

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2010
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson and Korry Soper present.

Mayor Madsen noted there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Sanpete County Sheriff Kevin Holman.

Sheriff Holman reported that he had met earlier in the day with the Mayor and members of the subcommittee on public safety and a new agreement for law enforcement services in Manti City was finalized for calendar year 2010. He noted that the agreement has the same terms as the preceding year.

The Sheriff then reviewed various activities and actions by the Sheriff's Department including the DARE program, the Resource Officer operations and the Detective position with the Sheriff's Department which he felt had been very effective.

Councilmember Soper requested additional information on the Resource Officer activities and the Sheriff enumerated same.

Mayor Madsen inquired if there were any studies on the long term affects of the DARE program. The Sheriff said there had been no studies in this area but studies have occurred which show the favorable impact of the DARE program. Councilmember Soper then inquired as to the action by the Detective. Sheriff Holman stated that the Detective has handled a broad spectrum of cases including homicide and burglary. The advantage has been in assembling evidence, cataloging it and preparing cases for court. The Detective can center on cases whereas patrol officers are often faced with taking reports and have many interruptions to follow up on. The Detective has been an effective tool for the Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff then reviewed other action of the department including an effective legislative effort on HB29 governing actions by sex offender, completion of the jail and improvement of jail operations.

The Sheriff then reviewed the reorganization of the Drug Task Force which has been very effective to date in work in Sanpete and Juab Counties.

Councilmember Mickelsen inquired as to use of the old jail facility. The Sheriff reported that the Building Inspection Department has moved into the office area, some space is being used for storage and some for holding cells for prisoners appearing at court.

The Mayor directed that the new contracts for law enforcement which she had executed on behalf of Manti City be provided to the Sheriff for him to complete and return a copy to Manti City.

2. Mayor Madsen directed the matter of a utility connection transfer policy be addressed and then read same. A copy of this policy is attached to and made part of the minutes. Following some discussion Councilmember Justesen moved that the policy be adopted and put into force immediately, seconded by Councilmember

Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

3. Mayor Madsen directed the matter of Manti City participation in a sewer main extension on 300 North Street between 500 and 600 West be addressed.

Considerable discussion ensued relative to participating in sewer main extensions, extension of other utilities, application of the subdivision ordinance to property on platted streets, etc.

Councilmember Thompson stated that Manti City had installed the power for this development which he considers a subdivision and that includes installing two new poles to serve the development. He felt it was not in the City’s best interest to support development this way.

Councilmember Justesen inquired if interior lots are developed, how would a subdivision ordinance apply when neighboring lots are not considered part of the subdivision and have not been improved or charged for improvements. Some additional discussion ensued.

Councilmember Christiansen said that perhaps the City should consider putting the line in and let the developer buy the materials. Some discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Council that as this is an extremely busy time of year, this would not prove advantageous to the City.

Following some additional discussion Councilmember Thompson moved that Manti City not participate in the purchase of materials or the installation of the sewer main to be installed between 500 West and 600 West on 300 North and Mr. Davis install the sewer at his expense, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The City Recorder noted that the contractor selected by Mr. Davis is recognized by Manti City and Manti City may well employ this contractor to install the outfall lines while he is installing the sewer main.

4. Mayor Madsen directed the matter of the 2010 budget adjustments be considered.

Following some discussion and questions Councilmember Christiansen moved to open the 2010 fiscal year budget for Manti City, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen and Korry Soper.

Councilmember Soper then moved to adjust the budget as recommended by the Recorder, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Korry Soper, Alan Justesen, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none. A copy of the adjusted budget is attached to these minutes for reference.

Councilmember Mickelsen then moved to close the 2010 fiscal year budget, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

5. Councilmember Christiansen made note of a memorandum in the council information packet concerning a dog problem in the north east part of town. He noted there have been problems in this area before and it may be

a case of a citizen overreacting. He certainly hopes Mike Tillack uses some judgment in the application of animal control in this area.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired about the memorandum as to restroom cleaning and the Recorder explained noting that chemicals have been necessary to complete cleaning of the porcelain fixtures.

Councilmember Christiansen made note of portable buildings that had been moved onto property at approximately 500 West 300 North and inquired if there had been any permits issued for these buildings. The Recorder advised there has not.

The Mayor expressed her concerns relative to safety with these structures.

6. Councilmember Soper reported that the volunteer fire department is completing their wild land fire training and when this training is complete, part of the requirements in order to fight wild land fires is to have an updated fire shelter device with them. The department estimates the need of 15 shelters at a cost of \$360.00 each or approximately \$5,000.00. He noted that Fire Chief John Jensen has applied for a grant to acquire this equipment and it is hoped it will be successful. Some discussion ensued with the consensus of the Mayor and Council being that the grant terms be checked to see if the equipment could be purchased by the City, if timing requires the purchase, and then be reimbursed by the grant. Councilmember Soper will follow up on this item.

Councilmember Soper requested that the installation of the black top at the fire station take place as planned for this year and when weather permits.

7. Councilmember Justesen reported on the UMPA forecast for power rates and the affect on power rates for citizens in Manti for the coming year. He noted that power rates in general have been going up and Manti City has held the line for a number of years but with costs accelerating these costs will need to be passed through to Manti City consumers.

8. Councilmember Thompson said that he had contacted Richard Cox, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce relative to placing booths east of the Manti City Building during the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Richard had said their criteria would be that the business had to be a non-Main Street business, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and have an active business license. There would be no booth fee charge and the individuals would furnish their own booth.

Some discussion ensued.

9. Mayor Madsen made note of the following items . . .

- a. Sanpete County general plan will be available for review on April 13th.
- b. County Republican convention will be held on April 13th. She had no information relative to the Democratic party convention.
- c. Shelly Dettinger will be doing some sewing on the pool cover and had been coordinating activities with Public Works Director Dale Nielson.
- d. Eileen Hagemeister has reported that the recycling area will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Monday beginning the week of April 12th.

- e. The Draper trial has been continued and a new date for the trial will be set on April 21st.
- f. The Arts Council has been organized and planning is underway for both an Arts Show and limited entertainment during the Mormon Miracle Pageant.

10. The minutes of the council meeting of March 24th were reviewed and following review Councilmember Christiansen moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

11. The City Recorder reported that he had been contacted by an individual who is planning on building in Sanpete County within a few feet of the Manti City boundary. The individual has requested a waive of the out-of-city connection fees which are double the in-city fees. Following some discussion it was the consensus of Mayor and Council that the out of city fees not be waived.

Mayor Madsen reported that the sale of Industrial Park property had been concluded earlier in the day. She hoped the City could find some additional property for industrial expansion.

12. The bills were presented for payment and following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Soper moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Korry Soper, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen, Vaun Mickelsen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

General Account

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| Karen Soper | \$ 275.00 |
| Justin Aagard | 40.00 |
| Manti Post Office | 397.63 |
| Gene Rogers | 263.50 |
| Rick Christensen Construction | 42,226.00 |

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator