

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 18th, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton. Council member Jason Vernon was out of town and excused. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and invited them to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor read a proposed resolution from the Six County Association of Governments for acceptance of a pre-disaster mitigation plan. In order for a community to qualify for emergency federal funding due to a disaster, that community's governing body must have accepted the plan in advance. Six County desires to have all communities in the 6 county area accept the plan by resolution prior to June 15th, 2016. Council member Jason Maylett stated that he would like to review the plan prior to voting for acceptance. Other members of the Council shared his sentiment. Kent Barton agreed to provide a copy of the plan for the Council's review. Mayor Soper stated that he would plan to call for a resolution of acceptance at the next Council Meeting after members of the Council had an opportunity to review the plan.

Mayor Soper then asked that discussion turn to a change in signing authority of building permits and asked Kent Barton to explain the proposed change. Barton explained that currently, building permits in the city require as final approval two (2) members of the city Planning Commission. He stated that previously, the signing authority was held by city administration but was changed many years ago. Barton said that members of the Planning Commission have expressed reservation about signing permits and prefer not to do it as part of their assignment on the commission. He also stated that he feels it makes most sense to bring the final signing approval back to city hall where full-time staff (the City Administrator and Public Works Director) can review the permits and make sure that all is in order. Some discussion ensued and Barton entertained several questions from the Council. Mayor Soper said he thought the proposed change made sense and called for a motion to change the signing approval of city building permits from members of the Planning Commission to the City Administrator and Public Works Director. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to the tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year FY2016-2017. Kent Barton then presented the budget, which was made available to members of the Council for their review. Barton pointed out that the tentative budget is the starting point and that further meetings and discussions will be necessary before a

finalized budget is presented for the acceptance of the Council prior to July 1, 2016. Barton explained that he doesn't foresee any areas of significant change in either expenses or revenues but mentioned that he is working with his staff through each department to identify areas where costs have increased and to identify potential savings to the city. Barton did note that the one major change in the upcoming budget will be roughly 3.5 million dollars in expenses for the planned Sports Complex, but noted that those expenses will be offset by revenues received from a combination of grant and loan funding committed by the Community Impact Board. Barton invited the Mayor and members of the Council to contact him or stop in the office with any questions or concerns they may have regarding the budget.

The Mayor then stated that he was pleased to announce that the city has selected a 31-acre site for the planned Sports Complex to be constructed directly north of the city cemetery. He said that negotiations have been underway for some time with 4 separate property owners and that we have purchase contracts in place. He credited Kent Barton for his work negotiating with the property owners and thanked him for his efforts. A map was then displayed with a sample diagram of how the ball fields might be situated on the site. The Mayor then called for a motion to purchase 31 acres, including a home and large metal utility building for a total price of \$581,000 for the future construction of a sports complex. Gary Chidester made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Having been advised that there was a person present who desired to make public comment, the Mayor stated that he was suspending rules and moving public comment forward on the agenda prior to Councilmember reports. Crystal Johnson then stood and explained that she has an inflatable attraction business and has been approached by several Manti citizens desiring to place one of her "bouncy houses" in the city park for parties or other events. She stated that she has been able to place her inflatables in parks at other communities but has been denied use of the Manti City Park. At that point, Kent Barton explained to the Mayor and Council that as the city has not had a policy regarding such applications on public property, he has sought advice from our city attorney and liability insurer and that the city has denied issuing a permit until the Mayor and Council can review those recommendations and consider a policy. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Johnson for coming to the meeting and told her that once the Council has an opportunity to fully review the issue and consider a policy, she would be advised of a decision. She in turn thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and consideration.

Seeing there was no continuing business, Mayor Soper asked if any members of the Council had items to report. Darren Dyreng relayed a complaint concerning speeding vehicles from a citizen living on east 500 South. Kent Barton stated that whenever such complaints are received, the Sheriff's Office is notified and they in turn step up surveillance in the area. Barton acknowledged that 500 South is a problem area for

speeding and that he has talked with the public works director about the possibility of placing some “dips” in that section of road. Some discussion ensued and other possible solutions including speed bumps and electronic speed display signs were discussed. In the meantime, Kent Barton said he would discuss increasing patrols with the Sheriff.

Gary Chidester relayed a concern from Scott Olsen stating that he is frustrated with the slow decision process from the city regarding possible water hookups at property he has purchased outside the city limits and wishes to sub-divide. Kent Barton stated that the city has huge concerns about additional connections on the line in question being that it is not a looped-line and that both adequate and emergency pressure flows are under study. Barton stated that Olsen was aware of the city’s concerns not only with adequate water but also streets and roads prior to his purchasing of the property. Barton continued explaining that the Planning Commission is currently reviewing buffer zone design in order to keep development in those areas well planned and suited for future annexation. He said the county Planning Commission also desires greater cooperation with all communities and their respective buffer zones in order to avoid problems with growth planning and adequate infrastructure.

Mayor Soper then reported on the following items:

- ∞ From the recent Mayors’ and Commissioners’ meeting, reviewed changes to the policy allowing communities to dump blighted buildings at the landfill without charges, saying that only one building per community would be allowed each calendar year.
- ∞ Reported on his recent trip as a guest of the National Guard to Guernsey, Wyoming as a part of the ESRG Program. The Mayor had the opportunity to make the trip along with Mayors from Richfield and Cedar city, along with several employers of National Guard reservists.
- ∞ Made mention that he had placed a copy of Roberts Rules of Order in the packet for review by the Council, stating that he thought for the most part “we do a pretty good job”.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the Public Hearing held earlier in the month. After one typographical error was noted and corrected, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing of May 4th, 2016 as corrected. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. Seeing that no changes were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of May 4th, 2016 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Jason

Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Advised that bids were opened earlier in the week for the annual chip seal maintenance project. Mel Clark Company of Cedar City was the low bidder at \$101,000. The same company was awarded the bid last year and Barton said they were happy with the work they did. Two other bids were received, one coming in at \$125,000 and the other at \$173,000.
- ∞ Explained that Dave Berg, the consultant retained by UMPA would like to visit with city officials on June 23rd to summarize findings of the recent “Cost of Service Study” which he has now finalized. Barton stated that it would likely need to be an afternoon meeting as many that would need to be in the meeting have assignments with the pageant that night.
- ∞ Advised that a work Meeting with the pageant presidency was set for June 1st at 6:00 pm prior to the next regular council Meeting.
- ∞ Advised of upcoming Land Use Training workshop for City Councils and Planning Commission is scheduled for Saturday June 11th from 9am until noon. The training will originate in Salt Lake and be televised to various training sites, one of which is the west campus of Snow College in Ephraim.
- ∞ Updated the Council on progress with the Pageant Dinner Committee
- ∞ Distributed a design draft of a proposed utility bill, which incorporates the new city logo and includes additional space for expanded details of billings and an area for notifications. The 8 1/2” x 11” invoice will replace the postcard style bill, which has been used for many years by the city.
- ∞ Updated the Council on progress with the planned Six Mile Hydro Plant under development by BMB.
- ∞ Advised the Council that he has recently leased a Suite containing about 650 square feet on the 2nd floor of the City Complex to Malone Intellectual Property Law. The company assists it clients with the application process for obtaining US patents. Owner, Steve Malone is pleased with the space and will start moving in tomorrow. The suite has been vacant since the City Courts moved into the city building last year.
- ∞ Explained to the Council that the grant application for funds to improve Manti Canyon Road above Yearn's Reservoir submitted by Sanpete County was unsuccessful.
- ∞ Said that he had items dealing with property negotiation and possible litigation for discussion in closed session.

At 7:45 pm, Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss possible litigation and property negotiation issues. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett 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, Gary Chidester made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

General Account

Utah State Tax Commission	\$12,864.08
Utah State Treasurer	888.77
Kent and Kristen Willis	63.83
Breanne Keisel	702.21
Austin Soper	149.90

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator