

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2012  
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen said a quorum was present. The Mayor then recognized the Boy Scouts who were present at the meeting and requested that Scout Ely Cook lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance, which he did.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Gene made note of the safety award that had been received by Manti City from IPSA for five-years of “no-time-lost” due to accidents. The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation to Gene and the department for their performance.

Gene then reviewed the quotes for pole banner and provided samples of materials and print types.

Considerable general discussion then ensued relative to the banners. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that Gene request at least three new banner designs from each of the two local firms. These designs would then be evaluated at the council meeting of March 21<sup>st</sup> provided they could be ready at that time. It was the consensus of Mayor and Council that the new banners, when selected, would be printed on the 18-ounce material.

Gene reviewed the project report and made note of the damage to the small bucket truck, which is currently being repaired. He said there will also be a delay on plant maintenance as he is going to try and extend the life of the turbine shaft by changing the barrings every two years as opposed to every year.

Mayor Madsen then inquired as to if there was loose roof panels on the exhibition building due to recent winds and Gene said he hadn’t noticed but he would check and if there were, would advise the County.

Councilmember Thompson made note of a Nextel billing on the Warrant Register and inquired as to if we were still running Nextel service. Gene said he had cancelled the service but he would check the billing status with JoAnn.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Mike Tillack, ZAN Officer.

Mike provided a copy of an ad that is being placed with KMTI and the Messenger concerning lions in the community. Some discussion ensued.

Mike then reported that the dog clinic had not measured up to the success of past years as only 76 license had been sold at the clinic and there were only 175 sold year to date.

Mike reported that the orange warning tags being placed on vehicles and equipment on City right-of-way appeared to be encouraging people to move the items off the street. He then noted repair of the dog pound is underway with the assistance of the Public Works Department.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson.

Dale reported that snow removal had been required twice last week and that the City crew has also been assisting the electric department in tree trimming clean up. The public works crew have been prepping the pots for Main Street flowers including full disinfection.

Dale said that the City should begin considering someone for the watering of Main Street flowers. He suggested we advertise for someone who will be available seven days per week, some times twice a day. Some discussion ensued.

Dale then reported on the dog pound repair work which will involve the City crew and result in spence slabs for the outside kennels and repair of the pound itself. This will be accomplished as weather permits.

Dale then said there are more problems developing with the MIBA building where the supports are giving away in the center section of the building and steps are going to have to be taken as this could be a major problem. Some discussion ensued after which it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that those able to do so would meet on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to tour the MIBA building.

Dale then reported that he has been working with Dave Cox to reopen City Creek northwest of town. The City Creek is needed in order to dewater the flood channel so repairs could be completed on the flood channel.

Dale reported that recent snow pack numbers show that the water content is approximately 50 percent of average as of Monday and estimated to be no more than 60 percent based on the most recent storms.

Dale then reported that the entrance signs need help and that salt creek signs can prepare plywood backed aluminum in 3' X 8' size for a cost of \$336.00 each. City Recorder noted that this was less than the cost of paint for one of the signs and recommended that this project be authorized. Following some discussion the Mayor and Council directed Public Works Director Nielson proceed with the signs.

4. Mayor Madsen made note of the revised purchase policy which had been included in the packet.

The Recorder briefly reviewed the revised policy and endorsed same. Councilmember Thompson moved the policy be adopted as revised, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

5. Mayor Madsen made note of the revised personnel policy.

The City Recorder made note of the changes that had been made relative to being explicit as to availability of benefits. Following some discussion Councilmember Dyreng moved the policy be adopted as revised, seconded by Councilmember Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

6. The Mayor made note of the revised Emergency Response Manual pages where changes had been made as to individuals in charge of the Ambulance Association and at the Sheriff's office. The Recorder indicated this was an ongoing document and would not need to be adopted by the Mayor and Council but could be reviewed often in order to assure that it is up to date.

7. The Mayor requested any continuing business be brought to the table.

Councilmember Vernon made note of the Miss Manti Pageant and the participation of out of city individuals in the Pageant. He also made note of the memorandum from the City Recorder in regard to same and recommended that a City policy be developed working in conjunction with the Pageant Chairman Breanne Keisel, the Council concurred.

8. Under continuing business Councilmember Soper pointed out the letter that had been received from the CIB verifying the loan to Manti City and the fact that Richard Chamberlain would be the City's Bond Attorney. Some discussion ensued.

9. Councilmember Dyreng reported that he had talked with Economic Development Director Kevin Christensen relative to the Main Street project and Kevin has come up with some additional grant fund for business façade upgrade on Main Street. He said he is currently contacting businesses to firm up the projects.

Councilmember Thompson noted that he has also spoke with Kevin Christensen and they had discussed possibilities of removing the vinyl signing on the Senior Citizens Center to expose the historic rockwork. Some discussion ensued relative to the condition of the rockwork, the Senior Citizens Center, etc.

10. Councilmember Mickelsen reported on his understanding the Easter Egg Hunt had been authorized \$1,200.00 not \$2,000.00 which may have been reported. Councilmember Mickelsen then reported that he had met with Michele Palmer relative to Main Street trees and possible courses of action. The matter of care of pine trees was also discussed as it relates to the cemetery and concern as to training for taking care of those trees. Councilmember Mickelsen stated that there should be some estimates as to cost, timing, etc. and this might be the outgrowth of committee meetings.

Councilmember Thompson reported that Shannon Miller had received a considerable quantity of donated trees and if not all of those were needed in the north project that perhaps they could be utilized on Main Street.

11. Councilmember Soper made note of the condition of the Senior Citizens Center, the general condition of the building particularly the basement and support walls. He felt that this building had some major problems and that perhaps now is the time for the City to begin following up on a new Senior Citizens Center and Community Center. Considerable general discussion ensued with the consensus this would be a worthwhile project.

12. Councilmember Vernon made note of a memorandum relative to chimney and roof repair at the Patten House and inquired if this was city property. The Recorder advised that this is City property and the City often worked in conjunction with the DUP for maintenance of the building and grounds.

Councilmember Vernon then made note of the number of individuals who used Manti streets at night and felt that investigation as to installation of mid-block streetlights may be worthwhile. Considerable general discussion ensued relative to specific lighting in areas (night sky lights) which might be advantageous. Councilmember Thompson

noted that there are no lights on Union or 100 North above 300 East leading to the new LDS Stake Center and felt that some lights in those areas would be appropriate.

13. Mayor Madsen asked the Council for their feelings as to projects that could be considered by Manti City.

Councilmember Soper said that he felt the Senior Citizens and Community Center would be a very worthwhile project.

Councilmember Mickelsen said he felt continual street maintenance and upgrade should be a necessity.

Councilmember Thompson said he felt that development of a sports complex including new soccer fields, softball, etc. should be undertaken.

Councilmember Dyreng said he felt the sports complex would be extremely worthwhile and made note of how much this could bring to a community in the form of tournaments, activities, etc. Some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Vernon said he felt that both lighting on City streets and a soccer field/sports complex would be key elements for Manti City.

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

- a. The UMPA meeting is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. Spanish Fork is proceeding with email of all utility bills to their residents and felt that a list of email accounts should be developed by Manti City for follow up contacts. The Mayor indicated she would follow up with Treasurer Michelle Francks on this project.
- c. The crew has been working on the dog pound.
- d. That some agencies prefer to have their information for council meetings given to them on email. Loren Thompson said he had talked to JoAnn and she had indicated this was next to impossible under current structure. The City Recorder reported that having a scanner would help on this and Loren felt that a scanner would not be necessary as the materials are already on the computer.  
The Recorder indicated he would follow up. Councilmember Thompson and Vernon both requested Council packets via email.
- e. Deputy Recorder JoAnn Otten will be checking with Rachel Wilcox as to planning schedule for the Main Street flowerpot planting.
- f. The Pioneer Garden dedication will take place on June 2, 2012.  
Arrangements have been made for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to perform in Sanpete and this will be scheduled at the Activity Center in Ephraim as that is the only facility large enough to accommodate the Choir. Tickets will be provided.
- g. The Justice Court recertification was successful.
- h. There will be a UDOT meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> which will be attended by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmember Vernon requested that the matter of car deer collisions be addressed with UDOT.

15. Mayor Madsen directed the minutes of the previous council meeting be considered. Following review of the minutes Councilmember Thompson moved the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> Manti City Council meeting be approved as corrected,

seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Korry Soper, Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

16. Mayor Madsen reported that Alan Justesen had agreed to serve on the MIBA Committee.

17. The City Recorder reported on the following . . .

- a. A five-year extension on the lease of space to the Attorney Generals office had been negotiated and the new lease provides for an eight percent increase over five years with a step increase each year.
- b. Dan Corcoran has been in the office relative to purchasing for the Mormon Miracle Pageant and the Recorder reported he has authorized Dan to proceed with purchasing pending instruction from the Council or the MIBA Committee. Councilmember Thompson indicated he had found an ideal location for the plastic table paper that being shoplet.com. He recommended Dan get in touch with him concerning that resource.
- c. Briefly discussed the rearranging of the council room to accommodate use of the new projector.
- d. Provided a revised scope of action and responsibilities outline for the MIBA Committee which was then reviewed by the Mayor and Council after which Councilmember Soper moved that the scope of action and responsibilities outline be approved and provided to the MIBA Committee, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Jason Vernon and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

18. The Mayor noted that she had a personnel matter to address in executive session and requested a motion to adjourn to closed session. Councilmember Soper moved that the City Council adjourn from regular session into closed session to address a personnel matter, seconded by Councilmember Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Korry Soper, Jason Vernon, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

#### REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

19. The City Recorder reported that Mayor Madsen had been selected as Elected Official of the Year by the Utah Rural Water Association and had received that award during the Awards Banquet at the annual Rural Water Conference attended by over 500 member systems. All present congratulated the Mayor on receiving this reward.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

General Account

Manti Post Office	\$190.00
Mountain America Credit Union	970.00
Sunrise Engineering	20,000.00
Manti Post Office	465.36
Colter Allen	637.50
James Bench	600.00
Manti City	50.00
Johnson Mark, LLC	94.00
UMPA	74,297.21
Hampton Inn	393.60
Dale Christensen	40.00
US Postal Service	1,000.50
Lifetime Store	2,813.79
Callen Jones	240.00
Central Utah Pioneer Heritage Center	3,600.00

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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William A. Mickleson, Recorder/Administrator