

Manti City Council Meeting

MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 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 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	Kelly Chappell, Ensign Engineering - Water Management & GIS Proposal
Mayor Soper noted that due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Chappell was not present, and would instead make his proposal at the October 16 th Council Meeting.	

ITEM 2	Jenny Livingston - Request to meet with Mayor and Council concerning motorcycles and ATV's on city streets.
Ms. Livingston brought up concerns with motorcycle and ATV traffic on city streets, specifically with youth and children riding recklessly and speeding. She said that contrary to social media rumors that are circulating, she is not seeking a ban on motorcycle or ATV riding in the city limits but she does want to see laws enforced regarding speed and safety. Livingston said a sheriff's deputy had told her that enforcement is difficult in Manti due to lack of resources. She was frustrated with that response. She also related several incidents she has witnessed personally,	

including youth playing “hide and seek” on ATV’s and a speeding ATV that almost hit two young children near her home. Livingston said she understands from talking to others that this is not just a neighborhood issue, but also a citywide issue. She reiterated that she is not anti-ATV but pro-safety. She said she just the fact that she asked to discuss the issue before the council brought a firestorm on social media in proportions that have reached a mob-mentality, but that she will not back down because she wants our streets to be safe. She also had a string of video clips showing examples of her concerns, which she displayed for the Council. She then said, we need your help – let’s not wait until a child dies to do something about this.

Councilmember Vernon asked if she had a recommendation. She replied: “enforcement of our laws would be a good start, maybe some citations would help”.

CONCLUSIONS

The Mayor thanked Livingston for bringing her concern before the Council and stated that he would like to see a solution to the problem. He said that he was deeply concerned if an officer had actually said that there was no time available to patrol in Manti, and that the city will definitely look into that claim.

ITEM 3

Drake Mayfield and Colby Simmons - Request to address Mayor & Council concerning a skate park.

Mayor Soper noted that the boys requested to address the Council at a future meeting.

ITEM 4

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business brought up for discussion.

ITEM 5

Public Comment

The Mayor noted that there was a large crowd in attendance and that he understood many desired to make public comment. He asked members of the Council if they were okay with suspending their reports until after the public comment period. Seeing there was consensus, he opened the floor for public comment – asking that before commenting, individuals state their name and keep their comments to 2 minutes. The following made comments:

Jaycee Parker said she doesn’t want to see speed bumps or dips installed. She also stated that lots of kids have no other choice to get to school than on ATVs.

Scott Gressman expressed frustration with kids riding ATVs without proper training, helmets or respect.

Curt Poulsen said that kids need a place to ride, but they should obey laws and wear helmets.

Gary Erickson said he is glad the discussion has come up. He said its not just a speed and safety issue, but also a noise issue. He said there needs to be more common courtesy.

Sabrina Darbro said she has nearly collided with several kids on ATV's and suggested more speed enforcement is needed.

Tyler Crane said this is a parent issue. He said his children were nearly run over by a speeding ATV, but realizes police resources are limited. He said the issue needs to be solved by the parents of the kids riding ATVs.

Rob Whitney agreed that the issue needs to be solved in the home by parents teaching safety, then setting and enforcing rules.

Brent Dickey said he agreed parents need to be the primary solution, but suggested that more support from police officers is needed. He also said kids should be required to take and pass a safety course before being allowed on the streets.

Bill Thompson asked who is responsible if an uninsured ATV driver hits him. He also suggested that the city code regarding decibel levels is obviously flawed and should be corrected.

Tommy Carmody said he loves to ride more than anyone and pleaded with parents to set and enforce rules so we don't lose our privledge.

Karen Christensen said she is fine with kids recreating but observed that there is a big speed problem and that the kids need to slow down. She said "parents need to control their kids, I'm concerned about the kids". She related having seen 4 boys flying down the road on a single ATV, none wearing helmets.

Kayla Pyper said she is worried about lack of obeying the law. She related having seen kids crossing Main Street with stopping first.

Bob Kirkham said he opposes any effort to single out just speed ATVs and motorcycles unless cars and truck are included as well.

Dan Boehrer said this should be a parents' issue, and that safety, courtesy and obeying the law should be taught in the home. He remarked: "we don't need the City Council to raise our kids".

Peggy Marcotte said we don't need the government raising our kids, and suggested that parents are responsible to teach and enforce rules.

Tricia Clark said kids need to be trained and supervised.

CONCLUSIONS

ITEM 6

Councilmember Reports

Gary Chidester reported on the recent Young Eagles Fly-in event, at the Manti Ephraim Airport, and noted that about 100 youth attended.

ITEM 7

Mayor Soper

ITEM 8

Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meeting

The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous Council Meeting, including the public hearing, held on September 18th, 2019. After review, a typographic error was noted that a date needed correcting. Seeing that no other changes or errors were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes and presented.

ACTION TAKEN

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.

ITEM 9

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Advised that approval was received from the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) for the proposed 'land application' wastewater management project, and that

we would not have to go before the CIB board in order to access the projects funds, which are in escrow.

- Reviewed the final amendment of the above referenced proposal included the estimated cost sheet.
- Advised that damaged occurred to our electric grid line the last night when a large semi load snapped and overhead power line resulting in two power poles also being pulled down. Power was shut off on the spur line and a generator provided to the sole homeowner on the line until the line could be rebuilt, and power restored earlier in the day today.
- Advised Council that remaining lighting for the ball fields has been scheduled for shipped next week.
- Updated the Council on the annual ‘chip-seal’ project.

ACTION TAKEN	
<p>Seeing there were no remaining agenda items for discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Gary Chidester made the motion, Jason Vernon seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.</p>	

ADJOURNED	8:10 PM
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – October 16 th . 2019 at 6:30 PM

General Account

Main Street Pizza	\$ 98.76
Breezy Anderson	40.00
Allison Simons	100.00
Kristina Marsing	29.78
JoAnn Otten	500.00
Dave Peterson	600.00
Utah State Tax Commission	5,312.46

Utah Municipal Power Agency	116,682.42
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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator