

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 12th, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. The roll call showed Council Members Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton. Councilmember Darren Dyreng was unable to attend and excused. The Mayor invited Boy Scout Joshua Peterson to lead all present in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”. Following the pledge, Mayor Soper presented Peterson with a booklet containing the Constitution of the United States and other founding documents.

The Mayor then recognized Cory Hatch, Water & Sewer Supervisor and invited him to come forward to make his report to the Council. Hatch then reported on the following:

- Stated that the entire crew has been very busy and that he wasn’t even going to go into extra work created by the Pageant, Rat Fink and July 4th celebrations.
- Discussed projects at the sports complex construction site performed by the city crew including the installation of water and sewer services from the main line at 100 E in to the complex building site.
- Installation of several residential water and sewer service lines.
- Backup culinary well pump, that was damaged earlier in the year, has been fully repaired, tested and is now operational and running smooth as “butter”.
- Annual sewer main line cleaning was recently performed with the remaining area in the northwest quadrant of town completed along with all lines in the southeast quadrant of the city.
- Received good news today concerning the recent MPA test conducted at the recently redeveloped Sister Spring. The test passed indicating low risk for contaminants. Another MPA test will be required during next year’s high runoff period.
- Since redeveloped of the spring, flows have ranged between 145 – 265 gallons per minute. Based on past flows, Hatch said he expects high flows this season to peak at around 300 gallons per minute. The flows indicate about a 50% increase in flows at Sister Spring as a result of the redevelopment project.
- Sewer lagoons are seeing good evaporation currently. Lagoons 2 and 3 each have about 3 feet of capacity at the current time, and are gaining more each day as no new flows are being placed in to those lagoons.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to Cory for his work and his report. Kent Barton said that Cory mentioned he wouldn’t bring up Pageant, Rat Fink and 4th of July so he (Barton) would bring it up. He then went on to note all of the efforts by the crew including, garbage collection, traffic control, booth setup and takedown, grounds preparation, signage, etc. that the crew handles in addition to their regular responsibilities. He thanked Cory and other members of the crew and noted that without their efforts, we would never be able to host these events in our community.

The Mayor then welcomed Bryan Bies to make his first report as the city’s recently hired ZAN officer. Bies came forward and reported on the following:

- Building permits recently issued
- Animal control issues and efforts

- Details of 2 recent dog attacks in the community
- Nuisance issues including street side storage and extended parking of trailers, non-running vehicles and other items.

Councilmember Jason Maylett asked Bies if he felt there was any ambiguity in the code as far as the nuisance ordinance. Bies said that he feels the ordinance is pretty clear. The Mayor asked if he felt people understand the ordinance and are cooperative with his efforts to enforce. Bies said it depends on the person and the situation, but for the most part people have been cooperative when he explains the issue to them. After Bies entertained a few more questions from council members, the Mayor thanked him for his service and asked him to keep up his efforts to improve our community.

The Mayor then noted that Larry Lund was unable to attend the meeting due to being called to the hospital for the birth of a new grandchild. He congratulated the Lund family on the exciting development and then stated that Larry had wanted to address the Council regarding the possibility of improving and paving the alleyway from Union to 100 North just west of the Main Street businesses along that block. The Mayor acknowledged that he and Kent Barton had discussed the proposal and thought it had merit. He said the discussion would be tabled until Mr. Lund could present his views on the matter.

Mayor Soper then invited Boy Scout Joshua Peterson to come forward and present his proposal to the Council. Peterson thanked the Council for the opportunity to make his request. He then went on to explain that he was looking to do a service project or Eagle Scout Project and desired to make improvements to the Eva Beal Auditorium in the upstairs of this building. He mentioned discussions that had occurred with himself, Denise Hagemester and Kent Barton to identify areas that could be improved. Peterson said that additions or “wings” that had been added to the stage were problematic, both in appearance and function and recommended their removal. He also said that many of the fold-down seats were squeaky and needed to be oiled. Finally, he said that prop storage in the rear of the auditorium was a problem and that he would like to assist in moving the props to another area and to remove the make-shift blinds, which were installed to cover the props and were actually unsafe as they could topple, possibly causing injury to those seated or standing nearby. Discussion ensued during which Eloise Liddell, a community theatre organizer and director, stated: “We need side stages (stage wings) but the current ones are a problem. Denise Hagemester agreed saying: “the current stage wings are a problem and should be removed. More discussion ensued and Matt Peterson, father of Joshua said: “perhaps removal (of the wings) could be a first step and replacement (with a better solution) a subsequent project”. More discussion ensued and there was a strong consensus that several projects could probably be undertaken to improve the auditorium. Councilmember Jason Maylett asked Peterson if he had defined the scope, and cost of the project in a written plan. Peterson replied that he had not completed those steps to his plan as he was first getting an idea on what the Council would allow to be done. After additional discussion, Mayor Soper thanked Peterson saying: “we appreciate your interest and willing to work to improve the auditorium”. He also directed Peterson to continue to work with Kent Barton concerning details and approval of the work to be completed.

The Mayor then stated that he was suspending the rules and moving to agenda item #9, Public Comment, as he understood there was a young man present who desired to address the Council but was unable to get on the agenda prior to it being posted. He then welcomed Hunter Palmer to

come forward and address the Council. Mr. Palmer introduced himself and remarked that for the past several years he has operated a seasonal “Farmers’ Market” on family owned property in nearby Sterling. He said that he has six to eight regular vendors that sell at his market, and in an effort to expand into a larger space, was reviewing location options in Manti. He said one option was adjacent to the Temple View Lodge on 400 North, which is owned by his family. He then said his preferred option would be to locate on 200 North, adjacent to the Old City Hall, where food booths were located during the recent Mormon Miracle Pageant. Discussion ensued and it was apparent that there was broad support from the Mayor and Council some of whom mentioned that it would be a benefit to the community and other Main Street merchants. More discussion ensued and Kent Barton stated that Hunter charges a \$5 per space rental fee weekly to each vendor, which Hunter explained he uses for advertising. He said that he had told Hunter in a previous discussion, that he could not charge a “rental fee” as the property he desire to use is public property but he could likely charge a cooperative advertising fee which would serve the same purpose. Additional discussion ensued and after questioning by the Mayor, Palmer stated that the market would operate each Saturday morning for about 6 consecutive weeks beginning in early August. The Mayor told Palmer that it appeared there was unanimous support from the council and directed him to work with Kent Barton on the specifics of reserving the space. Hunter thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for their time and consideration.

The Mayor then directed that discussion turn to the discussion and consideration of a possible power rate increase. Kent Barton, stated that the proposed increase of 3.8% is a direct pass through of the rate the Utah Municipal Power Agency will charge its member cities going forward. Mayor Korry Soper, who also serves as Chairman of the Board of the Utah Municipal Power Association, explained that increase was needed to offset the costs of the recently acquired \$80 million West Valley City gas-fired generating plant, which was purchased as a result of expiring contracts the agency has had in place for many years with coal-fired power plants. Soper explained that the acquisition of the West Valley plant by the agency was made in an effort to stabilize power rates for its member cities as environmental pressures continue to target coal generation plants. Some discussion ensued. Councilmember Maylett stated: “I don’t know how we can absorb the increase”. The Mayor asked Kent Barton how much this would be on an average bill. Barton said that as an example, a bill with \$50 electrical usage would increase to about \$52. More discussion ensued after which Mayor Soper called for a motion to increase the power rate retro-active to July 1, 2017 by 3.8% to 10.17 cents per kilo-watt hour. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Moving to continuing business the Mayor asked Kent Barton about efforts to improve guardrails along City Creek. Barton responded that he and Dale Nielson had inspected each of the guardrails at the 15 crossings of City Creek through town. He then displayed a spreadsheet where they had cataloged the crossings, condition of the guardrails, needed repairs and priority for action. Two creek crossings at 300 East and 300 South were deemed to be the most urgent for repair and received top priority. Nine crossings were grading as medium priority, 2 crossings as low priority and 2 crossings as low priority with no action needed. Discussion ensued and Dale Nielson described the repairs that would be needed to the guardrails on 300 South and 300 East. He also described some of the needed repairs or upgrades and some of the other crossings. Some discussion ensued, during which

it was apparent that there was unanimous support for scheduling needed repairs. The Mayor asked Kent and Dale to move forward with prioritizing and getting the work done.

The Mayor then asked about progress with efforts to restrict street-side parking for safety concerns during events at the high school football stadium. Barton reported that he and Dale Nielson had inspected the area and developed a signage placement plan in order to prohibit all street-side parking along 800 North and 200 West streets. He said approximately 35 additional signs would need to be purchased, most of which could be hung on adjacent power poles or chain link fencing, with others to be mounted on street sign tubing. After some discussion the consensus of the Council was to move ahead, based on safety concerns, with acquisition and placement of the signage as quickly as possible.

Mayor Soper then complimented organizers of the community 4th of July celebration including AJ & Sharon Mower along with Cory & Cari Price committee chairs and co-chairs respectively. The Mayor also complimented the excellent parade and made special mention of the Battalion Drum and Bugle Corps which marched in the parade and was a favorite of many spectators. The Mayor also recognized Codi Godfrey, the newly crowned “Miss Independence” and her attendants Carrie Jo Carmody and Ellie Anderson, who reigned over the festivities.

The Mayor reported briefly on the APPA conference in Orlando Florida which he and Blake DeMill attended, along with members of the UMPA Board of Directors and Technical Committees. He mentioned that it appears that all the attention and efforts on new generation developed seem to be in the solar arena.

The Mayor then asked if anyone had changes or corrections to be made to the minutes. From the public hearings or council meeting held the previous month. Seeing no corrections from the Budget Hearing he called for a motion to accept the minutes of the Budget Hearing held on June 14th, 2017 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Then, seeing no corrections noted from the Public Hearing minutes regarding transfer of funds from enterprise funds (utility funds) to the general fund, he called for a motion to accept the minutes of the said hearing held on June 14th, 2017 as presented. Gary Chidester made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none. Then noting one typographical error in the minutes of the regular council meeting minutes he called for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 12th Council Meeting as presented. Darren Dyreng 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.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- Reviewed recent communication between the city and Jody Arnold, the owner of Duncan Court, concerning the city’s efforts to bring the court into compliance with the mobile home ordinance, specifically with regard to density and other safety related concerns. Discussion ensued and it was the desire of the Council that the city move forward with efforts to bring the trailer court into compliance – especially as it concerns unsafe conditions in the court.

- Reviewed photographs of several cases of illegal parking / storage on street-side city rights-of-way. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was that city staff continues to pursue the cleanup of storage and illegal parking within the city's right-of-way as defined in the ordinance.
- Discussed a request from the County Director of Economic Development that Manti City organize a cleanup project at Milky Falls, up Manti Canyon. Specifically to clean away deadfall timber and brush so that the area could be accessed by visitors. Barton recommended to the Council that perhaps the project would be best organized by a local scout troop or as an Eagle Scout project. The Council concurred.
- Advised the Council of the upcoming Manti Mountain ATV ride scheduled for August 17th – 19th. Related that since the Alvin Kilmer resigned as organizer 5 years ago, efforts to organize a new committee have been unsuccessful. Barton said that he has been acting as organizer and relying heavily on Brad Bradley to assist along with city office personnel. He also related that the County Economic Development Director has expressed interest in the county taking on the event but that he (Barton) has resisted moving that direction. He continued explaining that much of the organizing needs to be done during May and June when he is extremely busy with budgeting, pageant preparations and other work. He asked how the council felt about involving the county in the event. After discussion the consensus seemed to be that the city should continue with the event. Barton asked if any members of the Council would like to get involved or offer ideas of others who could be invited to form a committee.
- Reported on recent committee meeting of the Airport Zoning Advisory Committee, formed by the County Commissioners for the purpose of formulating zoning recommendations around the Manti Ephraim Airport. Mentioned that both he and Councilmember Chidester were asked to serve on the committee. Councilmember Chidester then stated that he feels the city needs to review its long-term goals and objective with regard to the airport and questioned how it serves the city and its residents. Discussion ensued during which Kent Barton noted that the city contributes \$12,000 annually for the operation of the airport and has now taken on all maintenance of snow removal and weed control, which used to be shared with Ephraim City. Chidester said he questions the economic impact benefit that some suggest the airport provides to the county, especially to Manti City. He also stated that the president's assistant at Snow College told him that as far as the college is concerned the airport is used for visitors maybe once a year. Councilmember Vernon posed the question that perhaps the county should acquire the airport. "Or Ephraim" added Jason Maylett. More discussion ensued and there was consensus that a strategic discussion of objectives and vision need to occur.
- Gave an update of pageant dinner proceeds saying that sales at the dinners was about the same as last year, while sales at the food booth were down somewhat with the new location near Old City Hall. He noted that overall, he felt the move of the food court was a success as several Main Street merchants have told him they noticed a lot more traffic in their stores this years. Discussion ensued and Barton recognized the great effort of volunteers, without which the dinners would not happen, as well as the financial benefit the dinners have created for city project including the rising Sports Complex.
- Gave a brief update on the Sports Complex and advised the Council that he would like to get their input on colored samples of block, which he had with him. He said the block would need to be ordered soon.
- Advised of a post-Pageant traffic control meeting he attended the day previous with representatives of UDOT, Sanpete Sheriff's Office and the Utah highway patrol.

Discussed permanent changes that will be required concerning signage, barricading, and street crossing guards as required by UDOT. Said that a lot more responsibility for these efforts will fall on the City and advised that the Church should make reimbursement.

- Advised of the recent addition of 3 shade structures at the city pool, which were approved as an Eagle Scout project by local scout Eli Malone. Shared pictures of the structures with the Mayor and Council.
- Updated the Council on improvement projects at the Patten House, including termite and beetle treatment, which have been completed, along with roof and rain gutter maintenance, which is planned.
- Referred to information in the packet concerning the outstanding utility bill issue raised by Gary Erickson at the June 14th Council Meeting. After discussion it was agreed that \$470.96 in penalties would be waived, provided Erickson pay the remainder of the outstanding bill within 12 months.
- Advised the Council of the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference scheduled for September 17 – 19 in Salt Lake City. Asked who would be attending and all present with the exception of Vaun Mickelsen confirmed they planned to attend.
- He then noted that he had a personnel matter for discussion in closed session.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss issues dealing with personnel. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Vernon. The Mayor then called for a vote by roll call with Councilmember Gary Chidester voting “aye”, Councilmember Jason Maylett voting “aye”, Councilmember Vaun Mickelsen voting “aye” and Councilmember Jason Vernon voting “aye”. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

General Account

Robert Stevens	\$ 89.66
Karri Stevens	243.43
Ephraim City	250.00
Darren Dyreng	96.04
Utah State Treasurer	435.74
RBRBA	300.00
Michelle Francks	1,400.00
Michelle Francks	4,000.00

Justin Aagard	60.00
Tami Larson	31.76
Mountain America Credit Union	465.00
Michelle Francks	700.00
Michelle Francks	700.00
Michelle Francks	700.00
Michelle Francks	1,400.00
Michelle Francks	2,000.00
Michelle Francks	2,000.00
Michelle Francks	4,000.00
Michelle Francks	2,000.00
Cari Price	89.22
Casey Barnes	8.00
Javed Nordell	32.00
Braden Miller	6.00
Thayne Miller	30.00
Conner Christiansen	24.00
Darren Dyreng	157.00
Manti Telephone Company	1,381.23
Main Street Pizza	300.00
Sharon Mower	820.00
Manti Mountain Bike Team	250.00
Brandi Cox	150.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	86,107.78
Sunny Hammouri	151.07
Mountain America Credit Union	465.00
Recovery Services of Utah	150.00
Recovery Serivces of Utah	180.00
Sharon Mower	444.11
Manti Telephone Company	10.00
Sunny Hammouri	62.23

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator