

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2010
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen and Galen Christiansen present.

Mayor Madsen said a quorum was present. The Mayor then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson.

Dale provided a copy of the projects list for public works scheduled through the summer season of 2010 and reviewed same with the Mayor and Council.

Dale then reviewed projects currently underway and made special note of the trackhoe breakdown which had been in use cleaning the flood channel. The time necessary to repair the trackhoe had delayed the project for almost a week.

Mayor Madsen inquired as to the model year of the trackhoe and the Recorder said he thought it was about 1983 and Councilmember Christiansen said that the trackhoe was a 1984 model.

Dale reported that the 1983 International dump truck is out of commission with a broken hoist and the City Mechanic is investigating repair possibilities.

Dale made note of Dale Cox being present at the meeting and said he has been working with the City to install sewer and water lines in 100 North Street, north of the new LDS Stake Center. This installation is taking place to eventually support the subdivision Dale Cox has planned for that area. Dale Nielson indicated that by having the installation done now it will not require the excavation and patch of 100 North Street in the vicinity of the Stake Center and the eventual subdivision.

Some discussion ensued regarding the initial phase of this project, that being the installation of 100 North and timing for the second phase being requested, of installation of water and sewer lines in the planned subdivision. Dale Cox said he would have his engineers send the revised plan to Sunrise Engineering for their review and approval prior to proceeding with the next phase on installation of water and sewer.

Dale then reported on the status of the map at the cemetery and Councilmember Christiansen that it has taken almost 2 ½ years to get this far with the sign and he certainly hoped it would be installed by Memorial Day of this year.

Public Works Director Nielson made note of the estimates to install chain link fence on the North Memorial Park. Some discussion ensued relative to costs doing ground leveling work and fence installation.

Councilmember Justesen said that a citizen has requested an additional 25 mph speed limit sign on 500 South Street and Dale indicated he would follow up.

Councilmember Soper made note of signs he has encountered which show the actual traffic speed along with the speed limit. Dale had looked at some of these signs at Road School and the cost is approximately \$2,500.00. Some discussion ensued relative to the potential value of these signs in helping with traffic control.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Gene provided a projects list for 2010 (attached) as well as a project report sheet to the Mayor and Council and then reviewed both items.

Gene noted that in current projects the tree trimming is continuing which will include the county fairgrounds provided the Council agrees with that action. The Mayor and Council concurred with authorizing Gene to proceed with trimming the trees on the fairgrounds property.

Gene reported that due to vandalism on the phone lines to the upper power plant the reporting methodology has been changed and the new system is now in place and will be initiated within the next two weeks.

Gene reported on Christmas light information noting that if the decorations are purchased at this time it would be a real cost advantage. Some discussion ensued with the Mayor and Council requesting that Gene report at the city council of May 19th with recommendations and budgets so same could be considered.

Councilmember Thompson inquired as to action on the recent power outages and if there was any way to have Manti fed from the Sigurd sub. Gene indicated that Rocky Mountain said they would change over to feed Manti from the south in June. Some discussion ensued.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized the Manti Youth Council.

The Youth Council expressed their thanks to Manti City for the opportunity to attend the youth conference in Logan and reported on activities and action at that conference.

As part of the Youth Council report, they noted that Manti City had achieved fourth study place at the conference which had been attended by some 30 separate cities. The Youth Council members present and making their report and thanks to Manti City included KelliAnne Olsen, Liz Pipes, Brayden Roberts, Meg Jenkins, Marissa Hedelius and Youth Council Leader Karen Soper.

Mayor Madsen requested the assistance of the Youth Council in support of Fourth of July activities and they enthusiastically took on a portion of the project. Specifics were furnished to Youth Council Leader Karen Soper.

4. Mayor Madsen recognized Miss Manti and members of the Miss Manti Royalty.

Rachel Mitsvotai, the new Miss Manti, introduced herself and then briefly reviewed her platform and projects planned. She then requested the Miss Manti Court introduce themselves. The Court consists of April Case, DeAnna Mickelson and Marissa Hedelius.

Mayor Madsen requested that Miss Manti Royalty avail themselves an opportunity to emphasize taking care of city property and avoiding vandalism in all cases when the Miss Manti Royalty meet with elementary school students.

Miss Manti Chairperson Ellen Aste felt the Miss Manti Court would be willing to help with projects in Manti much as the Youth Council has been doing.

Mayor Madsen then requested the possible assistance of the Miss Manti Royalty with the Arts Show and other action planned during the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Ellen said they would contact those involved in that area and would work with the Mayor on the Arts Show.

5. Mayor Madsen recognized Ellen Aste, Miss Manti Committee Director who introduced Wendy Cox. She spoke of the value of the Miss Manti Pageant and felt the value received is multiplied several times over in the community and that the girls do indeed learn resilience among other worthwhile lessons.

Ellen then requested that the financial status of the Miss Manti Pageant be addressed and clarified and she provided general financial information. She noted that Ephraim City spends approximately \$6,000.00 on their Pageant which nets out to about \$4,500.00 to the Pageant including a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Following review Ellen asked for the consideration of the Council to increase the Miss Manti budget from \$1,200.00 to between \$1,400.00 and \$1,800.00 per year and that expenses come from the City budget amount before the gate receipts from Miss Manti are used to assist with expenses. She then requested any balance from gate receipts be transferred to the Miss Manti Scholarship fund which is supported by scholarship donations.

Some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Thompson made inquiry as to repairs required on the float and considerable general discussion ensued with estimates ranging from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00 for repair work.

Mayor Madsen complimented the Miss Manti committee and the Miss Manti Royalty on their organization and the outstanding work to date and indicated the funding would be discussed later in the meeting.

6. Mayor Madsen made note of the out of city building application from Mr. Thomas on a Sanpete County and some discussion ensued.

The Mayor and Council asked for clarification of the county form as to exactly what they wanted as far as if annexation were desired by the City.

Following this discussion the Mayor and Council said to proceed with approving the current application presented by Mr. James Thomas.

7. Mayor Madsen said the Fire Protection Agreement should be considered. Councilmember Justesen made note of a possible change which should occur in item number 12 as far as dating and the Mayor noted a spelling error in the paragraph following number 12.

Following this review Councilmember Justesen moved to accept the Sanpete County Fire contract with the changes that had been noted, seconded by Councilmember Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

8. Mayor Madsen recognized Larry Lund, Kent Barton and Diane Keeler.

Diane Keeler said that they were present to address street extensions for Manti City and the fact that a home is being built which would prevent the extension of Union Street west of 600 West. Diane said that it should be a matter of record that the street master plan would preclude this type of building. Larry Lund said that he felt the building should not have been allowed and that construction, which would prevent the extension of streets, should be stopped entirely.

Mayor Madsen made reference to the State Statute which specifies the conditions under which building can be prevented relative to a street plan and stated that Manti City must adhere to State Statutes. She noted that it may be necessary to purchase property to extend streets.

Diane Keeler said that Ephraim City has an ordinance which would act as a red flag warning to any property owners as far as building on property they choose to purchase. This ordinance would prevent Ephraim streets from being blocked and Manti City should have a similar ordinance.

Public Works Director Dale Nielson explained the development which had been approved by a previous administration in 1993, allowed Mr. Williamson to divide his property in such a manner as to best accommodate his development. As a result, this property was free to be parceled off. Diane Keeler said this was not a subdivision but simply a parceling off of property and that the construction allowed on that property should not have been allowed.

Larry Lund suggested that Manti City acquire the first right of refusal on any property that may prevent the City street from being extended.

Kent Barton said he hoped the Council and Mayor would do what they could to prevent this type of happening in the future.

Mr. Jim Schiess who was present at the meeting and who was constructing the building called into question said that he was not aware that he had really done anything wrong in proceeding with this building.

The City Recorder noted that Mr. Schiess had not done anything wrong and that not only State law protected his use of that property but that a division of property previously approved by Manti City allowed building on that particular piece of property. He said that as Union Street extension would be impeded by at least three other property owners located west of Mr. Schiess who gained access from a private lane located just south of 100 North Street.

Mr. Schiess stressed that he very much liked Manti and it has not been his intent to hurt the community.

9. Mayor Madsen recognized Shannon Miller.

Shannon said that she was present to address the CLG grant awarded to Manti City which was considered a supplemental grant by the Division of State History. She said this is a good deal for Manti City and that the State will assist with paying to have research done on selected homes which may be added to the historic register. She also said that Manti City could determine which houses would be nominated under this system.

Shannon reported that Jason Maylett did not plan to pursue historic designation for his store on Main Street based on the fact that he has just reacquired the property and is still sorting through the financial details.

Shannon said she would like the City to accept this grant as it would provide professional and technical help for placing structures on the historic register.

Mayor Madsen said that the way the grant is currently written it would require that Manti City expend \$3,600.00 of which \$1,800.00 would be reimbursed by the State upon completion of the project and that of the \$1,800.00 balance the City would need to furnish at least \$900.00 in cash. Mayor Madsen indicated the City is not prepared to expend the \$900.00 in cash or another \$900.00 in kind or in cash for this project.

Shannon Miller said she would go to the State and attempt to renegotiate the contract with the work that she has already done on property serving as the total match for the City's portion of \$1,800.00 so there would be no in kind or cash expenditure on the part of Manti City.

Mayor Madsen said that should the contract be changed to reflect no expenditures would be required by Manti City then this would be a satisfactory arrangement.

Shannon then thanked Manti City for the privilege of attending the historical conference utilizing a fee waiver by the State Historical Society.

10. Councilmember Justesen reported that the County Planning and Zoning is going to meet on airport zoning on Wednesday, May 12th. He inquired as to status on the swimming pool slide and the Recorder reported that the materials are to be delivered to the pool site this week and installation should take approximately one week, weather permitting.

Councilmember Justesen inquired as to status on the old city barn and the Recorder reported that only two individuals have displayed interest and the City is working with those individuals at this time. The Recorder noted that it may be necessary for the City to arrange for insurance coverage for the barn to be taken down.

Councilmember Justesen made note of the Western Electric Coordinating Council audit of UMPA and the audit had been recognized as one of the best received by the WECC.

Councilmember Justesen reported that UMPA is considering its budget and that the initial cost through January true up has revealed a cost of .04802 as opposed to the budget of .04286 and that it was extremely probable that increased cost would continue throughout the year. He noted that a new power rate will be part of the new UMPA budget which will impact Manti City.

11. Councilmember Thompson reported on the library grant currently being used and also reported on follow up action with the Chamber of Commerce.

12. Councilmember Soper made note of a memorandum on the National Guard Covenant program and recommended all review this item prior to the next council meeting.

Councilmember Soper requested that Manti City transport gravel for use in the vicinity of the fire station.

Councilmember Soper made note of the fire alarm on Tuesday night which had involved a dumpster behind the elementary school. Near by soccer Coach Darja Otten of Sterling had been instrumental in removing a child who had been unable to get out of the dumpster when it was on fire. Some discussion ensued as to proper recognition for Darja and the Recorder was instructed to follow up on same.

13. Councilmember Mickelsen reported on the call from Paul Larsen which he assumed would involve the placement of a bench at the cemetery. He noted the project is still underway and will be coordinated with the Sexton for placement, probably before Memorial Day.

14. The Mayor made note of the following items . . .

- a. The Main Street flowers have been planted.
- b. Completion of the Census forms should be stressed.
- c. Board of Adjustment has a new member in Greg Sterner. Leonard Aste will be released with thanks.
- d. The Planning Commission has a new member Paul Cox. Blake DeMill will be released with thanks.
- e. Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission training is being arranged by JoAnn Otten.
- f. Tables purchased by MIBA are used at the pool and perhaps more should be purchased. A suggestion was made that a scout project for building tables using trex material may be considered.
- g. Requested that Alan Justesen send letters to LDS wards showing how the money from the MIBA dinners has been used.
- h. The Chamber of Commerce will organize the Chamber booths on Main Street.
- i. MIBA plans to charge \$100.00 for non-profit booths.
- j. Britney Bown was killed in an accident and her family has requested indigent status for burial. The Mayor said she is planning to approve it provided the Council has no objections. Councilmember Mickelsen moved to support the Mayor's decision on this matter, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen.
- k. Councilmembers voting "aye": Vaun Mickelsen, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.
- l. The Fast Pass donation is to be used on upgrade of Memorial Park North.
- m. Miss Manti request for budget adjustment. Following some discussion the Council reached a consensus as to a \$1,500.00 budget for Miss Manti for future years with a policy as to fund division to be developed by the Recorder based on discussion by the Council.

15. The minutes of council meeting of April 21, 2010 were approved by motion of Councilmember Justesen, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

16. The Recorder made note of follows the items . . .

- a. A budget hearing should be set for May 19th. The Council so directed.
- b. Manti ads for the Scandinavian Festival and Mormon Miracle Pageant have been changed.

c. There will be a recommendation to increase utility charges as part of the recommended budget.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

General Account

Chad Moore	\$359.60
Janalee Hess	20.00
Utah State University	74.00
Blake DeMill	30.00
Utah State Tax Commission	11,039.07
Manti Post Office	398.12
Marjorie Tuckett	25.00
Heidi Wall	25.00

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator