

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2013
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Korry Soper, Vaun Mickelsen and Loren Thompson present. Councilmember Jason Vernon was expected to arrive later in the meeting.

Mayor Madsen announced that a quorum of councilmembers was in attendance and called the meeting to order. She then welcomed members of the community who were in attendance. The Mayor invited Sam Tiatia, a local Boy Scout who was in attendance to lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the citing of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Madsen thanked Sam and presented him with a booklet containing the Constitution, Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence.

The Mayor welcomed Vern Steel, Bill Mickelson, Curtis Ludvigson and Shannon Rasmussen who represented Utah Rural Water Association of Utah. Bill Mickelson former board member and former Manti City Administrator thanked the council for their time and for placing them on the agenda. Mickelson introduced those with him and turned the time to Mr. Steel, CFO of the organization. Mr. Steel also thanked the council for their time and attention as well as their support of the Rural Water agency. He remarked that Bill Mickelson, had served for many years on the board including a term as president. He also thanked the council for allowing Kent Barton, current Administrator who was elected to the board last month, to serve on the board. Steel then went on to talk of the association's research and education program. As a part of that effort, Steel explained that the associations awards two academic scholarships each year. He went on to say that one of this year's recipients was Taylor Soper of Manti. Steel then called Soper forward who was in attendance with his parents, councilmember Korry Soper and Karen Soper. Steel remarked of the excellent accomplishments of Taylor and remarked that he was a very worthy candidate and recipient of the \$1,500 scholarship. Afterwards, Steel invited Bill Mickelson and Kent Barton forward the present the award to Soper. Following a photo session, Mayor Madsen congratulated Taylor on his accomplishment and the Mr. Steel and his associates for the excellent work they do for communities throughout the state of Utah.

The Mayor then invited Brandon Brady to come forward. Mr. Brady explained that he represented the engineering firm of Johansen and Tuttle located in Emery County. Brady passed some information along to the Council and summarized the type of engineering services that his firm provides to communities. Brady addressed questions from the council regarding specific projects his company had worked on in our county. He then asked for the opportunity to be considered for future projects the city may have coming up. The Mayor thanked him for coming and excused him as he had another meeting to attend in another part of the county.

The Mayor recognized Sheriff Brian Nielson. Nielson spoke about the state of law enforcement in the community, and then reported on the following:

- Status of declining citations in the city is not just a community trend but also being experienced county, state and nationwide.
- Officer Robert Henningson's upcoming retirement.
- Andy Lyon will be taking on more responsibility. A replacement for Henningson will occur by May.
- Expressed that overall he feels things are working well between the Sheriff's Department and the city but asked for input as to how the council felt we could improve.

Councilmembers Mickelsen and Thompson noted that occurrences of speeding ATV's through their neighborhoods has improved and thanked Nielson for his department's efforts. Michelle Palmer, a citizen in attendance spoke up and said that more patrolling for speeding would be help on Canyon Road (5th South).

Mayor Madsen shared with the Sheriff a recent experience from the Rural Water conference where she attended a session regarding social media. She remarked how the presenter, a public relations professional, had highlighted the Sanpete County Sheriff as someone who had effectively used *Twitter*; detailing how the Sheriff had managed media relations during the Wood Hollow Fire through "*tweeting*". Nielson smiled when that Mayor remarked that the presenter had referred to Nielson as a "Rock Star" due to his efforts to communicate critical updates to the news media. The Sheriff said that using *Twitter* had exponentially reduced the number of phone calls that the media and others concerned were making to his department during the fire.

Administrator Kent Barton told Sheriff Nielson that he had met recently with the Mormon Miracle Pageant presidency and that they had tentatively set May 1st at 6:00 pm for the pre-pageant security and coordination meeting. Nielson indicated the he and members of his staff would plan to be in attendance.

The Mayor thanked Nielson for his efforts and those of his staff.

Councilmember Jason Vernon joined the meeting.

Mayor Madsen then recognized Michelle Palmer, Chair of the Tree Committee. Palmer reported on the following:

- The city again received its designation as a "*Tree City USA*" for the coming year.
- The committee is planning an Arbor Day event in late April.
- Requested a replacement board member for Lenard Stull who is leaving for an LDS mission.
- Asked that the council consider an additional board member as Ken Lindsay is "spread thin" but she felt he would remain if more help was identified and engaged.
- Asked if the city had a future project or area in town where the committee could plan and carry out a tree-planting project.
- Asked about stump removal for nuisance trees that have recently been cut down.

The Mayor recognized Gene Rogers, City Electrical Superintendent. Rogers mentioned that this may be his last report to the council before his retirement in April and then reported on the following:

- Shared planned projects list for 2013
- Plans to train new superintendent during the month of April.
- Reviewed power usage for the community
- Reviewed major projects completed during his tenure with the city.
- Spoke about upgrading of metering systems which the city will need to address at some point soon as the meters we currently use are being phased out within 2-5 years.
- Recommended preparing for AMR meters by scheduling the purchase of a AMR system to use those meters to increase efficiency by allowing the city to read the meters remotely, and if necessary shut-off the meter remotely. The cost for the system would be about \$250,000.
- Mentioned the power line reroute that we need to address where our lines cross private property in an area between 3rd and 4th south at approximately 600 east. Estimated the reroute would cost about \$90,000.
- Informed the council that we will need to purchase a 46KV switch for our intersect point with Rocky Mountain Power. The estimated cost for the switch and supporting infrastructure is about \$185,000.

- Talked about the Integrated Power Resource Plan tree-planting project which UMPA has funded in the past, which promotes planting of shade trees on residential lots south west of homes as a natural solar insulator.
- Cautioned the Council about having the power department remove too many trees on city property for lack of resources

After the exchange of several questions and answers from the Council, The Mayor thanked Gene for his many years of service to the City of Manti. Several councilmembers echoed her remarks and wished Gene continued success and happiness.

The Mayor directed that discussion move to the possible change of the structure of the Board of Adjustment. Administrator Kent Barton reviewed with the Council the respective changes that the Planning Commission and City Attorney have recommended. After review and discussion the Mayor called for a motion to make changes to zoning ordinances 17.12 and 2.40 as presented (attached to and made part of the minutes). The motion was made by Darren Dyreng and seconded by Loren Thompson.

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

The Mayor asked Kent Barton if the issue of the extension of the commercial zone along north Main Street has been placed on the Planning Commission’s agenda. Barton said that it has been scheduled for discussion at the commission’s next meeting.

The Mayor invited Kent Barton to review the city’s financial statements. Barton distributed updated statements as of February 28th, 2013. He then proceeded leading the council through the statements, discussing revenues and expenses in most of the city’s departmental budgets, making note primarily of areas where we are significantly over or under budget, offering explanation and addressing questions. Barton reported that overall, our budget looks good and that financially, we should finish out the year close to our plan.

The Mayor asked for any items of discussion from the Council.

Darren Dyreng reported on a recent planning with the MIBA Committee for the planning of Pageant Dinners. Among the items addressed by the committee, Dyreng talked about areas of assigned responsibility for committee members as well as a discussion about menu and pricing for the dinners.

Jason Vernon reported that he had been contacted by a citizen desiring to volunteer on the committee for the development of community ball fields.

Mayor Madsen then reported on the following:

- Mike and Suzy Howell have agreed to serve as assistant chairpersons on the 4th of July Committee for the 2013 season.
- Reported on her recent trip to Washington DC with other UMPA administrators and member city mayors for the purpose of lobbying with the American Public Power Association.
- Mentioned that the newsletter was recently distributed door-to-door throughout the community.
- Announced that the Art Council has planned and is beginning rehearsals for a night of music from the musical Mary Poppins.
- Passed along to members of the Council an updated design for new banners along Main Street. The banners feature the Manti Temple with the words “Manti City” and the city’s settlement date “1849”.

The Mayor directed asked if the council had any changes for the draft version of the minutes of the March 6th, council meeting. The Mayor noted two changes for clarification after which Vaun Mickelsen made motion that the minutes of the March 6, 2103 council meeting be approved as amended. Korry Soper seconded.

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

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- \$5000 grant was awarded by the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts for the repairs to the roof at the Legion Hall.
- Reported on the pre-construction meeting for sewer upgrades.
- Informed the Council that the “Old Folks Committee” had requested \$200.00 for their annual gathering.
- Explained that the Phase II report from the EPA concerning the MIBA building had been drafted and would be discussed in a conference call on April 2nd.
- Mentioned that there were no surprises in the EPA report and that the main issues of concern were a minor amount boiler pipe insulation containing asbestos that would require professional removal prior to demolition of the building. Lead paint and asbestos in the roof materials are of a nature that would require no special professional handling during demolition.
- Talked about the Water Resource & Conservation Plan, which is due to be updated and filed with the state.
- Shared the Bagley cartoon that accompanied a recent Salt Lake Tribune article regarding the cancelation of the Special Forces training planned in our area. The article focused largely on opposition from certain individuals in the community.
- Mentioned that he is drafting an administrative change to code concerning city electrician to:
 - Plan in bring in agreement with other public works positions in the code
 - Will place on Agenda for April 3rd
- Mentioned the Utah Chapter of the American Planners Association Spring Conference, April 17 – 19 at Utah State University.
- Explained that the new irrigation well is being drilled and is currently at the depth of about 125 feet.

Barton mentioned that he had 3 items for closed session dealing with property negotiation and personnel.

The Mayor called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation and personnel matters. Loren Thompson made that motion, seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. 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 bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mickelsen moved that they be paid as presented and as money becomes available. Seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

General Account

Justin Aagard	\$40.00
Manti Post Office	468.16
Manti Post Office	201.67
Roy Hansen	87.50
Cory Hatch	87.50
Sonia Jensen	87.50
Tracy Christensen	87.50
Risk Managers	50.00
Utah State Treasurer	528.44
Mountain America Credit Union	470.00

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator