

Manti City Council Meeting

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
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 L. Soper Councilmembers: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and, Mary L. Wintch Administrator: Kent Barton
ABSENT	None
WELCOME	Mayor Soper
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Soper

Agenda Items

ITEM 1	Sports Park Usage Policy Proposal
<p>The Mayor welcomed Vern Jensen, Sports and Recreation Director, and invited him to come forward and present his proposal. Jensen first gave a review of the sports and recreation activities, noting that soccer season is underway and that every Wednesday evening, 40 soccer teams play at the sports park. He said that tonight, the parking lots were nearly filled. Jensen then went on to review his proposed field usage policy, and related that he is having lots of inquiry about using the facility. The proposal included both facility and equipment rental costs as well as staff support, and use of field lights fees. Requirements such as liability insurance are also included in the proposal. Jensen then fielded several questions from members of the Council, as well as a couple of recommendations to include in the policy – including a non-refundable deposit to reserve the facility.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	
<p>Mayor Soper thanked Jensen for the work he is doing and said that after he and Kent Barton have an opportunity to fine tune the proposal the Council would like to see it again.</p>	

ITEM 2

Reid Cox - Airport Board Representative

Representing the Manti Ephraim Airport, Reid Cox addressed the Council and invited them to the upcoming “Fly-In” activity scheduled for this Saturday at the airport. Cox highlighted some of the activities that are planned and said it should be a good time for all.

ITEM 3

Discussion Concerning Proposed Urban Deer Control Plan

Mayor Soper said that he had spent a lot of time thinking about the deer control issue in the 3 weeks that have passed since the public hearing. He said he has considered arguments on both sides of the issue, but said he feels a responsibility to help those who are suffering property damage. He went on to say the DWR manages deer population control on the mountain through the issuance of hunting tags, and that we need to be able to manage the population in our community where we are having problems. He then stated that this plan allows the city to do that. He said that the plan is not intended to eradicate but rather to control the population. He said the plan does not obligate the city to kill deer but rather to review annually where problems are occurring and then decide what actions to take, if any. He then said he’d like to hear from each member of the Council and invited Councilmember Chidester to speak first.

Chidester asked if it was possible to place the issue on the ballot and asked what the cost would be. Kent Barton said that he wasn’t sure if that was an issue that could be placed on the ballot but if so, there would be costs involved – though he wasn’t sure what it would be. He said he would find out.

Councilmember Maylett recognized that our residents are divided on the issue, but observed that our plan allows us to deal with a real problem for those residents who have unwanted deer doing damage to their property.

Councilmember Dyreng said that he has received a lot of feedback from residents on both sides of the issue. He said that we should only be dealing with valley deer and that he believes our plan allows us to do that. He said he agrees with the Mayor; that our plan to control – not eradicate.

Councilmember Vernon said that he plans to abstain from the vote due to a conflict of interest, being that his employer is the DWR and he is involved with overseeing the program. That being said, he went on to say that he believes cities have the right and

obligation to serve its citizens and that this program would allow the city to do that. He also recognized that the city was divided on this issue but that it's a good thing when we can have a public debate before a final decision is made.

Councilmember Wintch said she understand some are concerned about the cost to the city. She suggested a ceiling could be placed that once that amount is reached, control efforts could be discontinued for the year. She went on to say that it makes sense that we could place traps where it meets the objectives of our plan and to not place traps where it does not.

Councilmember Chidester said he could support the plan if a defined cost is not exceeded, and the placement of traps be strategic, so not to target mountain deer. Councilmember Dyreng agreed.

The Mayor asked Kent Barton for a cost estimate to run the program. Barton said that after discussing with staff and the DWR he estimated the cost would be between \$50 and \$100 per animal.

The Mayor then suggested that perhaps we could target 10-20 deer annually, until the population is back under control. Councilmember Dyreng agreed that was a good approach and said we should not overstate our objective, observing that then plan calls for 125 deer to be taken, but that it is a 3-year plan. He suggested that is why some may be having a problem – thinking we may plan to take 125 deer in one year.

After additional discussion, The Mayor called for a motion to accept the plan, saying that he would expect city staff and elected officials to discuss annually and decide whether or not control measures will be taken.

ACTION TAKEN

Mary Wintch made the motion, Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none. Councilmember Jason Vernon abstained.

ITEM 4	Discussion & Consideration of Proposed Policy Concerning Development along Existing Platted Streets.
Kent Barton presented a proposed policy for road and street improvements where development occurs along existing city platted streets not meeting current street standards. Barton said that he had spent considerable time with city staff in formulating the proposal, which has become of increasing concern as we see more	

pressure to develop along roads, which are improved, but not to the city subdivision standard. He mentioned that he had also reviewed the proposal with some members of the Council. He then shared the proposal as follows:

- *Undeveloped property exceeding 215 contiguous feet along any existing city street will require that the developer or developers improve the street to the city's subdivision standard including the placement of curb, gutter and sidewalk for any portion of the frontage that is being developed.*
- *Similarly, property being redeveloped where any combination of undeveloped property and property under redevelopment exceeds 215 contiguous feet along any existing city street will require that the developer or developers improve the street to the city's subdivision standard including the placement of curb, gutter and sidewalk for any portion of the frontage that is being developed.*

Discussion ensued. Councilmember Maylett said that he feels this is a good proposal and places the responsibility for developing streets fairly on developers rather than burdening the city with improving the streets. After additional discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the proposal as presented.

CONCLUSIONS

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

ITEM 5

Monthly Financial Review

Kent Barton referenced the July 2019 month-end financial statements in the packet and then gave a summarized report of the statements, noting that net revenue under expenses was \$ (29,232) after the first month in the fiscal year. He explained the reason for the loss position was due to front end expenses for the entire year expended in the month such as insurance, and noted that the loss position will improve as the year progresses.

ITEM 6

Continuing Business

There was no continuing discussion brought up for discussion.

ITEM 7

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Chidester reported on items discussed at the recent airport board meeting and gave more information on the upcoming annual “Fly In” scheduled for

Saturday September 7th. Chidester said that among the participants scheduled are the Utah Valley Air Med, Civil Air Patrol, a radio controlled plane demonstration and a tethered hot air balloon.

ITEM 8	Public Comment
No public comment was made.	

ITEM 9	Mayor Soper
The Mayor reported that our UMPA electric agency is doing well and improving in financial strength. He noted that there is a lot of opportunity in the renewable generation arena right now and that executive staff members are aggressively looking at which ones may best fit the mission of the agency. He also noted that the market has been ripe for making good energy “buys” with power being purchased on the open market under our production cost, allowing us to sell our gas-generated power at a profit.	

ITEM 10	Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meetings
The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the two previous Council Meetings, held on August 7 th and August 15 th , 2019. After review, seeing that no changes or errors were noted, the Mayor called for separate motions to accept the minutes and presented.	
ACTION TAKEN	
Jason Maylett made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 7 th , 2019 regular council meeting as, presented. Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting “Aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “Nay”: none.	
Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 15 th , 2019 public hearing and regular council meeting as, presented. Jason Vernon seconded. Councilmembers voting “Aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “Nay”: none.	

ITEM 11	City Administrator’s Report
Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:	

- Referenced the final amendment to the Waste Water Management Plan has been updated by Garrick Willden of Jones & DeMille Engineering, a copy of which is in the packet.
- Noted we received grant from Heritage Highway 89 Commission for rain gutters on Old City Hall.
- Reviewed the public hearing notice for the upcoming zoning hearing, which was mailed to all residents with the September utility bill.
- Advised of upcoming “Salt to Saint” bicycle relay that is scheduled to pass through Manti on September 20th.
- Reminded Councilmembers of upcoming ULCT conference in Salt Lake from September 10 – 13th.
- Displayed photos from last weeks inaugural soccer season at the sports park
- Referenced a copy of the ballot for the upcoming Council election, a copy of which was included in the packet.

ACTION TAKEN

Seeing there were no remaining agenda items for discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Darren Dyreng made the motion, Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ADJOURNED	8:05 PM
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing – September 18 th . 2019 at 6:00 PM

General Account

Division of Water Quality	\$ 25.00
Kent Barton	75.00
Kent Barton	1,305.00
Ephraim married Student Ward	150.00
Chad Nielson	20.00
Kirsten Christensen	199.00

Mack Madsen	186.00
Breanna Nielson	206.00
Sanpete County Car Show	40.00
JoAnn Otten	284.70
Emily Palmer	45.00
Randy Nielson	40.00
Payton Parry	54.57
Rick Marcotte	87.65
Elliot Anderson	336.72
Dave Engh	15.31
Utah State Treasurer	319.96
Utah State Tax Commission	4,446.95
Bankcard Center	12,650.29
Ron Clark	100.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	117,254.62

Korry L. Soper

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator