

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Noting that Shannon Miller was not present, the Mayor asked Kent Barton if she had canceled her request to address the Council. Barton said that she had not canceled and expected she may arrive later.

Mayor Soper then asked Kent Barton to proceed with an update of the Sports Complex project. Barton advised that announcements have gone out for the groundbreaking ceremony is planned for Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Barton also reported that the relocation of the pipe fence separating the Mike Barclay property from the complex property is underway. He also reported that preconstruction meeting with Harward & Rees (Contractor of the complex fields) and Todd Alder (contractor for the concessions building) had occurred since the last council meeting and made mention that mobilization and excavation are slated to begin next week. He also referred to copies of the minutes of the pre-construction meetings, which were placed in the packet. The Mayor then thanked Barton for all of his work with the complex and said “without your efforts this project would not be happening”.

Mayor Soper then asked that discussion turn to the Main Street improvement project and asked Kent Barton to provide an update for the Council. Barton noted that the preconstruction meeting for the project was held on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> and attended by representatives of UDOT, Kilgore Contractors, PEC consulting and Manti City. The project is scheduled to begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> and to be essentially completed by June 13<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Barton reviewed the timeline and mentioned efforts to mitigate concerns of Ilene Roth as the roto-milling portion of the project is scheduled to occur from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup> during which time the Rat Fink Reunion will occur. Some discussion ensued after which Barton mentioned that a flier providing information about the project will be mailed to each home on Friday with this month’s utility bill (a copy of the flier is included in the packet). Information will also be provided on our Facebook page and through the Messenger and KMTI.

The Mayor then mentioned the new sod, which has been laid behind old City Hall and asked if many vendors have signed up for food booths during pageant. Barton said that we have received about 15 so far and that there has been some resistance to the change of venue. He expects more to be submitted within the coming weeks.

Seeing there was no continuing business or items of discussion from the Council, the Mayor reported on the following:

- Last week's UMPA conference in Midway
- Invitation for citizens to participate in a National Day of Prayer on May 4<sup>th</sup> and advised of a prayer gathering at 7:00 pm that day immediately north of the Snow College library.
- Announced a ceremony to recognize the Manti unit of the Utah National, which was recently named the top artillery unit in the United States, is planned for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and would be attended by General Burton of the Utah National Guard.

Mayor Soper then asked the Council if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. Two corrections were noted, after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen 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.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- Referenced Red Cross Examiner Agreement in packet and explained that the Red Cross has been engaged by the trust to do pool inspections for facilities insured by the trust. Recommended to Council that this would be a good agreement to enter into and would not cost the city anything as the Trust is paying for the service for its insured members.
- Advised Council of the planned "Active Shooter" workshop being held at Snow College on May 15<sup>th</sup> and invited council members to attend. The workshop is design to help communities and organizations on developing protocols and response plans in the event of an active shooter or similar situations.
- Reviewed the recent "Utah Clean Energy Workshop" hosted by Provo City Power. Reported on those in attendance and gave a brief overview of the presentation and discussion, which focused on the pros and cons of renewable energy and how to better leverage renewables to flatten the energy demand curves, which face communities such as ours.

At that point, Shannon Miller joined the meeting and apologized for being late. Mayor Soper invited Shannon to address the Council. Miller thanked the Mayor and said the timing was good as she had also attended the Utah Clean Energy Workshop in Provo and she then asked for permission to show several slides from the presentation which she went on to show, along with summarizing a few key points from the presentation. Miller then brought up the issue of the \$3 per kilowatt capacity of rooftop solar systems that the city is billing net metering customers each month and asked that the charge be waived until the city completes a review or makes a final decision about the current fee structure.

Discussion ensued and it was brought up that the decision at the last meeting was that Miller and her group bring back an alternate proposal to the \$3 per kilowatt charge. Miller said: “This is our proposal – that the fee be waived until the issue receives more study”. She then noted that Provo and other cities have placed fees on hold while studying the issue. Mayor Soper then stated that Provo has since incorporated an alternative rate so the fee program is not “on hold” in Provo. The Mayor then asked Miller how she would feel about also putting the credit on hold for the power generated by rooftop systems until further study is completed. He then went on to say that the Council made a decision based on the rate study that Berg Associates provided for the city and that as far as he is concerned, the rate selected by the council (\$3 per kilowatt of capacity) would stay in place until such time as another rate may be agreed upon. Miller then suggested that the Berg study was flawed as it didn’t consider benefits of rooftop solar and said that the study had left the Council “biased”. Miller suggested that with only 4 users currently enrolled in the program there is no cost borne by the city, and that being the case there should be no charge by the city. Councilmember Mickelsen said there is a cost to maintaining the poles and wire which transport the power Miller sells which financially benefits her and that she should participate in the cost of maintaining that infrastructure. She said she pays the same \$6 per month as all other residents for the infrastructure and should not have to pay more that others are paying. Kent Barton said that \$6 does not cover the cost of maintaining the infrastructure - that it’s actually closer to \$30 per month. Councilmember Vernon said that he is not against solar power but that neither the city nor other electric customers should subsidize the cost the city bears in receiving power from net metering program users. Councilmember Dyreng said he is open to consideration of an alternative fee that may be until such time; he supports leaving the current fee in place. More discussion ensued and the Mayor finally said that it appears the consensus of the Council is that the fee will stay in place, but that the Council is open to studying alternative suggestions to replace the fee. Miller graciously thanked the Mayor and Council for their consideration and time.

The Mayor then invited Kent Barton if he had additional items to report. Barton then reviewed the recent coordination between law enforcement, Utah Highway Patrol and LDS Church officials concerning traffic and safety concerns for the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Barton reported that UDOT has advised that law enforcement and the highway patrol will transition out of traffic control over the coming years and that this responsibility should be taken over by the church or the city. Barton said the change wouldn’t take effect for this year’s pageant but that we have officially been placed on notice and should expect changes in the future, in terms of traffic control and responsibilities. Barton also said that temporary increased lighting will be place around the Main Street curve and speed limits reduced in order to increase safety or reduce the risks of vehicle pedestrian accidents. Barton also gave updates on the status of the 100 East street sale to the LDS church and the property exchange between the city and the National Guard. He then noted that he has items dealing with property negotiation and possible litigation for discussion in closed session.

Jason Maylett asked about the status of the garbage truck. Barton said that the repairs and upgrades were completed and after testing this week, he expects the truck to be back in service next week. Gary Chidester asked about the progress of the floor repairs due to water damage in the children’s library. Barton said that the mold has been remediated and damaged flooring cut away. He expects the repairs to be completed by mid-May. Chidester noted that summer events are scheduled to begin the last week in May and said the library board needs reassurance that the room will be ready. Barton said he would review the schedule with the contractor to make certain it is ready.

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss issues dealing with property negotiation and possible litigation. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. The Mayor then called for a vote by roll call with Councilmember Gary Chidester voting “aye”, Darren Dyreng voting “aye”, Councilmember Jason Maylett voting “aye”, Councilmember Vaun Mickelsen and Councilmember Jason Vernon voting “aye”. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Jason Maylett made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kent Barton	\$ 1,780.54
Jason Maylett	171.48
Jason Vernon	171.48
Justin Aagard	40.00
Dale Nielson	192.79
Kim Squire	192.79
Bankcard Center	1,782.82
Utah Municipal Power Agency	94,628.36
Utah State Treasurer	1,441.67
Utah State Tax Commission	13,649.29
Korry Soper	206.48

Manti Old Folks Committee	250.00
Bankcard Center	2,559.26
Utah Municipal Power Agency	100,203.43

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator