

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2011  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Jason Vernon, Alan Justesen and Korry Soper present. Mayor Madsen said a quorum was present and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized John Iverson, representing Sunrise Engineering.

John Iverson made reference to the wastewater treatment feasibility plan provided by Sunrise Engineering and reviewed previously with both staff and some of the elected officials.

Mr. Iverson stated that Manti City is out of compliance due to the amount of seepage and that the Department of Environmental Quality is fully aware of the situation. DEQ has not pursued sanctions in this matter because they are very much aware of Manti City's efforts to correct the deficiencies. He noted that this new sewer treatment study is a requirement of DEQ and utilizes all current data.

When cells #2 and #3 are repaired all cells would be over 90 percent of capacity. He said the staff and the engineer recommend a total containment system which will require an additional lagoon and should handle Manti City's requirements for 20 years into the future at current growth rates.

John noted that the cost to repair lagoon's #2 and #3 and installation of the new lagoon as well as property purchase, structure replacement and the installation of a grinder is estimated to cost approximately \$2.5 million dollars.

Mayor Madsen made note of numbers relative to the sewer lagoon use and inquired as to the evaporation and percolation quantities. John said that evaporation is estimated to be approximately one 8-inch per day and percolation between 1/8 and 3/8's inch per day. Some discussion ensued relative to method, size and capacity.

Councilmember Vernon inquired as to the planned acreage for cell #4 and John said the current plans are for a 10 acre lagoon which would require 12 to 15 acres to install.

John suggested that Manti City consider requiring any new subdivisions in the buffer zone which could not be served by the sewer system at this time, be required to install a dry sewer system to accommodate sewer service in the future. He briefly addressed lift station requirements and their relationship to development.

The City Recorder inquired if the structures at the lagoons would be replaced and if the 10-acre planned lagoon was a maximum acre limit. He also asked if the dry sewer recommended by Mr. Iverson has legal precedence. John stated that the plan and assessment involves changing all of the structures and utilizing a more effective material. A 10-acre limit on the size of the new lagoon was necessary based on the amount of water that would be available for the lagoons. As to legal basis for a dry sewer, it is being done in other parts of the State.

Councilmember Soper inquired as to the impact on individual sewer bills and John indicated the cost per connection could range between \$5.00 and \$10.00 per month to complete the project.

Following some additional discussion Councilmember Thompson moved to authorize Sunrise Engineering to investigate and pursue funding for Manti City to achieve the goals set in the study including a total containment lagoon system, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Korry Soper, Vaun Mickelsen, Jason Vernon and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Brad Peterson.

Mr. Peterson was present to request the consideration of Manti City in achieving electrical service to a dwelling he is thinking of purchasing at 75 West 100 North. There is a considerable bill owing on this particular piece of property and the power has been discontinued and he said he would need the power to complete an upgrade on the building, make same livable, etc.

Mayor Madsen made note of a memorandum from City Treasurer Michelle Francks regarding this matter and her recommendations.

Following considerable general discussion the Mayor inquired if Mr. Peterson would be willing to make monthly payments on an owed portion of the account provided Manti City is willing to waive the amount as recommended by the Treasurer. Mr. Peterson said he would be willing to make monthly payments on that amount and would definitely follow up with the bank, which now owns the property, to see if they could make settlement on the balance owing on the account.

Mayor Madsen stated there is a consensus of the Council to implement the plan by the City Treasurer. She directed that an agreement be drafted with Mr. Peterson which would allow him to make time payments on the outstanding balance that would remain following waive of penalties. Also, upon payment of the connection fees, required by the City, power would be returned to the property.

The Mayor said there were no individuals who wished to make public comment.

3. Mayor Madsen directed that the matter of the Moderate Income Housing Plan be addressed.

Some discussion ensued in regard to this Plan with the Mayor and Council making some additions to selected parts of the report.

Following this review and changes to the report, Councilmember Mickelsen moved that Manti City recognize review of and approval of the report as now compiled, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Jason Vernon and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

4. Mayor Madsen made note of the MIBA outline and following some discussion it was the consensus to forward this outline to MIBA for their review and any questions, comments or concerns they may have relative to same.

5. Councilmember Thompson reported that fireworks would be part of the Fair this year and would be launched from Memorial Park North during the last night of the fair. The Mayor and Council concurred.

Councilmember Thompson made note of comments by the ATV Riders when he had stopped by their gathering at the City Park. He said they had been disappointed in the lack of cleanliness in the pavilion and the table setups had been in the wrong place based on their requirements. He felt these were primarily a matter of communication and supervision at the time the tables were placed. The Recorder noted that the pavilion had been washed the day and evening preceding use by the ATV group.

Councilmember Thompson referenced a memorandum and list relative to the ATV organization and considerable general discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that if the Kilmer's did not wish to continue as general chairman that Manti City consider a County wide organization to move the ATV ride forward. The Mayor directed that the Kilmer's be advised by the Recorder of this Council position.

6. Councilmember Soper inquired as to the possibly of having an employee summer party and some discussion ensued with the Mayor directing that the City Recorder investigate same and advise.

7. Mayor Madsen made note of the following . . .

- a. Adjustment has been made to the hourly wages as directed by the Council. All wage and salary increases have stayed within the 4-percent limit set by the Council.
- b. The Mayor stated there would be a personnel matter for executive session.

8. The Mayor directed that the minutes of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting be addressed and following review of the minutes by Councilmember Justesen moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelson, Jason Vernon, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

9. The City Recorder reported on the following items . . .

- a. He attended the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> when Garrick Wilden of Jones and DeMille Engineering had presented the plan for Sanpete County funding request through NRCS to repair high water damage. The submittal had been approved by the County and Manti City's portion of flood damage repair that would be part of that submittal is between \$130,000.00 and \$140,000.00. He noted that the City

- would complete repairs in the vicinity of the creek crossing at Brox's at the mouth of the canyon and that any structural repairs would await review by FEMA.
- b. Made note of the Patten House request and following some discussion it was the consensus of Mayor and Council to provide the \$1,900.00 match in hopes of repayment from the Patten House organization should their application to the MIBA Committee be successful.
  - c. Made note that a son of City employee Debby Munk was killed in an industrial accident in Ephraim. The City is taking appropriate action in light of those circumstances.
  - d. Noted that normally work is done on the springs and on the Jets Ditch during the summer and explained the situation relative to reaching the springs and the ditch based on the continued high water and snow pack.
10. Councilmember Thompson moved that the City Council adjourn from regular session into closed session to address personnel matters, seconded by Councilmember Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Loren Thompson, Jason Vernon, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Regular session resumed following closed session.

11. The bills were presented for payment and following review Councilmember Mickelsen moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available and adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting "aye": Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Korry Soper, Alan Justesen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator