and their input expressed at the meeting.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. One typographical error was noted. Mayor Soper then called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of February 3rd, 2016 as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Updated the Council on the pending annexation on the south side of the city, including a timeline of remaining steps and his report to the county commission regarding the annexation. A public hearing is planned for Thursday March 10th to take public comment regarding the proposed annexation.
- ∞ Upcoming UDOT annual update meeting to inform public officials of planned project in the county.
- ∞ Advised of planned pre-bid meeting and bid opening meeting for the redevelopment of Sister Spring and related area projects.
- ∞ Indicated that he had issues dealing with possible legal, property negotiation and personnel for discussion in closed session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

General Account

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| Utah Cemetery & Parks Association | \$ 150.00 |
| Utah State Treasurer | 406.14 |
| Urban Planning International | 5,000.00 |
| Kent Barton | 63.00 |
| Justin Aagard | 40.00 |
| Pam Lund | 1,200.00 |
| Dave or Kristen Jorgensen | 1,160.00 |

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator