

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 2nd, 2015
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and asked that they stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Soper acknowledged Blake DeMill, Electrical Superintendent, and invited him to make his report to the Council. DeMill then reported on the following:

- ∞ Transformer replacement completed on 600 South.
- ∞ Power pole change-out near 200 North; the pole was partially eaten by horses owned by Polly Martinez.
- ∞ Underground electrical service installed at the Nate Christensen home on 100 West.
- ∞ With the UDOT street widening project now complete, street lights replaced on north Main Street along west side of the street.
- ∞ Have scheduled underground service installation for the Jorgenson subdivision north of Manti near 200 West.
- ∞ New service pending and scheduled for the Manti Temple, to be run from the south and east of the temple.
- ∞ Recommended any new or replacement meters be replaced with smart meters which could be configured for an electronic, automated system at a future date.

The Mayor thanked Blake for his work and then invited Mike Tillack, ZAN Officer to make his report. Tillack reported the following:

- ∞ Animal control efforts.
- ∞ Nuisance control efforts.
- ∞ Building maintenance issues, including air handler replacement at the city building.

Tillack then brought up an increasing problem with “repeat offender” dogs being picked up. He said that some cities have a limited number of times dogs will be returned. Some discussion ensued after which it was determined that our policy and fee schedule should be reviewed for possible modification. Tillack then reported that the current pound is too small and in poor condition. He said that a new pound had been planned sometime ago but that nothing had been done about it. The Mayor asked if plans had been drawn, Tillack said they had. The Mayor asked where they were. Tillack said he would try to locate them.

The Mayor thanked Tillack for his report and then welcomed members Dallas Cox, Shannon Miller and Douglas Dyreng of the Economic Development Committee, along with Michael Barton of i-four Media to report on progress with logo development for Manti City. Dallas Cox, chairperson of the committee, explained the process, which first included defining mission, values and vision. Michael Barton explained that the group started about 8 or 9 months ago and that they had met about 9 times during that period. He stated that the design started as “words and phrases” were developed to describe Manti; words like *Historic*, *Heritage* and *Legacy*. Then the design process started. He said images and fonts were selected and revised as numerous versions were worked on. He went on to say that they had finally arrived at a place where they were ready to present to the Council and displayed the design which included a stylized image of 3 historic Manti structures including a two-story rock home flanked on the side by the Old City Hall, the Presbyterian Rock Church, with a silhouette of the Manti Temple forming a backdrop behind the other building. Also included were the words “Manti City” and the tag line, “feels like home.” Two versions were presented, one for vertical usage and the other for horizontal. Discussion ensued and both Barton and Cox entertained questions from the Mayor and Council regarding detail, reproduction, mountains and font style. Barton also addressed coloration and said that he always designs first in black and white and once a design is approved he moves to coloration options. The Mayor and members of the Council expressed approval and gratitude for the work that had been done and gave approval to proceed with the design as is, and provide color samples. Mayor Soper said: “Once we decide on color, I want the first one placed on the wall right behind us”. He thanked the committee and Mr. Barton of i-four Media for their efforts and interest in the community.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to the request by Shauna Sargent for variance of the cemetery policy relating to height requirements of headstones. Discussion ensued. Kent Barton pointed out that the main concerns for the city with oversize monuments are safety and liability issues – specifically from tipping or movement of oversize monuments. He recommended that if the Council approve the variance that the city require the following: 1) an engineer’s letter stating that the monument is not a tipping or falling hazard to the public, and 2) any future movement after placement of the monument be contracted through a monument company. More discussion ensued after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept the request for variance as outlined in the request with the stipulations that the monument company or an engineer address the safety issue and that the family accept any future movement of the stone privately. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Jason Vernon left the meeting at approximately 7:25 pm as he had previously arranged to be excused due to a family commitment.

The Mayor asked that discussion turn to the proposal of Dr. Michael Clay representing Brigham Young University and Urban Planning International LLC to perform an update of the general plan and the development of a retail and commercial strategy for the city including “down town” Main Street and the city property directly south of Manti. Dr. Clay plans to use a group of graduate and undergraduate students to complete this process, which will involve a series of meetings to gather input from elected leaders, the Planning Commission, Economic Development and Historic Preservation committees, Main Street merchants and other interested citizens. The project would begin later in the month and be completed prior to June 30, 2016 at a cost to the city of \$10,000. Discussion ensued and several members of the Council voiced support for the project. Mayor Soper then called for a motion to accept the proposal as outlined in the letter of agreement. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to councilmembers reports.

Darren Dyreng raised a concern about traffic continuing to enter Main Street during the recent County Fair parade. Discussion ensued and Kent Barton agreed to contact the Sherriff to determine what could be done to solve this problem at future parades.

Gary Chidester reported on meeting he had attending with the Economic Development Committee and plans to attend an upcoming library board meeting. parade Jason Maylett said that he had a personnel matter for discussion in closed session.

The Mayor then stated he like to see a fall “cleanup” service provided for citizens as a way to remove debris that is building up in the community provided we have the personnel and equipment resources. He asked Kent Barton to find a time that would work with the next month or so and get this scheduled. Mayor Soper also read a letter from Stevens Henagar College concerning the offering a scholarship and suggested communicating this information to the school for any students that may be interested in attending Steven Henagar. He noted the deadline for application is December 15th.

Mayor Soper then reviewed the recent NuEx conference that he attended along with Kent Barton, City Administrator, Blake DeMill, Power Superintendent, and members of the UMPA Board and staff. The conference highlighted the great need for growing energy demand and the strides that are being made with the development of nuclear energy. UMPA is currently evaluating options for power generation to meet the demands of its growing customer base, especially as current contracts with coal-fired plants may not be able to be renewed. He went on to explain that scaled-down nuclear reactors, which are factory built and then transported for installation are generating a lot of interest as a viable option for communities for their power generation needs.

The Mayor then stated to the Council that due to the upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns conference, September 16th – 18th, we would need to reschedule to upcoming Council Meeting. After polling the Council to check their calendars, it was decided to set the meeting for Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting held on August 5th. After no changes or corrections were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of July 8th, 2015 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Discussed with the Council the imminent need to re-develop Sister Spring and spoke in general terms of what possible costs may be.
- ∞ Generator startup at new ambulance building is scheduled for next week on the 12th and will involve members of the city power department and ambulance association.
- ∞ Reminded Council members to pick up their checks and registrations materials at the office prior to leaving for ULCT meeting next Wednesday.
- ∞ Referred to an operating and use agreement between the city and the school district for the parking lot at the school for the information of the Council.
- ∞ Informed members of the Council regarding an opportunity for re-order of a Henry commemorative .22 rifle through UMPA.
- ∞ Indicated that he had issues dealing with property negotiation and possible litigation for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss possible litigation and property negotiation issues. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Jason Maylett made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Vaun Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

General Account

Mitch Godfrey	\$ 40.00
Duane or Nadine DeMill	8,850.24
Magleby Mortuary	2,137.00
Scott Gressmen	2,863.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	99,553.70
Justin Aagard	40.00
Sanpete County Fair Board	500.00
Aubree Jarvis	20.00
Kelsee Jarvis	40.00
Snow College	150.00
Bankcard Center	3,923.14
Kent Barton	292.80
Justin Aagard	40.00
Manti Post Office	463.74
Jones & DeMille	7,022.78
Valley Builders	114,722.25

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator