

# Manti City Council Meeting

## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 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: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon and Mary L. Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	
WELCOME	Mayor Soper
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Soper

### Agenda Items

ITEM 1	<b>Garrick Willden, Jones &amp; DeMille - Summary of bids for sewer land application project.</b>
<p>Garrick reported that the bids for the Wastewater Improvement Project have been received and opened. The two bids for the pivot line are Mountainland Supply Company - \$106,900.00 and South West Plumbing - \$121,349.88.</p> <p>He then stated that there are four bids for the construction pipe and chlorinator building . . . (1) Madsen Excavating - \$324,890.00 (2) Barton Excavation - \$329,309.00 (3) Terry Brotherson - \$362,903.80 and (4) Taurus Plumbing - \$399,934.34.</p> <p>Garrick recommended that Manti City accept the bid from Mountainland Supply Company for the pivot line, and the bid from Madsen Excavating for the construction project, noting that all the correct documentation is in place.</p>	

Garrick noted that the deadline for this project is March of 2021, as the irrigating into the field will need to begin early summer. However, the contractor would like to get started as soon as possible.

Mayor Soper thanked Garrick for the work that Jones & DeMille Engineering have completed on this project. He then proceeded to explain a brief history of the project noting that approximately 10 years ago there was too much sewage seeping into the ground and the city was required to seal the bottom of the sewer ponds. A third lagoon was constructed hoping this would be sufficient for at least 20 years. The ponds were actually sealed too well and nothing was seeping into the ground. The city is now required by the State to once again repair the sewer ponds.

As the project was funded by CIB and funds are still available, the city purchased property and will pipe water from the third lagoon to a pivot and irrigate a connecting field.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Mayor Soper inquired if there was any comment relative to the Wastewater Improvement Project and there was none.

**ITEM 2**

**Consideration and possible awarding of bids for sewer land application project.**

Mayor Soper called for a motion to award the Wastewater Improvement Project bids.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Councilmember Darren Dyreng then moved to award Mountainland Supply Company for the construction of the pivot at a cost of \$106,900 and Madsen Excavating for the construction pipe and the chlorinator building at a cost of 324,890, seconded by Councilmember Jason Maylett.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

**ITEM 3**

**Discussion and consideration of Carson Howell’s request to change or eliminate ordinance #13.04.430, concerning amount of water to be exchanged for “out-of-city” culinary water service.**

Councilmember Chidester stated that it was his feeling that the requirement to give .75 shares of water for an out-of-city service should be increased before decreasing the amount.

Councilmember Dyreng said that if the requesting party does not have water shares to transfer to Manti City, they should purchase the water and deed same to Manti City to be placed in the culinary water system.

**DISCUSSION**

Some discussion ensued with it being the consensus of the City Council that the existing ordinance be followed and the request by Mr. Howell to allow adjustments to the amount of water required for an out-of-city connection be denied.

**ITEM 4**

**Discussion concerning upcoming public hearing for proposed residential zoning ordinance.**

City Manager Barton reported that the public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. has been properly advertised in the local newspaper and also on the utility billing. The hearing will be held in the Eva Beal Auditorium, which will allow for social distancing.

Mayor Soper encouraged the community to attend the hearing and explain their concerns regarding the proposed zoning ordinance. He said that a public hearing is to listen to comments and concerns and then the city council will consider same and make the best decision that will benefit the entire community.

**ITEM 5**

**Review of Financial Statements ending July 31st**

City Manager Barton presented the July financial statements noting this is the first month of the fiscal year. He went on to review the revenue and expense sections of the budget noting that most of the individual departments are operating at or near expectation, but pointed out that the fire department expenses were high because of repairs and purchase of equipment. Also, the waste collection was higher due to dumpster rental for the city wide clean up held in July. He also noted that pool expenses were above expectation, due to additional sanitization procedures required in the pool as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

He also reported that Manti City was designated to receive \$321,000 for the CARES money (COVID-19) and that the first and second disbursements totaling \$214,000 have been received. This money was awarded to the State of Utah who then disburses same to each city. This money must be spent on qualified items such as public safety and supplies needed for the Corona Virus pandemic. If the funds are not spent on qualified items, they will be returned to the State.

**ITEM 6****Continuing Business**

Mayor Soper made inquiry regarding the Citizen Corps resolution and City Manager Barton reported it is being reviewed by legal counsel.

**ITEM 7****Councilmembers Report**

Councilmember Chidester made a reminder that the Manti/Ephraim Airport will host the annual Airport Open House and Fly In on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Councilmember Maylett inquired if local businesses are surviving during COVID-19 and it was noted that some are doing well and others have been hit hard.

City Manager Barton said that the annual Manti ATV Ride held in July was a huge success with a record number of participants. He noted that the second ride will be September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with 145 participants, which will once again bring people to the community to help support the local businesses.

Councilmember Dyreng commended the city crew on the repair of roads and also on the chip seal project.

Councilmember Vernon reported that the youth soccer season has ended another successful season and felt that the community enjoyed being at the new fields.

Councilmember Vernon mentioned that the Youth City Council is in need of a new director. He stated this program provides excellent experience and opportunities for students, and he requested that names be provided for a director at a subsequent meeting.

Councilmember Wintch commented on the beautiful Main Street flower baskets and commended the city crew.

**ITEM 8****Mayor Soper**

Mayor Soper stated that the South Sanpete School District is looking at expanding the parking area at the Manti High School football field. He said that Manti City has had a long working partnership with the School District and encouraged the City Council to think about participating in this project.

**ITEM 9****Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meetings**

The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous two regular council meetings. After brief discussion, seeing there were no errors or changes noted, he called for motions to accept the minutes as presented of those two meetings.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Councilmember Darren Dyreng made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 5<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Councilmember Mary Wintch then moved to accept the minutes of the August 19<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jason Maylett.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Jason Maylett, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

**ITEM 9****City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Received the insurance settlement for repair of the library roof at an estimated cost of \$28,000. The repair will begin next week.
- Working with a pest control company to eliminate the bats in the city building and library.
- A microburst wind storm blew a large tree down on Union Street and 200 East. This same microburst caused minor wind damage to the city building.
- Youth soccer season came to an end this week and in spite of COVID19 was a huge success. The community was able to enjoy the new Sports Complex.
- A combination girls fast pitch and coed adult tournament was held, which brought individuals to Manti City and helped support our local businesses.
- Youth football will start in mid-September and will include teams from Manti, Ephraim and Gunnison.
- The Manti Aquatic Center season has now ended with revenues being better than anticipated.

- The Census continues to progress with the State of Utah at a 69%, Sanpete County 53% and Manti City 74% participation.
- Looking at improving the Manti City website using funding from the CARES money.
- Has items for executive session dealing with property negotiation and litigation issues.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to move out of regular session into executive session to discuss property negotiations and legal litigation matters, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Adjourned from executive session into regular session.

Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved the bills be paid as presented and the meeting adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Gary Chidester, Mary Wintch, Jason Vernon and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

<b>ADJOURNED</b>	8:50 P.M.
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b>	Public hearing and regular council meeting – September 16 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

General Account

Utah State Tax Commission	\$ 5,112.23
Utah Municipal Power Agency	123,023.24
Zions First National Bank	5,712.28

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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JoAnn Otten, City Recorder