

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 3rd, 2014
6:40 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps present. Darren Dyreng was excused and Jason Vernon called to advise he would not be able to attend. The Mayor welcomed all attending and asked them to stand and join him in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

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

- Improvements at city park
- Jet Fox fence repair
- Road repairs and maintenance

After addressing a few questions from members of the council the Mayor thanked Nielson for his efforts on behalf of the city and then welcomed Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Supervisor to come forward. Hatch then reported on the following:

- Big Spring and Sister Spring returned to the culinary system on August 12th and increased testing required as a result
- Returning the springs referenced above has increased flow through the upper power plant by 500 – 600 gallons per minute
- New water service added on 500 West and 100 South
- Some older galvanized pipe being replaced
- Plans for trenching for power and irrigation lines for city park improvements
- Plans to flush hydrants with the fire department
- Lead and copper samples to be submitted from city well
- Sewer lagoon 1 (which is receiving all of the current flow) is near 5 feet in depth, with lagoons 2 and 3 losing depth due to seepage and evaporation

Cory then addressed a few questions from council members regarding the lagoons and explained that after lagoon 1 fills to 6 feet, the plan is to begin diverting all flows to lagoons 2 and 3. The Mayor thanked Cory for his report and care for the city's water and sewer systems.

Mayor Soper recognized Denise Hagemeister, Manti City Youth City Council Advisor, and invited members of the Youth City Council to come forward for swearing-in. The Mayor subsequently performed the ceremonial swearing in for the following: Kelsie Albee, Bailey Simons, Shayla Greene, Marley Meacham, Kristlyn Peterson, Karlee Lindhart, Cambria Phelps, Bryce Hedelius, Serria Mickelson, and Abbey Simons. Afterwards, a brief photo shoot, Mayor Soper thanked the youth council members for their willing to serve in the community. He also expressed thanks the Hagemeister and her assistant advisors for their efforts to benefit the community and its youth.

Mayor Soper recognized Polly Martinez and invited her to come forward. Martinez explained that she currently assists with dog rescue services for Wag-N-Train and temporarily houses stray or abused dogs in transition. Martinez has also housed smaller or younger dogs for Manti City as an alternative to taking them to the city pound. Noting that the city does not currently license kennels, Martinez asked for a letter from the city acknowledging and allowing her to perform the voluntary services that she does for Manti City and Wag-N-Train. Martinez then addressed several questions from the Council after which some discussion ensued. City Administrator Kent Barton explained that the city current has no kennels licensed, as there were chronic nuisance complaints due to noise and odor with past facilities that were licensed. Martinez explained that the dogs she boards are temporary and mostly reside inside the home. She indicated that she hasn't received any complaints from neighbors about the dogs. Barton said that he was unaware of any complaint received at the city office concerning the issue. Councilmember Maylett said that he was concerned about precedent and numbers of dogs. After more discussion, the consensus of the Council was to issue a letter acknowledging the temporary boarding that Martinez is performing for Wag-N-Train and Manti City and extending permission for temporary boarding of up to 10 dogs as long as there are no nuisance complaints from neighbors. In the case that complaints are to be received, the arrangement will need to be reevaluated. Martinez thanked the Mayor and members of the Council for their time and consideration. She was in turn thanked for the service she provides for the rescue of dogs.

The Mayor asked if any councilmembers had items to report. Jason Maylett asked if we should be setting money aside for vehicle replacement. Kent Barton reported that the city currently has about \$55,000 set aside and that if we want to add to that we would have to budget in a future year or divert money this year from another area of the budget. Barton said that while some of our vehicles are "well-worn" and will need eventual replacement, he feels we are okay with our current fleet for this year. Maylett also reported that design work is being done for the planned ambulance building.

Mayor Soper reported on budget discussions from the recent UMPA board meeting. He also advised the Council about a meeting he and Kent Barton attended last Thursday with UMPA and Zions Bank officials with the goal of improving the bond rating for UMPA and its member cities. Among other issues discussed at the meeting were the "rate stabilization fund" and recommendations from Zions officials regarding minimum levels the fund should contain in order to positively affect bond ratings.

The Mayor also reminded the Council about upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns conference scheduled for next week in Salt Lake City.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any corrections noted for the draft version of the minutes from the August 20th council meeting. Two typographical changes were noted, after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers

voting “aye”: Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Recent Rural Water Fall Conference
- Reported on conversations with Ken Bousfield, Director of the Division of Drinking regarding the culinary springs
- Reported on a recent meeting with Kevin Christensen, Sanpete County Director of Economic Development, and other administrators in the county in an effort to work together more closely for the benefit of the county and its communities.
- Doug Barton asked to get on a future agenda to talk about concerns with quality of rentals in the community.
- Referenced State Engineer’s Order in the packet concerning the water right transfer at the Manti Ephraim Airport

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”: Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

General Account

Sanpete County Fair	\$ 35.00
Justin Aagard	325.83
Cody’s Custom	40.00
Creations LLC	270.00
Bankcard Services	732.00
Stephen Johnson	450.00
Justin Aagard	40.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator