

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:40 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon present. Mayor Soper welcomed all present. He invited a visiting Boy Scout to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Soper recognized Robert Hess. Mr. Hess explained that he was there to inquire if the city will allow “net metering” for residents who purchase and install solar panels. Some discussion ensued after which the consensus of the council was that this would be a beneficial practice. The Mayor noted that Utah Municipal Power Agency (of which Manti City is a member) has a program in place for this practice and suggested we review the UMPA program and then take up the discussion and consider possible action at a future meeting.

The Mayor invited Loren Thompson to approach. Thompson expressed gratitude to the city for allowing use of the city park for the hosting of the recently completed Challenger Sports soccer clinic. Thompson reported that the clinic has grown over the years and that the Manti Park is an excellent venue. He also said that Challenger recently signed a contract to return to Manti for the next three years. The Mayor thanked Thompson for his efforts that benefit our youth sports programs, specifically his interest and passion for our soccer program.

The Mayor recognized Power Superintendent Blake DeMill, who reported on the following:

- Transformer bank hung for new well on 600 west
- Diversion cleaned near the upper plant
- Replaced meter at the North Well
- Breaker replaced at the West Well
- Currently trimming trees for communication phone line to the Upper Plant
- Explained upcoming pole testing program

The Mayor recognized Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Supervisor. Cory reported on updated efforts to restore Big Spring and Sister Spring into the culinary system. Hatch also reported on the sewer lagoons and installation of new services in the community.

Ryan Phelps asked if we should plan for power, water or sewer utility service extensions underneath the highway prior to the planned widening project which is currently underway. Blake DeMill responded the Power would remain overhead. Cory said that we should probably look at placement of sleeves for water and sewer. Dale Nielson said that ultimately we would need to bring water from the “North Tank” to the east in order to have a loop configuration in that area. Darren Dyreng suggested having an engineer look at placing sleeves prior to completion of the widening.

The Mayor recognized Dale Nielson, Public Works Director, who reported on the following:

- Jet's Reservoir
  - South ditch repairs held well over the winter
  - Reservoir is still filling
  - Livestock fence has been placed around the reservoir
- Gas line breakage during water service installation
- Chip seal project to begin next week will include the following streets
  - All of Heritage Heights
  - Entire length of 300 West
  - Several one block sections west of 500 West
- The crew is very busy and we're getting a lot of work done with fewer people than we've had in past years.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to Dale, Blake Cory and others. He remarked, "I think the entire crew is doing a good job".

The Mayor asked the council for comments or discussion regarding the recommended increase in liability insurance limits from \$2 million to \$5 million with the premium rising by \$6,481 to \$48,662.

Ryan Phelps expressed frustration at having to pay more and asked what would be the chances that we'd have a large claim. Administrator Kent Barton responded that while the likelihood may be low, at least four cities in the state had claims that exceeded \$2 million in the last year. Discussion continued. Councilmember Vernon stated that we should go after the accountability rebate in order to save some of the premium. Other councilmembers agreed. Mayor Soper called for a motion to increase the liability from \$2 million to \$5 million. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Mayor Soper asked that discussion turn to the road plan in the buffer area as proposed by the planning commission. It was explained that the proposal would extend the current road grid pattern throughout the buffer zone and that future buildings or infrastructure would be planned so the "grid pattern" could continue where possible. After questions and discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the road plan as proposed by the planning commission. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor asked councilmembers for their thoughts on increasing the sewer utility rate in order to cover annual bond payments for the recent required upgrades to lagoons two and three. Discussion ensued. Kent Barton stated that to cover the \$85,000 annual bond payment, would require a \$6.50 per residence increase each month. Darren Dyreng suggested adding an additional \$1 each month and placing it in an account earmarked solely for future capital upgrades to the water or sewer systems. After additional discussion the Mayor called for

resolution #2014-07-06 by motion to increase monthly sewer rates from \$19.00 to \$26.50, with \$1.00 each month being placed into a capital improvements account for future water or sewer upgrades. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor asked the Council to review the letter from the Utah Division of State History regarding the application for placement of the historic Shoemaker House (currently owned by Jim and Shannon Miller) at 194 West 400 North on the National Historic Register, and called for a motion of support from the Council. Jason Maylett made that motion, which was seconded by Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor asked the Council to consider the proposal from the Manti Improvement Committee for disbursement of 2013 Pageant Dinner funds for community improvement projects as follows:

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Manti Arts Council	New Stage Curtains / Auditorium	\$ 1,500
American Legion	Improvements to Legion Hall	\$ 2,500
Manti City	Old City Hall Improvements	\$ 3,000
Manti City	Ball Fields	\$ 24,500

After brief discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the proposal of the Manti Improvement Committee for disbursement of 2013 Pageant dinner funds as described above. Jason Vernon made that motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor asked that discussion turn to a significant outstanding accounts receivables balance and asked Kent Barton for background on the issue. Barton explained the receivables balance totaled \$20,570.56 and dated back several years for unpaid utility bills from Hunter Composites during the time Hunter rented space in the MIBA Building. Barton said the our auditors have recommended that we write the entire balance off as bad debt since there is currently no likelihood of collecting any part of the past due bill.

Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor called for a motion to write-off \$20,570.56 from Hunter Composites as bad debt as recommended by our auditors. Jason Maylett made that motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor asked if there were any reports from Councilmembers.

Jason Maylett reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> was a huge success and great community celebration. He said that chairpersons Mike & Suzy Howell, along with co-chairs Andy & Robyn Cox, are planning and “after event” review meeting to benefit future celebrations.

Jason Vernon discussed a recent airport board meeting he attended and reported progress with improvements to the facility including:

- Pilots lounge
- Jet fuel tanks with card reader
- AWOS and instrument approach systems
- Runway lengthening
- Loaner vehicle and required liability insurance

Vernon also pointed out that a “high point” in the near the center of the runway has been identified as being problematic in lengthening of the runway and will require an additional \$200,000 of grade work. Vernon said that the FAA has committed funds, which would allow the lengthening to occur as planned.

Councilmember Vernon indicated he had an item dealing with personnel for discussion in closed session. He also brought up the issue of citizen concerns with young riders and speeding ATV’s in the community. Discussion ensued after which the Mayor asked Kent Barton to supply the council with ideas of what other communities in the area are doing to address this problem.

Ryan Phelps updated the council on a recent conference he attended at the governor’s office of economic development. Phelps also reported on progress with organizing the Manti Youth City Council. He said advisor Denise Hagemeister has asked about any available budget the group might have.

Mayor Soper reported on UMPA issues and explained Manti’s 40-year agreement with UMPA expires in 2025, and pointed out that we need to start discussions on a renewal in the future. For that purpose UMPA officials have offered to come to a future council meeting or other meeting as directed by the council to start that process. The Mayor pointed out that our agreement affects future bonding, contract and other forward agreements. Some discussion ensued after which the consensus of the council was that we should begin the process to consider renewal of our agreement.

The Mayor also reported on the following from a recent meeting with UDOT officials:

- Efforts to address the coming bottleneck on US 89 adjacent to the cemetery where 4 lanes will reduce to 2 lanes
- UDOT’s expressed desire to cooperatively “work with” community businesses in areas of access and safety
- Future plans for widening at south entrance to Manti
- Crosswalks
- Desire by UDOT to participate in the Mormon Miracle Pageant planning meeting

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections noted for the draft version of the minutes from the June 11<sup>th</sup> public hearing. After no changes were noted the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as presented. Jason Vernon made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections noted for the draft version of the minutes from the June 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting. One typographical changes was noted after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Updated the Council on plans for the upcoming Manti Mountain ATV Run
- Referenced 3 proposals from design firms for the development of a city “logo” and branding services and recommended placing the issue on a future agenda for discussion by the council
- Asked members of the Council to check their calendars and let the city office know whether or not they plan to attend the upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference in September
- Discussed the youth football program that has been administered by T&R Sports and recent inquiries to the city office about the possibility of Manti City administering the program in the future
- Desire of the sheriff’s office to enforce “no parking” zone along the west side of 200 north near the high school football stadium
- Indicated he had items dealing with property and personnel for discussion in closed session

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

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

General Account

PTIF	\$13,500.00	Manti Post Office	490.48
Michelle Francks	3,700.00	Manti City	170.00
Whitney Timothy	344.87	Kent Barton	154.98
Justin Aagard	40.00	Suzy Howell	740.00
Michelle Francks	3,000.00	Breanne Keisel	48.19
Kent Barton	491.95	Kevin or Sandra Larsen	200.00
Shanna Colburn	833.67	Stephen Johnson	15.00
Bankcard Services	1,651.55	Brandy Cox	150.00
Kent Barton	156.69	Michelle Francks	83.06
Michelle Francks	10,000.00	Music Theatre International	435.00
Sunrise Engineering	8,000.00	Utah Babe Ruth League	780.00
Mel Clark, Inc.	28,966.00	Zions First National Bank	100.00
R&R Pizza	57.40	Justin Aagard	40.00
Tristan Barnes	199.38	Suzy Howell	100.00
Casey Barnes	199.38		

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Korry Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator