

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2011
6:30 P.M.

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

The Mayor said a quorum was present and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen directed that the matter of the 2010/2011 City budget be opened and considered for adjustment.

Councilmember Soper then moved to open the 2010/2011 budget and consider adjusting it to align actual revenues and expenses, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen.

Councilmembers voting "aye": Korry Soper, Vaun Mickelsen, Alan Justesen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor directed the City Recorder to review recommended changes to the budget for the current fiscal year. He then reviewed the changes, a copy of which is attached to and made part of the minutes.

Following additional discussion Councilmember Thompson moved that the Manti City budget for fiscal year 2010/2011 be adjusted as reflected on the recommendation sheet provided by the City Recorder and the budget be closed, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen.

Councilmembers voting "aye": Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Alan Justesen and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

2. Mayor Madsen reported on the redistricting hearing held in Ephraim on June 10th and provided detail sheets as to the various proposals presented. Considerable general discussion ensued. The Mayor advised Councilmembers that copies of various proposals are available at the city office and that a redistricting website exists with the State of Utah.

3. Mayor Madsen directed the concerns about business licensing as expressed by Mike Traina be addressed.

Councilmember Thompson said that the Co-op operating in the fairgrounds should be licensed to do business in Manti and that there be no reciprocal recognition of the Co-op license held in Ephraim.

Councilmember Justesen said the City should require sales tax numbers on all license applications and no license should be released without that sales tax number. The City Recorder indicated he was unsure if this is a requirement or if all enforcement on sales tax is through the State Tax Commission, however, he would investigate same and advise the Council.

Councilmember Thompson noted that licenses to businesses not in the commercial zone could be a problem. Specifically the Pageant Park, the craft fair, the County operation and Fred's operating on 400 North, etc. Some discussion ensued as to these businesses operating such as the Manti House Inn and Manti Motel which were recognized as pre-existing non-conforming use.

Specific reference was made to the email from Mike Traina noting that the City has run a "bluff" in the past. The City Recorder acknowledged the phraseology to the point that the City has made available licenses in the commercial zone if asked directly about the commercial zone but has not solicited nor widely advertised that ability during the Pageant. The reason this was not done was to curtail the carnival atmosphere that had developed in the past throughout the community which seemed to detract from the Pageant. The Recorder noted that as Mr. Traina has made this information available to businesses at various locations there may be a resurgence of "put a business anywhere" during the Pageant. Councilmember Justesen said he did not think there would be that type of problem.

Councilmember Thompson inquired as to when MIBA took over the Pageant Park booth rentals. The consensus was it had been an evolvement based on Council authorization.

Councilmember Justesen recommended that Manti City define the MIBA area of responsibility relative to Pageant operations and this idea was endorsed by Councilmember Soper and Mickelsen.

The Mayor directed the City Recorder to draft proposed by-laws and the charge to the MIBA committee for consideration. Councilmember Justesen stated that he would compile by-laws for the MIBA committee.

Councilmembers Justesen, Thompson and the Mayor expressed their thanks for the considerable work done by the MIBA committee relative to Pageant operations.

4. Mayor Madsen directed that the matter of a power rate increase be addressed. Following considerable general discussion relative to a 7 percent increase verses an 8 percent increase the Mayor felt that an 8 percent increase would be necessary based on projected rate increases for Manti City. It was estimated that an 8 percent power rate increase would increase the average utility bill in Manti City by approximately \$4.00 per month and it is hoped that this would allow sufficient reserves to offset anticipated power rate increases in the next 4 to 6 months. It was noted that the Council is proposing that a ceiling be set on power purchase reserves at approximately \$110,000.00. The Recorder said that based on load projections and previous hits this would give the City approximately a 60 day cushion for power cost increases should those billings develop.

Councilmember Mickelsen moved that the electric utility rates for Manti City be increased 8 percent in each category, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting "aye": Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Alan Justesen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

5. Mayor Madsen inquired if there were any items for continuing business.

The Mayor stated that the applications for an individual to complete Councilmember Galen Christiansen's term would be considered. Interviews will take place on June 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Justesen reported that he had spoken with Ken Tuttle of Sunrise Engineering on cost allocations to be considered with the Irrigation Company on water development.

6. Councilmember Thompson noted a billing in the warrant register reflecting \$1,200.00 to R&R for monogram work and felt that instead of sending money out of the area every effort should be made to shop locally. Some discussion ensued with the consensus being that perhaps Miss Manti could compile a list of local and area businesses and services they provide to be included to the various committee chairs such as for the Fourth of July, recreation programs, Christmas celebrations, etc. for their consideration.

Councilmember Thompson inquired as to status of the mosquito abatement. Councilmember Soper indicated he had researched same and Councilmember Thompson yielded the floor to Councilmember Soper.

7. Councilmember Soper provided information relative to a mosquito abatement program that had been operating in Ephraim and Mt. Pleasant under the direction of Eco Life. This information included pictures of mosquito traps placed in Manti and in Ephraim and the considerable difference in the number of mosquitoes captured.

Some discussion ensued relative to the spraying cost, frequency of same, etc. Councilmember Soper noted that Ephraim City has a one-time \$5.00 surcharge to their citizens which then covers the cost of spraying for mosquitoes.

Following considerable general discussion it was the consensus of Mayor and Council that Manti City proceed with twice a week spraying by a reputable contractor known to handle mosquito spraying, and for the spray to take place through the middle of July.

Councilmember Soper made note of a citizen concern relative to some type of caution sign at the entry from the Manti Market parking lot onto Main Street based on the high volume of both pedestrian and bicycle traffic at that point. The Recorder was instructed to follow up with same.

8. Mayor Madsen made note of specific questions relative to the Warrant Register, specifically the billing from Big G and the billing from Bo's Service. The Recorder was instructed to investigate and advise.

9. Mayor Madsen made note of the following items . . .
 - a. Mark Anderson had agreed to serve on the Board of Adjustment and the Mayor requested Deputy Recorder Otten prepare a packet of information and forward same to Mark.
 - b. Noted that Ilene Roth is prepared to make donations to both the County for their pavilion and to Manti City and inquired as to the split preferred by Manti City. Following discussion it was the consensus that Sanpete County receive \$1,000.00 toward the pavilion being constructed at the fairgrounds and Manti City receive \$2,400.00 to aid in paving projects.
 - c. Reported on the “Road Respect” bike ride that had taken place earlier in the day. Both Councilmember Justesen and she had participated in a portion of the ride.
 - d. Made note of the Chamber of Commerce newsletter which she felt was excellent and the Chamber should be congratulated on same.

10. The Mayor directed the minutes of the June 1, 2011 council meeting be addressed. Following review Councilmember Justesen moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Loren Thompson, Korry Soper and Vaun Mickelsen.

The Mayor directed that the minutes of the June 1st budget hearing be addressed. Following review of the minutes of the budget hearing Councilmember Thompson moved the budget hearing minutes by approved, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Korry Soper, Vaun Mickelsen and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

11. The City Recorder made note of the following items . . .
 - a. Those interested in attending the Utah League of Cities convention in September should advise the City offices. There was interest expressed in attending by Councilmembers Soper, Justesen and Mayor Madsen and it was the consensus that Manti City reserve rooms for the convention.
 - b. Reported that two new tenants will be occupying rental space in the Manti City Building.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8: 50 p.m.

General Account

Tami Larson	\$114.25
Utah State Treasurer	942.01
Buchanan Custom Painting	1,065.00
JoAnn Otten	369.05
Manti City	150.00
Sonnie Jensen	18.90
Brad Bradley	40.00
Manti Post Office	18.70
Cami Lindhardt	61.45
Marsha Nielson	29.75
Donna Birk	591.09
Zions Bank	14,433.37

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickleson, Recorder/Administrator