

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2014
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps present. Jason Vernon was excused. The Mayor welcomed all attending and asked them to stand and join him in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Soper announced that Ted Meikle, Chairman of the Manti Ephraim Airport Board who appeared first on the agenda would arrive later.

The Mayor recognized Elliott Anderson. Anderson approached and proposed that he be able to place 10 – 20 head of cattle, which he owns on Manti City property east of the Manti Temple. Anderson proposed that he would build and maintain the fences on the property in exchange for long term grazing rights. After several questions by the Mayor and members of the Council, the Mayor told Anderson that the Council would take it under advisement and get back with him. Mr. Anderson expressed appreciation.

Mayor Soper recognized Ted Meikle. Mr. Meikle apologized for arriving late and explained that he had just come from meeting with the Ephraim City Council to provide an update on upgrades underway at the airport. Meikle gave a brief history of the airport and then went on to talk about upgrades both in process and planned, including the following:

- Lengthening of runway
- Re-surfacing of runway
- AWOS system
- Pilot lounge
- Fuel storage tanks
- Water and well issues
- Instrument approach.

Meikle answered several questions from council members and spoke of the CIB grant, which is funding most of the improvements. The Mayor thanked Mr. Meikle for his board's efforts to protect and improve this valuable resource to our local communities. Meikle expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their support.

The Mayor recognized Jane Braithwaite who represents a group of citizens committed to beautifying an unimproved area in the southwest corner of the city cemetery. Braithwaite showed concept designs that were completed by David Bell of Utah State University. She explained that the estimated improvements would total about \$34,000 and added that one donor had already committed \$15,000 to the projects. Braithwaite asked for permission to begin the improvements and inquired as to what the next steps would be. Mayor Soper said that the council has already approved the project and recommended that she meet with City Administrator Kent Barton to map out next steps. Mrs. Braithwaite thanked the members of the Council for their support of the project.

Mayor Soper recognized Gary Barnes, representing the Utah National Guard. Mr. Barnes explained that the National Guard is planning “unconventional war games” to take place within the county later in the year. Barnes said that most of the exercises would take place on National Forest property but that there would be some supervisory and communications personnel assigned to both the Mt. Pleasant and Manti Armories. Barnes stated that he had already met with the County Sheriff and Commissioners and is available to answer any questions or concerns. Mayor Soper and members of the Council expressed appreciation for the National Guard as well as support of the city in their planned exercises.

Moving to “Continuing Business”, Administrator, Kent Barton talked about the possible relocation of the Ambulance Facility. Barton said that after looking over city-owned property he recommended the best site for the building at 35 N 100 East, across the street from the MIBA Building. After discussion Jason Maylett made the motion that the city dedicate the property at 35 N 100 East for the building of a new ambulance facility. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor asked if there were any reports from members of the Council.

Jason Maylett reported on training sessions he attended at the recent ULCT Conference. He said that he especially enjoyed sessions dealing with social media and recreation economies. Jason also indicated that he had an issue dealing with the 4th of July Committee for discussion in closed session.

Vaun Mickelsen said that the Arbor Committee is planning a tree planting on April 24th at 5:00 pm at the South Entrance Park.

Ryan Phelps also reviewed some of the sessions that he attended at the ULCT Conference. Phelps then talked about an upcoming Chamber of Commerce meeting and wondered how the Council felt about having both a Chamber of Commerce and an Economic Development Committee. Discussion ensued after which Phelps said he would report back to the Council after the Chamber meeting. Finally, Phelps gave an update of library issues from a recent Library Board meeting.

Mayor Soper then reported on issues from the recent Mayors’ and Commissioners’ meeting including reports on planned National Guard training exercises and expected high fire danger this summer from Thomas Peterson, Sanpete County Fire Warden.

The Mayor then asked the Council if any corrections were needed for the draft version minutes of the Council Meeting of April 2nd, 2014. After no corrections were noted the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2nd Council Meeting as presented. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Engineer’s report regarding the planned EL Parry Monument at the cemetery.
- Operating agreement for airport needs Mayor’s signature.
- Appeal Authority recently held hearings for

- Nate Christensen
- JR Christensen Investments
- Library has agreed to look for an alternative time to Pageant week for their planned yard sale.
- Stated that he had issues dealing with personnel and property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

The Mayor called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss legal, property negotiation and personnel matters. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, Ryan Phelps seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mickelsen moved that they be paid as presented and as money becomes available. Seconded by Councilmember Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

General Account

Manti City	\$ 85.00
Justin Aagard	40.00
Fairfield Inn	298.81
Lantis Fireworks	1,500.00
Manti Post Office	237.71
Manti Post Office	231.00
Justin Aagard	40.00
Enrique Alcala	860.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	75,997.66

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator