

**MINUTES**  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. The roll call showed Council Members Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton. The Mayor invited all present to stand, and led them in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

The Mayor noted: “we have a full Council and a very light agenda tonight so let’s get to it”. He then recognized Nancy Bean and Darcie Dickinson, representatives of the Resource Clothing Bank, and invited them to come forward to make their presentation. Darcie spoke first and talked about how the clothing bank came into existence, as a resource for foster and adoptive parents, in Nancy Bean’s garage. She explained that since moving into the space provided by Manti City 3 years ago, the bank has expanded to serve families in need with new and gently used clothing. Dickinson said: “as a foster mom, this is close to my heart” and then after an emotional pause spoke of some of the service the bank has provided recently including the assembly of hygiene and new-born kits – some of which were sent for relief efforts to storm ravaged Texas. Nancy Bean spoke next and presented a series of photographs of products provided and volunteers in action at the clothing bank. Bean spoke of the back-to-school event, which provided new backpacks, underwear, socks, clothing and even shoes that the bank had acquired. She explained that they currently have a semi-trailer nearly full of coats, which they have collected and will be provided as the weather changes. One of the photos even showed a volunteer who provided haircuts to children as their parents “shopped” for clothing. Bean then showed a schedule that listed volunteer hours by month during the past year and spoke with gratitude of the many volunteers who have gotten involved in helping to provide for those in need. She also expressed thanks to the city for its generosity in providing a home for the bank to operate from. And, she added: “We have grown out of our space and are seeking more”. She then asked about the possibility of taking additional space in the old parachute plant. Discussion ensued and the Mayor and Council seemed to be agreeable with helping to support expansion if suitable space could be identified. Kent Barton then explained that roof is failing in the main part of the plant and that demolition or collapse is inevitable. Bean inquired about a large room in the northeast corner of the plant that isn’t under the failing roof. Barton suggested touring the area with a structural expert and determining whether or not the room would be safe in the event of a collapse, being that they share a common wall. After more discussion, there was clear consensus that the area in question be inspected for fitness and then additional discussions could take place. Dickinson thanked the Mayor for his recent visit to the bank and offered to set up a tour for other members of the council who had not had the opportunity to go there yet.

The Mayor thanked Bean and Dickinson saying, “Thanks for the tour, thanks for what you’re doing for the community” then reflecting on his visit there he remarked that it was “an unbelievable experience”. He also expressed thanks to Bean and Dickinson for their efforts to serve those in need, and offering community members the opportunity to provide service. Bean

and Dickinson thanked the Mayor and members of the Council for their support and the time provided them to present at the meeting.

Moving to continuing business, Mayor Soper asked Kent Barton for a status update on the Sports Complex construction. Barton went on to report on the following:

- Block work on the complex building is complete and the roof structure will be added soon.
- The final backstop wall will be poured tomorrow.
- City crew will begin work on the piping and burial of the Brigham Field Ditch along the west boundary of the complex next week. The ditch will include drains to capture and channel street runoff water into the ditch and away from the complex fields which are below street grade on the west side of the complex.
- Noted that due to the steepness of the grade between the complex building and the north fields, the engineer has advised shortening the concrete bleacher pads from 27 feet to 17 feet so that the slope can be less steep. Indicated that there will still be plenty of concrete to accommodate the bleachers as they are planned. After brief discussion the consensus was to make the adjustment as recommended by Jones & DeMille.
- Noted that the project is still on track for “substantial completion this fall, with the hydro-seeding scheduled to occur next spring in order for better settling of irrigation line trenches.

Jason Maylett asked about the status of the guardrail repairs along City Creek. Barton reported that all of the materials to make the repairs have been purchased and that the streets crew will schedule the repairs to begin this fall, concentrating first on those rails that are in the most serious stages of disrepair.

Mayor Soper said he had been asked if the city has scheduled a “fall cleanup” this year. Barton said that with all of the extra work with which the crew has been involved this summer – including the Sports Complex, West Union upgrades and water line repairs on the Middle Fork Spring line, that it would be extremely difficult to find a window of time where the cleanup could be accommodated. Barton said that being the case, he would prefer not to schedule a cleanup, but said if directed by the Council, he would schedule it. Barton then went on to say that a ‘curbside pickup’ type cleaning that we do usually takes about ten days to complete throughout the city. He said that Ephraim places a large dumpster for this purpose periodically throughout the year which residents can use to dispose of larger items. Barton said he and Dale Neilson have discussed this idea for Manti, along with its ‘pros and cons’. He said that one ‘con’ would be where to place such a dumpster so that it wouldn’t be a disturbance to nearby residents. Barton said he wasn’t ready to make a recommendation but asked that the Council consider the idea for future discussion.

Mayor Soper then noted that he had been advised that a city well on 600 West Street makes a lot of noise when it is pumping water and said that it creates a disturbance in the neighborhood. He suggested that perhaps we should consider construction of a housing around the well to better control the noise. Kent Barton pointed out that the well is actually owned by the irrigation company, but that he would discuss with Dave Cox and let them know that the neighbors have

raised concerns about the noise. Barton agreed that if the well is creating a disturbance in the neighborhood that a solution should be addressed.

The Mayor then asked if anyone present desired to make public comment. Seeing none was desired, the Mayor noted the presence of John Hales with the Sanpete Messenger and said he understood that Hales had been assigned to cover our meetings going forward and welcomed him. Hales said that there were some juggling of responsibilities and that he would be attending from now on.

The Mayor then directed councilmembers to the draft version of the minutes from the previous council meeting and asked if councilmembers noted any corrections. After noting two typographical errors, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 council meeting as corrected. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then invited Administrator Kent Barton to make his report. Barton then reported on the following:

- West Union street upgrade project update
  - Movement of natural gas service line and fiber optic line
  - Retaining wall completed.
  - Curb, gutter and steps to be completed this week.
  - Sidewalk to be completed next week.
  - 200 West to be cut for culvert replacement next week.
  - Final street grade work and road base to be added within 2 weeks.
  - Chip sealing / pavement will be applied next summer.
- Meeting with owner of Duncan trailer court held last Friday concerning safety and code violations the city is seeking to resolve. Stated that the meeting was productive and friendly.
- Boiler at pool has serious issues and will likely need to be replaced, as repairs may be too costly. Remarked that the problem may have arisen from a poor quality boiler, or the failure to have a roof and housing around the boiler – or a combination of the two. Said that this is a “new development” and he will have more to report after experts assess the situation.
- Made mention of the 110<sup>th</sup> birthday party planned for Manti Tele-Communications Company planned for September 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00 noon. Remarked that company officials have requested closure of a one-block section of Union Street for 2 hours in front of their offices while lunch is served to their customers and members of the community, all of which are invited to attend the event. Noted that an announcement flyer is included in the packet and that unfortunately, the Mayor and most members of the Council will be in Salt Lake City at the ULCT Convention on that day.
- Referred to a letter in the packet from Bay West LLC concerning a final draft of the Community Relations Plan, with regarding to the remediation of the abandoned small arms range which was constructed and used by the Utah National Guard, and is located directly east of city-owned property just outside the city limit south and east of the

County Jail Complex. Invited members of the council that may be interested, to view a copy of the draft plan, which he has in his office.

The Mayor remarked that the next Council Meeting was scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. He asked members of the Council if any had conflicts that evening. None were reported. Seeing there was no additional business or discussion desired, Mayor Soper called for a motion to “pay the bills” and adjourn. Gary Chidester made the motion. Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none. The bills were presented for payment, following review by the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

#### General Account

Mel Clark, Inc.	\$14,910.00
Bankcard Center	1,848.04
Amazon.com	87.54
DL Bown Masonry	2,000.00
Creative Product Source	1,028.17
Snow College	1,500.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	115,202.28
Justin Aagard	40.00
Tyson Brenchley	10.00
DL Bown Masonry	1,000.00

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Korry L. Soper

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Kent Barton