

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon present. The Mayor welcomed all attending and asked them to stand and join him in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Soper recognized Brian Nielson, Sanpete County Sherriff and invited him to approach. Nielson distributed a report and gave a verbal summary of the number of warnings, citations and cases handled by his department. Nielson also explained that he requires each officer spend 2 hours of each shift in Manti. He communicated his desire to provide quality police and protection service for the city of Manti. Councilmember Vernon asked how he felt about ATV speeds. Nielson responded that they have stopped many speeders but have felt like riders without helmets are a bigger problem in Manti. He said they'd even stopped riders wearing helmets and given them a coupon for a candy bar as a reward for doing things right. Nielson said as far as speeding, or any other issue, he'd like input from the city – "if there are problem areas, please let us know and we will patrol those more heavily," he said. Councilmember Maylett asked if ATV speeding and lack of helmets are the biggest problem in the city. "Oh no," replied the sheriff; "drugs, alcohol, domestic issues and assaults are our main issues in Manti." Councilmember Mickelsen commended the sheriff for his service in the community, other members of the council concurred. The Mayor thanked Sheriff Nielson for his report and said they would look forward to another report in a few months time.

The Mayor invited Dale Nielson, Public Works Director to approach.

Dale report on the following:

- Service line repair at the Gayla Gray residence
- Pothole patching on 500 West
- Snow plows serviced and getting ready for the season
- Roads, man holes being adjusted for snowplows
- Water leak repair at 600 South and 400 East in process
- New water and sewer service scheduled for installation
- Placing concrete "rip wrap" in flood channel
- Removal of elm trees at cemetery to begin this month

Mayor Soper remarked, "You've been very busy". Councilmember Maylett pointed out potholes that need repaired north of the cemetery near highway 89. Dale said he would check into it. The Mayor thanked Dale for his work.

The Mayor asked Kent Barton to update the Council on the quarter cent transportation tax proposal that is being supported by the Utah League of Cities and Towns (UCLT). Barton

explained that he had asked Cameron Diehl for any update in the proposal regarding the distribution formula which concern was raised with Diehl at the September league meetings by members of the Council. Barton explained that he expected a response from Diehl soon. Barton also reported on a recent telephone conversation he had with Mayor Chris Hart of Ivins Town who shared concerns of inequitable distribution of the tax. Discussion ensued after which the Mayor asked Kent Barton to update the council as discussions with UCLT progress.

The Mayor asked that discussion turn to the possibility of providing indoor space at no cost to Nancy Bean as she requested in the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Kent Barton reported that since that meeting, he and Dale Nielson had looked at the office area in the MIBA Building as a possible solution. Barton and Nielson felt like that area could be blocked off from the remainder of the building. Barton also toured the space with Bean and she felt it would meet her needs. Discussion ensued after which the consensus of the Council was to offer the space to Bean provided she had liability coverage from her foundation that would hold the city harmless. Barton agreed to present that offer to Bean.

Moving to continuing business, Mayor Soper asked if any discussion was desired regarding “rental standards” or a possible “Good Landlord Agreement”. Discussion ensued. Kent Barton reported that City Attorney Richard Chamberlain recommends that these disagreements are civil issues and should be handled in small claims court. Further discussion ensued. The council discussed several points without any clear consensus of action other than it is a serious issue, which needs to be addressed.

The Mayor asked if any members of the Council had issues to report.

Jason Maylett reported on training and computer needs of the Fire Department.

Darren Dyreng commended Joan Shand and Carolyn Bessey on a successful Trunk or Treat event. Dyreng also opened a discussion on the eventual removal of the large pine trees bordering the east side of the cemetery along Highway 89. It was noted that the trees are old and create an ice hazard on the highway as this blocks the sun's rays during much of the day. Discussion ensued after which, Vaun Mickelsen indicated he would ask the Arbor Committee to recommend a replacement schedule and species of replacement tree.

Vaun reported on a recent meeting of the Arbor Committee and indicated they are anxious for the elm trees to be removed along the west border of the cemetery.

Jason Vernon reported on ongoing improvements, which are underway at the Manti Ephraim Airport, including the extension and resurfacing of the runway. Vernon also commended the crew on the improvements that have been made at the city park.

Ryan Phelps reported on the efforts of the Economic Development Committee with regard to the development of a city logo. The Mayor asked to accelerate the timetable to see it completed by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Soper then recognized and welcomed several boy scouts who had earlier joined the meeting in progress. He also distributed a pamphlet to each scout, which contained copies of the constitution and our founding documents of the United States of America. He commended the young man for attending the meeting and learning about civic issues and responsibility.

Ryan Phelps continued, giving a report of the youth city council and recognized a letter of thanks sent to the Liddells by Mayor Soper.

Mayor Soper then reported on the following:

- UMPA S1 Agreement drafting meeting to be attended by Kent Barton and Richard Chamberlain on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Mayor and Layne Burningham, General Manager of UMPA, are exploring possible dates for UMPA to report to the Council.
- Lighted Christmas Light Parade Committee is making plans for this year's event on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor then asked if there was any comment for the public. Issac Olsen asked that the city consider development of a grass hill at the park for sledding. Tyler Boeherer asked about improving the skate park. Mayor Soper thanked the young men for their comments and challenged them to organize and prepare a plan and present it to the council at a future date.

Mayor Soper then asked for any corrections to the draft version of the minutes from the October 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Two typographical changes were noted, after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as corrected. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Beer Tax usage report filed – copy in packet
- Richard Chamberlain has agreed to be available to attend meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> regarding S1 Agreement
- Annual audit by Hinton and Burdick scheduled to begin next week
- Municipal Code Online agreement received - cost for 5 year agreement will be \$300 per year
- Net-metering Ordinance under development
- Indicated that he had issues dealing with legal and property negotiation for discussion in closed session

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation. Jason Vernon made that motion, which was seconded by Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps 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. Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

General Account

Bankcard Center	\$ 116.53
EMS Association	143.90
Michael Dickinson	60.00
Utah State Tax Commission	12,368.23
Justin Aagard	40.00
Kyson Worwood	531.38
Kenny Keller	531.38
Manti Post Office	493.12
Sandra Richards	392.85
Utah State Treasurer	564.58

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator