

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2013
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen announced that a quorum of councilmembers was in attendance and called the meeting to order. She then invited all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor recognized Dale Nielson, Public Works Director. Dale reported on the following:

- Snow-tel reports from the area including the Thistle Flat measurements, which are back on line this year.
- Snow plowing within the city and at the airport.
- Researching equipment to replace our worn-out track-hoe. Is aware of one being offered for about \$87K.
- Progress with the flood channel repairs.

The Mayor recognized Mike Tillack, ZAN Officer. Mike reported on the following:

- 3 dogs and 5 cats picked up during the past month.
- Christmas tree lights placed during December on trees throughout the business district. Suggested we may want to consider moving to LED lights in the future.
- Planning to schedule a rabies clinic.

The Mayor recognized Gene Rogers, Power Superintendent. Gene reported on the following:

- Replaced a relay at the upper power plant \$3300.
- Another relay will soon need replacement.
- Tree trimming is planned for south Main Street.
- Power plant maintenance being planned.

Mayor Madsen thanked Dale, Mike and Gene for the work that they and the crew are performing.

Mayor Madsen recognized Darci Harefeld of Manti. Darci shared concerns that she has regarding dogs running at large throughout the community. She indicated that she has been harassed by vicious dogs in all areas of town. She expressed concern that this interferes with her quality of life as she enjoys the outdoors and walking but is afraid for her safety and as a result is afraid to leave her home – even to run errands down town.

Discussion ensued among the council. The consensus was that we do have a problem and that we need a culture change – so that dog owners feel more responsibility to keep control of their animals. It was determined that an increased focus on enforcement of our ordinance take place and that citations be issued where appropriate. The decision was also made to increase communication in the local media urging dog owners to be more responsible.

The Mayor recognized Shannon Miller. Shannon talked about the need for clustered housing on smaller lots and made a power point presentation outlining the aging demographics of baby boomers. She suggested that the council review our ordinance and make it friendlier for the elderly and those of moderate income. Shannon asked for permission to work on a clustered infill project in an existing neighborhood in town. The property size is approximately ½ acre and she would like to plan a development with 4 homes.

Councilmember Thompson proposed that we not do anything until our ordinance is changed so that we don't break our own laws.

Councilmember Soper recommended that we move with haste and cooperate within the law to get something going.

Councilmember Dyreng echoed Mr. Soper.

Discussion ensued after which the mayor polled the council. The consensus was that the council would like to see a higher density option available in Manti. The overriding concern was that any such development have an HOA attached or other restrictions to protect the quality of the existing neighborhoods. The Mayor thanked Shannon for her presentation and stated that it appeared the council is willing to cooperate with her to make something happen.

Mayor Madsen stated that after review, she would like a motion for the action the council took at its last meeting to approve temporary payment from our perpetual care PTIF fund to Sunrise engineering until funds become available from the CIB. Jason Vernon made the motion that we borrow \$110,000 from the perpetual care PTIF fund at the interest rate of 2.25% to pay Sunrise Engineering for its service until such time that the city receives payment from the CIB. Loren Thompson seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor asked for councilmember reports.

Councilmember Dyreng indicated that he had one item for executive session.

Councilmember Mickleleson reported that the Tree Committee is seeking a project for Arbor Day.

Councilmember Soper talked about emergency preparedness and read a piece that had been written by a citizen that had survived the recent Hurricane Sandy on the Atlantic seaboard, titled "things I learned from Hurricane Sandy".

Mayor Madsen reported on the following:

- Shared the year-end financial statement for the city Aquatic Center. She was pleased with the number and called the pool a great success.
- Stated that a replacement search is underway for Layne Burningham CFO and Power Resource Manager at UMPA, who will be replacing Leon Pexton CEO/COO in July.
- Talked about the UMPA rate stabilization fund and the association's plans to grow the fund.

Additionally, the Mayor asked the council members how they felt about the request from Mary Goodwin of the Utah Food Bank for funding from the county's municipalities.

Discussion ensued. Several council members expressed concern at using taxpayer funds. Others, including the Mayor expressed concerns about oversight and accountability.

The Mayor was asked what other communities are doing. She agreed to get more information at the upcoming Commissioners and Mayors meeting later in the month.

The Mayor stated that she had a personnel item to be discussed in closed session, and then directed that discussion turn to the minutes of the previous council meeting. Three typographical changes were proposed after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Councilmember Soper made the motion which was seconded by Councilmember Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

City Administrator, Kent Barton, reported on the following:

- An on-site review is planned with representatives of the EPA from the Utah Office and Region 8 office out of Denver. The review will occur tomorrow morning at the MIBA building.
- Has requested PUD information from Meg Ryan with the Utah League of Cities and Towns, for the purpose of helping us to formulate ideas for Manti City.
- The Planning commission is set to meet next Tuesday, January 8th at 5:30 pm to consider changes to the structure of the Board of Adjustment / Appeal Authority process for Manti City.
- Stated that he has an item involving property negotiation for closed session.

The Mayor asked for a motion to leave regular session and move into executive session to discuss personnel and property negotiation matters. The motion was made by Councilmember Soper, and seconded by Councilmember Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Mayor asked for a motion to increase Recorder/Administrator Kent Barton's salary by \$100.00 per month beginning January 1, 2013 following a six month evaluation and Councilmember Vaun Mickelsen made this motion seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Vaun Mickelsen, Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng, Loren Thompson and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Soper moved that they be paid as presented and as money becomes available. Seconded by Councilmember Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye":

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Justin Aagard	\$40.00
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Betty Woodside	25.00
Zions First National Bank	110,000.12
Ryan Sorensen	120.00
Kent Barton	378.02
Rick Christensen Construction	2,125.96

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator