

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2013
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Korry Soper, Vaun Mickelsen, 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 welcomed all present to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Flood channel repair progress – 2 ½ of 4 sites targeted along the channel are now completed with the laying of rip-rap.
- Our city-owned track hoe is performing maintenance in other areas along the channel to prepare for run-off.
- The large black willow tree on 500 North below 500 West is being removed due to age and decay. In its current condition, it is a potential threat to a nearby home. The tree is one of the oldest and largest trees in Manti.
- Work in the cemetery including spot reseeding is now underway.
- With needing to dedicate AJ and Sunny to their regular seasonal responsibilities, we will be looking for a part-time employee to drive the garbage truck.
- A new garbage truck will be needed at some point in the near future – Dale is starting to search for potential good deals.

The Mayor asked Dale how the new trackhoe is working out. “Great”, Dale stated and continued that a new trailer for transporting the trackhoe and rig to pull the trailer will be needed at some point as our current rig and trailer are not adequate.

Loren Thompson recommended that Dale contact Salt Creek Signs for new entrance signs to our community.

Korry Soper asked for a report on the scheduled completion of the concrete work at the Fire House. Dale promised to get an update.

The Mayor thanked Dale for the good work he is doing and called Mike Tillack ZAN Officer to report. Mike reported on the following:

- Is currently performing spring maintenance and filter replacement on the HVAC systems in the city building and city complex.
- Distributed and reviewed animal control reports and addressed questions from the Council.

The Mayor told Mike that she was recently harassed by a pack of dogs while riding her bike along 500 West near Union Street. The Mayor was grateful that Dale Nielson was driving by and was able to help remedy the situation. Dale added that several of the dogs present have caused

problems for citizens in the past. Discussion ensued and Mike was charged with putting increased effort at resolving these types of issues. The consensus of the Council was that we are having too many problems with uncontrolled dogs and that we need to review our ordinance and possibly put stronger penalties in place as an incentive to get dog owners to take better responsibility to keep their animals secured on their property for the protection of the public. The Mayor asked Kent Barton to bring a copy of the ordinance and penalty schedule to a future meeting for review and discussion.

The Mayor directed the discussion turn to section 13.20 of the city ordinances dealing with the reporting relationship and responsibilities of the City Electrician. Councilmembers then turned to a draft of the proposed changes. After brief discussion the Mayor called for a motion to accept administrative changes to section 13.20 of the city ordinances as presented. The motion was made by Jason Vernon 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 that discussion turn to the adoption of a policy concerning the city’s appeal authority. After discovering that copies of the proposed policy were not included with the packet, Kent Barton read the policy from his computer. The Council seemed to like the specifics in the policy as read by Mr. Barton. The Mayor asked that the issue be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting and after all council members have an opportunity to read and further consider the draft policy.

Mayor Madsen then reported on the following:

- Noted that based on information provided at the recent UMPA conference the future in power generation is moving quickly from coal to natural gas.
- Reviewed last week’s “Town Hall” meeting with Congressman Chris Stewart.
- Mentioned the capture of the illusive “Mountain Man” in our county earlier in the week.
- Is seeking volunteers that may be able to assist with a community door-to-door survey.
- Cory Hatch agreed to serve on the Tree Committee.
- Reviewed a letter from the Governor’s office concerning tenant complaints from our senior apartments.
- Planting of the Main Street flowerpots has been scheduled.
- Reviewed a map of the current voting precincts.
- Asked Kent Barton about the scheduling of a budget hearing.
- Recommended advertising our office space that will be coming available.
- Indicated that she had an item to discuss in closed session concerning personnel.

The Mayor asked if the council had any changes for the draft version of the minutes of the March 20th, council meeting. Several typographical changes were noted after which Korry Soper made motion that the minutes of the March 20, 2103 council meeting be approved as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen 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:

- Recent EPA conference call regarding MIBA Building study.
- Governors Office Letter – concerning tenant complaints at the Senior Apartments.
- Letter from Joshua Walker, Special Forces, concerning cancellation of military training exercises.
- Appeal Authority Training available to those attending the ULCT St. George mid-year conference.
- Highland Utah South Stake request to use North Hills west of the water tank for a youth conference activity.
- Distributed agendas for the ULCT mid-year conference.
- Along with Ephraim City, will appear before CIB to request funding for airport upgrades tomorrow morning in Salt Lake City.
- Has one item for closed session dealing with property negotiation.

The Mayor called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation and personnel matters. Darren Dyreng 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 Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

General Account

Justin Aagard	\$40.00
Utah League of Cities and Towns	1,200.00
Manti Old Folks Committee	100.00
Blake Demill	23.98

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator