

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2011
6:30 P.M.

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

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

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Gene provided a handout, which is attached to and made part of the minutes, to the Mayor and Council of work accomplished during the month of July. He reported that an evaporative cooler has been purchased and a pad poured at the upper power plant at a cost of \$4,600.00. This project should cure the heat problem at the plant.

Gene said that the annual oil testing for the transformer at the power plant had taken place and this transformer will need to be replaced in the near future with the help of UMPA. He reported that a mud slide had occurred in Manti Canyon near the upper power plant which had shut the road down for a short period of time. The lightning had also struck two transducers which were replaced at a cost of \$600.00 each.

Gene reported that the electrical work at the Central Utah Pioneer Heritage project is complete. He said that there was an additional cost that had been incurred and he would include that cost in the final bill to the Association and some discussion ensued.

Gene said that at the Pageant booth property there are 30 outlets with 20 amps each. He said that historically not all of the outlets have been used and vendors may not have known they could use an extension cord to utilize other outlets. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that no electrical changes occur at the Pageant booth area at this time.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson.

Dale reported that the City crew had been extremely busy with Pageant, Fourth of July and cleaning of the flood channel. He said that the early work that had been completed on the flood channel and city creek had prevented any major problems of flooding with the high waters.

He said that chip sealing and patching of the roads is taking place and some discussion ensued. He made note of work at Jets Ditch in Manti Canyon that must be accomplished.

Dale reported on damage to the flood channel with the high waters and that review by Jones & DeMille Engineering of cost, etc. for the repair of same has taken place and financial assistance will be applied for through the Federal government.

Dale explained that there is a drainage problem above the new LDS Stake Center that will have to be addressed in the future. Some discussion ensued.

Mayor Madsen made inquiry relative to the soccer fields and Dale said that rolling the fields would be accomplished this week, however, in order to produce a complete soccer field it would require funding and a full year to complete.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized ZAN Officer Mike Tillack.

Mike provided a written report to the Mayor and Council for June and July and said that the animal control has been extremely busy.

He reported that he had met with Hugh Smith of Target Pest Control and Librarian Connie Alder regarding bats in the Library. Mr. Smith provided an outline of what will be done and said that it is normal for bats to return but they will spray repellent and seal the area in the fall.

Mike said that the air conditioning coolers on the second floor are showing wear and a bid has been received for replacement with a system where each office would have their own unit. He also reported that the northeast office remodeling is complete and ready for use.

4. Mayor Madsen stated that the public comment period will be limited to 16 minutes with 2 minutes allowed to individuals wishing to address the Mayor and Council. She then recognized Betty Amrine.

Betty said she had information relative to electrical metering and the health issues associated with electric magnetic fields. She would like to see the City continue manual reading for health purposes. Betty indicated she would provide additional information to the Mayor and Council at a subsequent meeting.

5. Mayor Madsen said the MIBA Committee operations should be addressed.

The Council reviewed the scope of action and responsibilities for the MIBA Committee and proposed some changes to be incorporated at a later date. The matter was referred to a subsequent agenda.

6. Mayor Madsen distributed a handout relative to hourly employee raises and requested the Council review the increases and provide input.

Mayor Madsen reported that she will begin working on acquiring easements from property owners for the proposed cattle driveway and the Council concurred with this course of action.

7. Councilmember Justesen reported on the annual Utah Municipal Power Agency budget report. He said that due to the high water this year there has been a surplus of power which has made it incredibly hard to realize a profit on sales.

Some discussion ensued relative to UMPA

8. Councilmember Vernon said he will meet with the Recorder/Administrator to work up a hiring guideline/policy.
9. Councilmember Thompson reported that Laura Eastman will serve as the new Library Board Chair.
10. Councilmember Mickelsen stated that he had observed the use at the City park and also the cemetery and thanked the City crew for their work in keeping these areas looking nice.
11. Mayor Madsen made note of the following items . . .
A citizen had advised there is a problem with speeding in the area of 100 South 400 East and requested the Sheriff be notified so additional patrol would be provided.
The Social Security Administration will no longer provide service in Manti due to budget cuts. She expressed her appreciation for the service they had provided to the community in the past.
12. The minutes of the Manti City Council meeting of July 20th were presented and following review Councilmember Mickelsen moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Jason Vernon, Alan Justesen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.
13. The minutes of the work meeting of July 20th were presented and following review Councilmember Thompson moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Jason Vernon and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.
14. The Deputy Recorder said that Jason Sorensen had contacted the City office and wanted to provide helicopter rides to the public during the Sanpete County Fair. He requested that the North Memorial Park be used as the landing point for this activity.
It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that ULGT be contacted regarding liability and that a policy/regulations document be drawn up prior to this activity taking place.
15. The bills were presented for payment and following review Councilmember Thompson moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available, seconded by Councilmember Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Jason Vernon, Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned t 8:30 p.m.

General Account

Marissa Hedelius	\$100.00
DeAnna Mickelson	100.00
Girl Scout Troop 1344	100.00
Girl Scout Troop 1218	100.00
Girl Scout Troop 865	100.00
Jr. Livestock	200.00
Elite Heat	200.00
Salt Lake Community College	314.00
Justin Aagard	60.00
Utah State Tax Commission	9,882.87
Trace Miller	56.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	74,236.13
Manti Post Office	436.28
Kendell Anderson	892.00

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator