

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 17th, 2015
7:09 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and asked that they stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Soper then recognized Bailee Simons, 1st Attendant to Miss Manti, who was not scheduled on the agenda but had made a late request to address the Council concerning her service platform for the Miss Sanpete competition. Simons explained that she desires to educate and encourage citizens to sign up as organ donors. She briefly explained how many people are helped and receive a new lease on life through this life-giving gift of organ donation. She asked for permission to hold a 10K run within the city limits in mid November, on the anniversary of her brother Brady's death. The Mayor congratulated Bailee on her achievements and extended permission for her to schedule and hold her event. He asked that she work with the City Office to obtain the necessary permits for the event. Councilmember Vernon noted that Bailee had been selected as a finalist for a \$20,000 scholarship from Samsung through her achievements at Girls' State. Mayor Soper thanked Bailee for attending the meeting and wished her well at the upcoming Sanpete Pageant.

Mayor Soper asked that discussion turn to the proposed power rate increase. He explained that due to the rising costs of producing and purchasing power, UMPA has found it necessary to increase the rate it charges its member cities (of which Manti is one) by 3.06%. He mentioned that the Council had been advised of the increase and asked to consider an increase to Manti City customers in previous meetings. He asked them how the Council was feeling about increasing Manti's rates. Vaun Mickelsen said: "We can't not do it". Jason Maylett said that we would need to cover the increase that we have received from UMPA. Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor called for a motion to increase the electricity rate by 3.06% to cover the UMPA increase at which we purchase power. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to the proposed resolution 2015-06-17, regarding a ¼ cent sales tax increase to be dedicated to transportation infrastructure. The Mayor explained that each of the 29 Utah county commissions will determine whether or not to place the measure on their respective ballots this coming November at the General election. "The resolution under consideration", said the Mayor, "is to voice the support and the desire of the Manti Council to place the measure on the ballot". After some

discussion the Mayor called for a resolution supporting the ¼ cent sales tax increase and urging the Sanpete County Commission to place the measure on the November ballot. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then requested that the current year budget (2014 – 15) be opened and adjusted to reflect current anticipated revenues and expenses. After some discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the adjustments and close the 2014 – 15 Manti City budget. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to the proposed 2015 – 16 budgets. Kent Barton explained that projected revenues are down due some loss in rental revenue from our city complex building. He also pointed out that there wouldn't be a lot of room for unplanned projects in the coming year. He pointed out that leasing agents from the state expect that in too not far distant future, we should have our complex building fully rented again. “We are looking at a lean year,” Barton stated.

Barton then addressed some questions from the Council and discussion ensued after which Mayor Soper called for a motion to adopt the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015 – 16. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to councilmembers reports. Jason Maylett reported on upcoming plans for the annual 4th of July celebration. The Mayor asked Maylett “Should we tell Vaun who the Grand Marshall is”? Maylett responded in the affirmative. The Mayor then informed that in his absence at the previous Council Meeting, he was selected as Grand Marshall. Vaun graciously accepted the invitation. Maylett updated the Council on other plans and activities. Kent Barton interjected that with the removal of the tennis courts, the vendor booth area has been moved slightly to the east power has been buried and will be available to the booths.

Darren Dyreng asked if everything was all set and ready to go for Pageant – Kent Barton indicated that it was.

Mayor Soper then reported on the following:

- ∞ Problems with prairie dogs are increasing in the county.
- ∞ County building inspector has proposed a new process prior to home occupation on newly built structures.

- ∞ In order to have continued maintenance on class “D” roads, the county needs an updated map. Has asked community leaders to identify any “D” roads in their areas that may not be included on the map.
- ∞ The Mayors and Commissioners voted to allow each community in the county to dispose at the landfill of up to 2 blighted building in their respective communities without additional charges. The objective being to give opportunities for communities to identify such buildings and target those areas for beautification and improvements.
- ∞ Discussed ongoing infrastructure costs for solar power users who need to be paying “their fair share”.
- ∞ Reported that at the recent power conference he attended, one of the presenters envisioned a day when perhaps no one would be connected to the power grid.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous council meeting. After no changes were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting of June 3rd, 2015 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Referenced fire protection agreement, which was copied in the packet.
- ∞ Stated that the CIB has scheduled Manti City to discuss the possibility of funding the ball fields project on July 2nd. Asked if the Mayor would be available to attend with him.
- ∞ Referred to the license for land application of sewer lagoon discharge, which has been received, approved and included in the packet.
- ∞ A dust suppressant (ammonium oxide) treatment is in the process of being applied within the city limit on several unpaved sections of streets.
- ∞ Updated the Council on plans for pageant dinners, which will be served at the National Guard Armory.
- ∞ Informed the Council that Keith and Sandy Redford of Ephraim have secured the Eva Beal auditorium for the presentation of a one-man play entitled “The Porter Rockwell Experience”. The Redfords have presented the play at the Ephraim Co-op and are eyeing other venues in Utah as well.
- ∞ Explained to the Council the county fair board has decided to offer paid parking for pageant goers at the fairgrounds.
- ∞ Has items dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

General Account

Wendy Childs	\$68.91
Barclay Mechanical	7,000.00
JJ Timmons	56.00
Music Theatre International	920.00
Utah State Treasurer	1,037.31
Valley Builders	156,480.14
Jones & DeMille Engineering	12,298.60
Michelle Francks	700.00
Michelle Francks	100.00
Michelle Francks	2,000.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator