

**MINUTES**  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. The roll call showed Council Members Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Vaun Mickelsen present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton. Councilmembers Jason Maylett and Jason Vernon were out of town and excused. The Mayor invited Boy Scout, J.T. Peterson, to come forward and lead all present in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

The Mayor invited Jeff Jarman, representing the Sanpete Pantry (Food Bank) to come forward. Jarman stood and after passing out a summary report to them Mayor and members of the Council explained that the pantry provides over 40,000 pounds of food monthly to families in need. On average about 330 families are served by the pantry each month. Jarman went on to say that one of the main challenges facing the pantry right now is the parking lots which is in severe despair making it impossible to move pallets of food by fork lift or hand truck. Jarman said that Sanpete County Commissioners have applied for a CDBG grant totaling \$80,000 for repairs and resurfacing of the lot. The pantry would be required to bring \$15,000 in matching funds, \$10,000 of which they already have in place. Jarman said he is asking all communities in the county to assist with the remaining \$5,000. Jarman said he is requesting that Mt. Pleasant, Ephraim and Manti each donate \$1,500 to this effort, being that they are the three largest cities in the county, with the highest number of recipients served by the pantry. He said he would ask the remaining communities to get the remaining \$500. Jarman also shared a calendar of activities for 2017 showing the various fund-raising events the pantry has planned including, 5K runs, golf and bowling tournaments and OHV ride. He then asked how quickly the city could provide at least \$1,500 for the matching grant. Mayor Soper said he would ask Kent Barton to see how much the city might be able to provide and advise the Council at its next meeting where a decision could be finalized. The Mayor then thanked Mr. Jarman and the pantry for their efforts in our communities.

The Mayor then welcomed JoAnn Otten, Chairperson of the Friends Board of the Sanpete County Children’s Justice Center. Otten pointed out that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and said that pinwheels are being provided to students of all elementary schools in the county. She also referred to advertising target abuse awareness at the local movie theatres and on the local television channels of MTCC and CentraCom. Highlight other planned events, she said that Dirk’s Restaurant in Manti is sponsoring the “Dine and Donate” on April 15<sup>th</sup>, where police officers will serve meals that day and all tips will be given to the children’s justice center. Also, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament benefiting the center is planned for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Otten pointed out that 289 children have been served by the center since 2011. She said of those 289 cases, only 2 of the children did not know

their perpetrators. Otten said this disturbing statistic shows that we have a lot of work that needs to be done to promote awareness, and educate families about the problem. JoAnn then thanked the Council for its past financial support of the center and said they would be appreciative of any donation the Council is able to provide again this year. Switching gears, Otten then spoke tenderly and from the heart about her involvement in promoting a bill to create a registry of felons convicted of child abuse. Otten became active in pushing this agenda after her granddaughter Miley White was severely abused by her own father as a 7-month-old infant. She said that Miley has made a miraculous recovery in many ways, but she will suffer limitations throughout her life due to severe brain damage she received. JoAnn talked about the process of the bill going through the various committees before votes were taken in the house and senate chambers at the recent 2017 legislative session. She commended Senator Ralph Okerlund and Representative Derrin Owens for tremendous support they both gave to the effort. She gave special recognition to Mr. Owens, who oversaw the drafting of the bill as well as being its chief sponsor. She complimented him for the great work he does for the citizens of Sanpete County. Otten said the process confirmed to her, that even in a rural community like Manti we can make a difference, and she is grateful that this bill, which is expected to be signed into law by Governor Herbert, will make a difference in protecting the most vulnerable population in our state from those who would harm them. The Mayor thanked JoAnn for her valiant efforts of behalf of our kids and our communities. He promised the council would look at past support given by the city for this effort and see what we could do again this year. JoAnn thanked the Mayor and members of the Council for their time and support.

Mayor Soper then directed that discussion turn to the proposed Annexation Plan and asked Administrator Kent Barton to explain. Barton noted that the Planning Commission developed the draft in an effort to better protect buffer zone areas surrounding our city boundaries. Barton referred to the plan, a copy of which was in the packet, and noted that the plan had been forwarded to the council previously for consideration by the planning commission. Barton said if adopted by the Council, the plan would be forwarded to the County Planning Commission, which has pledged increased support and cooperation with the communities in the county in making sure development occurring within the buffer zones is agreeable with the objectives of the respective communities. Barton also referred to a map included with the plan identifying the adjusted boundaries for the buffer zone as recently modified by the planning commission. Barton said the boundaries were extending further north and slightly further to the west. Barton then entertained a few questions from members of the council after which Mayor Soper asked if additional discussion was desired. Seeing there was none, the mayor called for a motion to adopt the Annexation Plan as proposed by the Planning Commission. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor directed that discussion turn to the consideration of accepting a “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) between the city and the Utah State Division

of Natural Resources (DNR) concerning wild land fire control. He noted that Fred Johnson, District Fire Control Officer had explained changes to the program and roles and responsibilities between the state and communities who opt into the new program. The Mayor asked if the Council desired any discussion about the proposed MOU. Gary Chidester said: "I don't think we want to put our community at risk by not entering into the agreement. Councilmember Dyreng agreed saying: "I don't think we really have a choice when you consider the risk". Councilmember Mickelsen also expressed agreement. Discussion ensued concerning what types of projects would count towards the city's in-kind contribution in lieu of cash required under the MOU, after which the Mayor called for a motion to sign the MOU with the DNR. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then asked Kent Barton to give an update on city finances. Barton noted that by law, we are required to review the financial statements at least quarterly and referred the council to the statements included in the packet. Barton then went through the revenue and expense sections of the general fund and said there were noted a lot of surprises and that for the most part, we were at or near year to date budget expectations. He did note the added expense of a replacement garbage truck, which had not been budgeted but which purchase had become necessary when our old truck died late in 2016. After going through the general fund budgets, Barton reviewed the enterprise funds (water, sewer, and electric) each of which has its own financial statement. Barton noted that for the most part these funds are operating mostly to expectation with the exception of the water fund, which experienced a \$90,000 expenditure for the redevelopment of Sister Spring, which had failed and required extensive redevelopment in order to return its flows back into our culinary system. Barton noted that at a council meeting in May, we would need to open and adjust the budgets, to include any unforeseen expenses and revenues. Council member Dyreng asked what additional revenue we could expect with the increased water flow from Sister Spring. Barton said it's difficult to know because we weren't measuring flows of the spring prior to redevelopment. He added: "we do track power generation year over year and we should be able to see a difference there we can quantify".

Seeing there was no continuing business scheduled or desired for discussion the Mayor asked if any members of the Council desired to make reports. Vaun Mickelsen made mention of maintenance work that is being performed in the flood channel west of town. Darren Dyreng shared that the "Old Folks" Committee is planning the annual luncheon for Manti and Sterling area residents over 65 years of age. Dyreng pointed out that the city generally makes a contribution toward this event, which has been an annual tradition for over 100 years. Mayor Soper asked what level of contribution had been requested. Dyreng said: "two hundred and fifty dollars". The Mayor asked Kent Barton how this amount compared to previous years. Barton said it was in the "ballpark". After discussion

the Mayor stated that there was unanimous support on the Council to make the \$250 contribution.

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 no changes or corrections were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as presented. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- Referred to the C.I.B. prioritized project list in the packet, and explained the new process which involves county commissioners in each of the 6 county making up the 6 County Association of Governments setting priority for potential projects from their respective counties, which are applying for state funds through the Community Impact Board or the Community Development Block Grant.
- Mentioned that the Mayor and Jason Vernon are registered for the upcoming ULCT conference in St. George and asked if any others were planning to attend. Chidester, Dyreng and Mickelsen each stated that they would be unable to attend this year.
- Explained that a water leak had developed under the floor of the children’s library (downstairs) and had created some damage to the floor. He said damaged areas were being removed and will be replaced and that in the meantime, the children’s library would remain closed.
- Reported that a meeting concerning maintenance at the Manti Ephraim Airport facility had taken place with the airport consultant and representatives of both cities public works personnel. Said that costly equipment is being recommend for purchase by the airport and suggests that a strategy discussion concerning the airport ought to take place with the Council.
- Mentioned a 6-County Leadership Summit planned for April 5<sup>th</sup> in Richfield.
- Explained the status of the property transfer between the Utah National Guard and the city. Stated that an ‘Alta Survey’ has been commissioned by the guard to separate the 30 acres the guard is acquiring in the trade from a larger 80-acre parcel. Once the survey is completed he expects the property trade to occur.
- Loan closing for sports complex tentatively scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> pending the receipt and transfer of the Barclay property deed.
- Referred to agreement in the packet for storage on city quarry property requested by the LDS Church.
- Brought up two dog attack incidents that have occurred in the community recently and our efforts to improve dogs running at large in the city.
- Mentioned a meeting with Josh Peterson of UDOT and representatives of the Mormon Miracle Pageant regarding a traffic permit that UDOT is requesting of the city.

- Indicated that he has items dealing with property negotiation, and possible litigation, for discussion in closed session.

At 7:35 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss issues dealing with property negotiation and possible litigation. Gary Chidester made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng 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. 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 7:50 p.m.

General Account

Mike Tillack	\$ 50.00
Dana Tillack	25.00
Robert Anderson	660.00
Steven Cragon	40.00
Division of Finance	2,000.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	101,885.43
Bankcard Center	2,626.64
IPromoteu	561.98
Pam Lund	1,200.00
Steve Cragun	40.00
Utah State Treasurer	853.14

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator