

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. 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 join him in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

The Mayor stated that he would like to open discussion on the consideration of a fixed cost for homeowners who are participating in the city’s net-metering program. He then invited City Administrator, Kent Barton to give some background on the issue. Barton went on to explain that most utilities, in setting up their net metering programs, did not allow for a fixed cost for maintenance of the network (poles and wire) on which the power generated from net-metering program users travels on to the grid, at which time the city effectively “purchases” the power from the net-metering user. Barton explained that without this fixed cost, all other customers on the system are effectively subsidizing the net-metering users, who theoretically may be able to drive their monthly electric bill to zero depending on their system and environmental conditions. Barton stated that this has become an issue of concern for many utilities and that some have even placed a moratorium on adding new net-metering users until a solution could be explored and fairly implemented. He said that Manti had not placed a moratorium but had explained to net-metering users that the issue of adding a monthly fixed cost was under study and would likely be added in the near future. Barton said that 3 of the 4 current net-metering users were advised of this before placement of their systems and the other one, whose system was already in place when the discussion started, was subsequently advised. Barton went on to explain that Berg & Associates, the company that had recently completed cost of service studies for the six UMPA member cities had studied this issue and offered several recommendations. After consideration of those options offered by Berg & Associates, by the UMPA technical Committee and Board of directors, the decision was made to recommend that all member cities charge net-metering users \$3 charge per kilowatt of generation capacity on their system. Barton said that Nephi’s Council has adopted the recommend charge at a recent meeting, and that Provo’s Council had adopted the charge at their Council Meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Nephi’s change was effectively immediately and Provo voted to grandfather the first two kilowatt’s (\$6 monthly) for current program users. Mayor Soper then explained that he felt the charge was fair and necessary in order for all users of our power lines to pay their share. He then asked if there was any discussion desired by the Council. Some discussion ensued during which time it was evident that the measure had broad support. The Mayor then called for a motion to implement a monthly fee for net metering program users of \$3 per kilowatt of capacity of the users system, to be implemented at the beginning of the next billing cycle. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers

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

Kent Barton said that he would prepare a letter of explanation to send to the current users advising them of the new monthly charge.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to continuing business and invited members of the council if any desired to discuss the possibility of strengthening our ordinance concerning animal control, specifically dogs running at large and dealing with vicious dogs. Some discussion ensued. Darren Dyreng referenced Nephi’s vicious dog ordinance saying that he liked the language they used to define a vicious dog attack. Gary Chidester said that he feels that any dog involved in an attack should remain locked up until the issue has been resolved in the courts. Darren Dyreng said “no vicious dog should be returned to the streets”. Kent Barton said that several cities have a substantial fine for a dog attack such as Sandy City which has a \$500 fine. He suggested that implementing such a fine would likely be an incentive to dog owners to keep their dogs contained. More discussion ensued after which the Mayor said it appeared there was consensus to add “more teeth” in the ordinance and asked Kent Barton to prepare a draft ordinance for the review of the Council to include the addition of a \$250 fine for a dog attack, and clarification of language that any dog involved in an attack will be impounded and not returned until such decision is reached by the court. Barton agreed to prepare the draft documents. Seeing that there was some ambiguity in different sections of the ordinance, Jason Maylett said “we need to review the entire ordinance and make sure it is clear”.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to concerns raised by residents of the narrowness of 200 West Street north of 800 North Street. He said there had been a suggestion made that perhaps the road could be widened beyond the paved area with additional road base fill material. Discussion ensued. Kent Barton said that after discussion with Dale Nielson, he feel nothing should be done without having an engineer survey the area and make certain we can maintain proper borrow widths, depths and grades. Otherwise, he said there could be drainage problems that may threaten the surface of the road. The issue of expense and who should pay was also brought up. The Mayor suggested that perhaps the residents in the area could participate. Kent Barton agreed to get our engineer to look at the area and give us some feedback and a ballpark estimate of cost.

Moving to Councilmember reports, Gary Chidester stated that he had one item regarding personnel for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper then reported that he had attended an open house for the newly purchased natural gas fired power plant in West Valley City, stating that it is an impressive facility. He went on to explain that officials of UMPA are currently working with lenders on the issuance of tax-free bonds, which will fund the facility.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the council meeting held on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Seeing that no errors were noted the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council Meeting as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Stated that the Safe Routes to School grant application had been completed with cooperation from the City, South Sanpete School District, Manti Elementary School and Jones & DeMille Engineering. The grant would create improvements to the north side of the elementary school along West Union Street, between 100 & 200 West streets, adding curb and gutter along with a retaining wall and side walk, greatly improving access, convenience and most importantly safety in the area for our young people.
- ∞ Reported concerning progress with the 6-Mile power line interconnection.
- ∞ Advised of the progress with the land application permit for the desired release of water from the sewer lagoons onto farmland.
- ∞ Gave a progress report of the Sports Complex Development saying that technical drawings are currently being developed. Said that the drawing should be completed and ready for the Council’s review early next month.
- ∞ Reported that Joan Shand is willing to spearhead advertising and communications for a trunk or treat event along Main Street, provided the Council is agreeable to again sponsor the event. After polling the Council, the Mayor said to go ahead. Barton said that the city will request a permit from UDOT for the 1 hour closure of Main Street.
- ∞ Advised the Council that a travel trailer was recently moved into the Duncan Trailer Court, which is already out of compliance, having too many trailers. Said he had sent a letter to the owners of the park advising them to remove the trailer. He subsequently received a call from the owner asking for special consideration since the trailer is small and the owners are looking for other property to move the trailer to. Stated that the owner was unable to give a specified timeline of when the trailer would be removed. After polling the council, the Mayor found unanimous consensus to advise the owner that the trailer is to be removed. Barton agreed to advise the owner of the trailer park.
- ∞ Stated that he had one item dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

The Mayor then asked Kent Barton to check with I-four Media regarding the logo display for the wall Council Room. Barton agreed to make contact.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss a personnel issue and a property negotiation issue. 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

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Vaun Mickelsen made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

General Fund

Utah State Treasurer	\$ 348.85
Justin Aagard	40.00
PTIF	37,465.00
Division of Drinking Water	25.00
Nielson Fence Company	3,000.00

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator