

Manti City Council Meeting

MINUTES

JUNE 3, 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: Mary Wintch, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Darren Dyreng City Manager: Kent Barton Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Gary Chidester.
WELCOME	Mayor Soper called the meeting to order and noted that it is convened electronically due to Covid-19.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Suspended

Agenda Items

ITEM 1	July 4th Celebration Plans
<p>City Manager Kent Barton reported that he had met with 4th of July Chair persons John and Elise Van Orman and Co-chairs Preston and Cassidie Goold regarding the annual celebration at the city park. The committee has planned two levels of activities, which would depend on the Covid-19 risk level in July. If the risk level is lowered to green, they feel that the celebration would be safe to operate as traditionally. If the risk level continues to stay at yellow, then the celebration would be scaled down to include just activities where safe distancing can occur, including the fun run, bike ride, tennis tournament and home run derby. They would also hope to plan some sort of parade, which may be mostly participatory, such as decorating cars and driving down Main street. There will be a firework show under either risk level, but if we are still at yellow, there would be no formal gathering spot. Barton explained that the committee would need to know by June 15th in order to have time to plan full activities at the park.</p>	

CONCLUSIONS

The Mayor and Council concurred with this plan, however, Councilmember Vernon noted that even at a level green there may still be restrictions.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to wait until June 15th and see where the risk level is before making a decision regarding activities at the city park on the 4th of July.

ITEM 2

Opening of the City Swimming pool

City Manager Kent Barton reported that Phil Murray has been hired to be the pool Manager with Ty Hill hired as the Assistant Manager. He said that the city crew has worked very hard to complete pool repairs and have the pool ready to open, and that the pool will be ready to open next week. However, he noted the state’s health department restrictions for opening the pool under the yellow risk level will need to be followed, including six-foot social distancing, capping admission at 50 persons and additional sanitation requirements. He also said that no evening rentals would occur under the yellow risk level. He said that likely there would be no swim lessons offered this year.

CONCLUSIONS

The Mayor and Council concurred that the pool should open at a level yellow with the above noted restrictions.

ITEM 3

Continuing Business

City Manager stated that public hearings have been scheduled for June 17th at 6:00 p.m. to open and adjust the current year budget, consider the transfer of enterprise funds to the general fund and adopt the 2020/2021 budget.

ITEM 4

Councilmembers reports

Councilmember Mary Wintch reported that the Manti Public Library Board will hold their next meeting Tuesday, June 9th at the Library but will adhere to the social distancing recommendation.

Councilmember Jason Vernon stated that he had many complements from citizens regarding how great the cemetery looked for Memorial Day and thanked the city crew for their hard work.

ITEM 5	Mayor Korry Soper
<p>Mayor Soper stated that Ensign Engineering is interested in helping Manti City apply for the Safe School Partnership grant, which offers a max of \$200,000 funds available for improvements of sidewalks near the schools.</p> <p>The Council concurred with exploring availability of funding for this project.</p> <p>Mayor Soper inquired if the city council would be interested in recognizing a citizen each year with a “Home Town Hero” award. This could be anyone that has gone above and beyond in serving our community.</p> <p>Councilmember Wintch stated that she felt the community already acknowledges citizens when they are asked to be the grand marshal in the parades and also at the yearly Candlelight program at the Ephraim Middle School. Councilmember Dyreng agreed and stated that the Old Folks Committee honors individuals each year at their banquet also.</p>	

ITEM 8	Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meeting
<p>The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous council meeting held May 13, 2020. After review seeing that no changes or errors were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.</p>	
ACTION TAKEN	
<p>Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 13th meeting as presented, second by Councilmember Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.</p>	

ITEM 9	City Manager’s Report
<p>City Manager Kent Barton reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with representatives of the DWR regarding the Urban Deer Plan. Five deer traps were delivered and city employees were trained on how to set the traps. The objective is to identify five areas within the city to place the traps. Manti City’s approved plan allows for trapping & euthanizing of urban deer between August 1st and October 1st. • The City has received an approval letter from the Division of Water Quality for the waste-water land application project. Garrick Willden of Jones & DeMille 	

Engineering is preparing bid requests and the project will begin later in the month.

- Alan & Paula Johnson have requested to place a headstone at the cemetery that is taller than the standard monument allowed in the cemetery. Referred councilmembers to engineers diagrams included the packet, which show that the monument will be constructed to limit the hazard of falling or tipping. After review, the Mayor and Council concurred in allowing the larger stone to be placed, provided Richfield Monument, constructs it as described in the proposal. Councilmember Vernon recommended that the current policy be revised for the allowance of larger stones that are engineered and approved by the city council.
- Referred to the copies of UMPA’s recently approved budget, along with the S-1 billing agreement with the city, both of which were included in the packet.
- Due to low losses and claims, Utah Local Governments Trust will have no increase on the city’s property and automobile insurance policies. Also, they are offering a 26% reduction on the liability policy and will be sending \$4,000 rebate, again due to low historic losses.
- Indicated that he had issues dealing with personnel and litigation for discussion in closed session.

ACTION TAKEN

Mayor Soper then called for a motion to move into executive session to discuss issues dealing with personnel and litigation negotiation. Councilmember Jason Vernon made the motion and Councilmember Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Vernon, Jason Maylett, Mary Wintch and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNED	8:15 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting – June 17, 2020

General Account

Lloyd Call	\$ 300.00
Kevin Daniels	900.00
Manti City Creek	222.77
Jones & DeMille Engineering	36,466.96
Zions First National Bank	4,579.40
Kim Squire	50.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

JoAnn Otten, City Recorder