

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2010  
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen noted that a quorum was present. She then requested that Bryce Thayne lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson.

Dale reported on work projects undertaken by the City crew following the Pageant and Fourth of July setup, take down and clean up. He noted that work on the mountain in the area of the Jets fence and on the springs has required considerable emphasis in order to comply with requirements.

Dale stated that due to the recent storms the crew is working on completing services and other areas needing attention that had been deemphasized when the crew was working on the mountain projects.

He reported that there will not be any major work on the streets this year as most of the funds have been used on 100 North Street as well as on crack seal and flush coat for major asphalt roads. Any funds left in the roads budget would probably be used to complete repairs on Union Street in conjunction with the Church and also on the Senior Citizens parking lot.

Dale estimated approximately one week of spot repair on some roads and then the crew would be moving back to the mountain for at least another week to ten days of work. He noted that the last days of August and the first week of September would work well for a clean up and the Mayor directed that same be scheduled.

Dale reported on a main line break, which is in the process of repair, in the new Heritage Heights Subdivision.

Mayor Madsen inquired if any work on the soccer field has been completed and Dale reported some work had been done however there is still a major amount to accomplish. Councilmember Thompson noted that there will be fall soccer this year but no spring soccer so an extended period for field upgrade may be available following the fall soccer season.

Dale then made note of the improvements in the borrow on 300 North and inquired as to what action he should take. Some discussion ensued with it being suggested that the borrow be cut out and any improvements done away with. Dale asked specifically if he would receive the backing of the Council in such an endeavor and Councilmembers Christiansen, Justesen, Mickelsen and Thompson all said they would support such activity.

The City Recorder recommended that the Council invite the Jensen's to a Council meeting or to a work session to discuss the matter of the borrow at their place and problems in that area. Following some discussion Dale was instructed to work with the Jensen's to arrange a meeting.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Gene presented a work report (attached to and made part of the minutes) and then reviewed same.

He made particular note of testing on a transformer at the lower hydro that revealed a high level of hydrogen which is not a good thing. UMPA has been advised and the transformer will be retested next week with the test oil transported the same day for testing. Some discussion ensued.

Gene reported that Kenny Keller will be taking his second step test in September and he is expected to pass. Based on the arrangements made with his hiring he would be qualified for a second step salary increase at that time.

Councilmember Thompson inquired as to Gene's opinion of the 100 East power line and the proposal presented by Doug Barton.

Gene said he thought the issue had been closed based on system design, evaluations of requirements, etc.

Some discussion ensued with regard to this line with the consensus of the Mayor and Council being that if a full blown engineering study were authorized and paid for by the Pioneer Heritage Committee, the City would review that study in light of how the system currently operates.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized Bryce Thayne.

Bryce was present to again request assistance in developing a skateboard park for Manti City. He felt it would be a good addition to the community and would serve many of the younger citizens.

Bryce offered to help clean up the current skate park area and also to initiate some fundraising, however, he was hoping the City could commit funds to such a project.

Considerable general discussion ensued after which the City Recorder recommended that Bryce meet with him in regard to laying out a plan to define objectives and methodologies which he could then discuss with fellow skateboarders and submit to the Council. Bryce agreed to do so.

The Mayor thanked him for his perseverance and his courage to come before the Council to pursue the project.

4. Mayor Madsen recognized the presence of Suzy Howell and her possible interest in the right of way located west of the City.

Considerable general discussion ensued at which time Mrs. Howell provided a property plat map which aided greatly in the discussion. They made note of her understanding relative to the property ownership.

The City Recorder reported that he concurred for the most part with the observations by Mrs. Howell and felt that the ownership verses right of way verses easement issue should be clarified prior to a decision. He indicated he would meet with the County Recorder and the Building Inspection department and Mrs. Howell said she would also be willing to meet with them to clarify the matter.

Further discussion on the west of city right of way is pending clarification.

5. Mayor Madsen made note of the agreement drafted by the LDS Church defining rolls and possible action between the Cattlemen's Association, the LDS Church and Manti City.

Some discussion ensued with notations being made as to the agreement which requires the participation of the Cattlemen. The assistance of Manti City in traffic control should be specified to be assistance, not a firm commitment of City personnel.

Mayor Madsen noted that the objective of the City is to facilitate the sale of 100 East, and possible development in that area, and to aid the Cattlemen in moving of their livestock to and from summer range.

Some additional discussion ensued relative to the location of the corral at the mouth of the canyon. Councilmember Thompson noticed that the corral often serves as a parking area for ATV trailers, etc. when there are ATV users going to Manti Canyon. Some discussion ensued with it being noted there are other parking areas for ATV trailers, etc.

6. Mayor Madsen made note of the Water Quality Board Meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. and noted that Manti City representation should be present. At least two elected officials and the City Recorder were expected to attend.

7. Mayor Madsen made note of a memorandum from Deputy Recorder JoAnn Otten relative to indigent burial locations and then directed that the City Recorder develop a policy relative to the City determining location of the graves for indigent burial.

Councilmember Thompson made note of a memorandum releasing the Arden Tuttle cars and inquired if they were going to return to his lot in Manti. The City Recorder said he had been told these vehicles would be removed from Manti and were on their way to Salt Lake City.

8. Councilmember Christiansen reported on the completion of the kiosk at the recycling area and felt that it was not only effective but very much appreciated by the employees at that location.

Councilmember Thompson inquired if the recycling area could perhaps be open a little earlier in the day, especially on Saturdays and some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to the status on the swimming pool boiler. The City Recorder reported that the City insurance carrier is sending an investigative team to review the cracked manifold prior to making a decision as to coverage and responsibility. He also noted that the CEM has not replied to his most

recent communication confirming the retrofitting of the drains and the reason for the boiler manifold failure.

9. Councilmember Justesen reviewed the UMPA Rate Stabilization Fund methodology and possible changes in same. He stated a letter would be forthcoming from UMPA which would be distributed to the Council. He felt that the City should begin establishing their own Rate Stabilization Fund to prevent an undo impact on Manti citizens should there be an unplanned increase on power costs due to power generation requirements, purchasing, etc.

Councilmember Justesen then inquired as to the status of the website and the general response was very favorable.

10. Councilmember Soper inquired as to what would be taking place between the City Building and the Library. The City Recorder reported that this is a City responsibility and it would be cleaned up and then blacktopped, hopefully before winter. He also noted that a railing would be established along the walkway to the handicap door in the library.

Councilmember Soper inquired as to when the handicap door is unlocked as he has been told there is seldom access to the library through this door. The Recorder was instructed to follow up on same.

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

- a. CEM will be doing the swimming pool drain retrofits.
- b. Nephi City had tried to order certain pool supplies direct from the manufactures but the manufacturer had declined saying that CEM was the volume jobber for those products in the Utah area.
- c. As to the bailiff investigation with the Court Clerk and JoAnn Otten, it was found that only twice since February had there not been a bailiff. The most recent occurrence had been deemed the fault of the Court, not of the City. She said that Court Clerk Tami Larson and Deputy Recorder JoAnn Otten will follow up on bailiff matters.
- d. JoAnn Otten has put in an application for Christmas light funding.
- e. Noted that follow up on another Christmas light maker had not produced results.
- f. Jennifer Bigelow has agreed to be the new Youth Council Advisor taking over from Karen Soper who had agreed to help Jennifer during the transition period.
- g. The Community Covenant Program is almost complete and she briefly explained the basics of the program as it has been developed.
- h. Made note of an invitation from the School District to attend an open house at the Ephraim Elementary on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

12. The Mayor directed the minutes of the July 21, 2010 be reviewed and following the review Councilmember Mickelsen moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: None.
13. The City Recorder reported on survey action by Savage Survey relative to the purchase of Merten property and to property in the parking lot of the City Complex.
14. Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to the billing by Jensen Excavating on Dan Davis sewer lines. The City Recorder noted that the City had employed Jensen Excavating to complete the outfall lines which would normally fall to the City expense and had not paid for any work on the Dan Davis property.
15. The bills were presented for payment and following review Councilmember Soper moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available and the meeting adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

General Account

JoAnn Otten	\$ 43.49
Brad Bradley	20.00
Merilyn Hedelius	190.47
Sears	420.00
Bill Mickelson	79.39
Brad Bradley	20.00
Manti Post Office	402.53
Blake Demill	202.81

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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William Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator