

Manti City Council Meeting

MINUTES

MAY 13, 2020
6:30 PM

MANTI CITY BUILDING
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MEETING CALLED BY	Mayor Korry L. Soper
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Council Meeting
ATTENDEES	Mayor: Korry Soper Councilmembers: Darren Dyreng, Mary Wintch, Jason Vernon and Gary Chidester City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Jason Maylett
WELCOME	Mayor Soper called the meeting to order and noted that this is the third meeting convened electronically due to Covid-19.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Suspended

Agenda Items

ITEM 1	Electrical Superintendent Blake DeMill - plans for 46 KV switch installation at 200 North 600 West
<p>Mr. DeMill reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The plan to complete the 46 KV Switch and the replacing and upgrading of the meter will likely begin in the fall. This project will be in concert with Utah Municipal Power Agency, who will be installing new metering equipment at the site of the switch. The estimated cost of the switch is approximately \$150,000, which will be the responsibility of Manti City. The cost for the metering equipment is about \$50,000, and will be funded by UMPA. The project will require additional property for the building and Don Thompson has agreed to sell a 20 X 80 foot strip of property for the project at a very reasonable cost of \$1,000.	
CONCLUSIONS	

Mayor Soper thanked the electrical department for their work and dedication to Manti City.

ITEM 2	Public Works Director Cory Hatch - annual chip seal maintenance
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Mr. Hatch reported on the following:

- The seasonal chip-seal bid came in with Hales Sand and Gravel being the only contractor to bid on the project. This project will include a third coat of chipping on roads recently converted from dirt to pavement along north 600 West, throughout the industrial park, and the alleyway west of the Sr. Citizens Center.
- Completed shoulder repair where needed.
- Cleaning debris and preparing for high water in the diversion.
- Sewer cleaning has been completed and the company provided a short training for the crew.
- Repaired a major water line break at Cottonwood Flat.
- Planting of the flowers for Main Street was completed by the crew.
- Lashbrook Designs volunteered their time and service to help clean up Manti City. Due to the Covid-19 epidemic they had been placed on furlough but wanted to keep their employees working.
- Preparations for Memorial Day are scheduled for the next week.
- There is a waterline break at Middle Fork Spring, but due to the snow impact the crew is unable to get to the break at this time.
- The playground and restrooms at the city park have been closed to keep the public safe due to Covid-19.

CONCLUSIONS	
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Councilmember Dyreng thanked Lashbrook Designs for their volunteerism and the Mayor and Council concurred. Mayor Soper expressed appreciation to the city crew for their work.

ITEM 3	Recreation Director Vern Jensen - recommendations concerning summer youth sports programs and conditions to be met prior to opening of the city pool
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Mr. Jensen reported on the following:

- Spring soccer has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 epidemic.
- The baseball/softball season has also been cancelled throughout Sanpete County at this time along with the adult softball league. The Rec Directors

throughout the county have been in direct contact with the Central Utah Public Health Department and are following their recommendations.

- Planning to host baseball/softball hit and pitch camps, which would be limited to a specific number of youth at a time.
- All of the city athletic fields are closed, as per the order of the Health Department.
- The Health Department has directed that no public swimming open for public use other than lap swimming. The cleaning of the pool is being completed by staff with the proper PPE being worn and social distancing being implemented.

CONCLUSIONS

Some discussion ensued with the Mayor and City Council expressing that when the restrictions are lifted the city do everything necessary to use the facilities for the community recreation within the safe guidelines of the Health Department.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Jensen for his continued commitment to the recreation program for Manti City.

ITEM 4

Tentative Budget for FY 2020-2021

City Manager Barton presented the tentative budget with the expected revenue and expense budgets for the general fund. He stated that this year has been difficult to forecast due to the impact of Covid-19. There is not a clear picture of what the revenue/expense will be for the youth sports and pool. Barton explained that the budget represents a revenue reduction of about 12 percent. He stated that the reductions in revenue were in sales tax and services and primarily attributed to the effects of COVID-19. He said expenses were adjusted accordingly to the expected decrease in revenues, and that all expenses that can be put off, have been looked at and rescheduled. Barton addressed several questions concerning the proposed budget from members of the Council, after which Mayor Soper called for a motion to accept the tentative budget for FY 2020-2021 as presented.

CONCLUSIONS

Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to accept the tentative budget for FY 2020-2021 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Mary Wintch, Jason Vernon and Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ITEM 5

Fire Protection Agreement

Mayor Soper stated that the Fire Protection Agreement between Manti City and Sanpete County should be renewed and inquired if the Council had any questions or

comments. City Manager Barton stated that he and Fire Chief Elliot Anderson have reviewed the agreement and see no problem. Mayor Soper then called for a motion to accept the Fire Protection Agreement with Sanpete County.

CONCLUSIONS

Councilmember Gary Chidester made the motion to accept the Fire Protection Agreement as presented, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ITEM 6 Continuing Business

City Manager Barton stated that a public hearing will be required prior to adopting the budget for FY 2020-2021. This hearing will be held in June whether this be an electronic or open meeting. He also made note of the proposed zoning changes hearing that will be scheduled in the near future.

ITEM 7 Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Wintch reported that there has been continued library usage during the closure. Librarian Cynthia Tibbs has been very proactive and helping citizens with checking out of books and appointments for essential library needs.

Councilmember Vernon stated that the city should follow up on the Hero Act which will make stimulus money available and felt this is a great opportunity for funding of city projects.

Councilmember Vernon thanked the city workers for doing a great job and was also very appreciative of the dumpsters placed for the community clean up.

ITEM 8 Mayor Soper

Mayor Soper mentioned that Federal stimulus money may be available for infrastructure projects and might be contingent on the city having an updated Water Management Plan.

ITEM 9 Consideration of Minutes From the Previous Meeting

The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous Council meeting, held April 22, 2020. After review, seeing that no changes or errors were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

CONCLUSIONS	
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Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to accept minutes of the April 22nd meeting as presented, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon, and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ITEM 10	City Manager Report
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- Ilene Roth is moving forward with the virtual Rat Fink Reunion. She will be holding an auction with the proceeds to benefit Manti City.
- The Fourth of July celebration has been put on hold until further instruction from Governor Herbert. The fireworks will be displayed even if the event is cancelled.
- The ATV rides scheduled for July and September have been placed on hold, as the Forest Service has advised that until restrictions are lifted they will not approve a permit for organized activities .
- Made note of the Census Tracker which shows Sanpete County at a 25 percent response level with Manti City at 68.8 percent.

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Seeing there were no remaining agenda items for discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn and pay the bills. Gary Chidester made the motion, Jason Vernon seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ADJOURNED	8:00 PM
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – June 3, 2020

General Account

Kenny Keller	\$ 50.00
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Blake DeMill	300.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	80,997.21
FERC	181.16
Lantis Fireworks	2,040.00
Utah State Tax Commission	4,319.92
Division or Water Rights	750.00
Rachelle Duarte	40.00
Angie Larson	40.00
Manti City Creek	65.00
Utah State Treasurer	291.51

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

JoAnn Otten, City Recorder