

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 7th, 2015
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Soper acknowledged Youth City Council advisor Denise Hagemesiter, along with members of the Youth City Council who were in attendance for their official swearing in ceremony. Mayor Soper asked the members of the council to stand and introduce themselves to the City Council and, to explain what they hope to gain from serving on the Youth City Council. The Mayor then stood before the group and administered the ceremonial oath of office. Those present for the swearing in were: Carlee Lindhart, Mandee Naylor, Allison Bishop, Hannah Eddy, Bailey Simons, Jessica Miller, Ciera Mickelsen, Alexa Vernon, Briana Hedelius, Krislyn Petersen and Briane Petersen. Two additional members were unable to attend. After the swearing in, Mayor Soper spoke to the group about the importance of serving in the community and thanked them for their willingness to serve as members of the Youth City Council. Photographs were then taken of the Council together with Mayor Soper.

Mayor Soper invited Dale Nielson, Public Works Director to make his report to the Council. Dale reported the following:

- ∞ Services completed at Jorgensen Subdivision north of Manti.
- ∞ Release gate installation completed at lagoon #3.
- ∞ Maintenance and repairs completed at the dog pound. Has charged ZAN Officer Mike Tillack to do a better job at keeping the facility cleaned and maintained, explaining to him that we don't have the resources to construct a new pound at this time, but that the one we have is certainly adequate and safe for the animals and should be kept in better repair.
- ∞ Citywide "fall cleanup" completed.
- ∞ Water meters to be read this month (the meters are read twice yearly in April and October).
- ∞ Happy to have made it through a very busy summer with limited crewmembers due to some illness and family situations.
- ∞ 2 new services scheduled for installation.

Vaun Mickelsen expressed appreciation to Dale for "all you do".

Mayor Soper thanked Dale for his insight on the dog pound and his efforts to be frugal. He also expressed thanks for getting the fall cleanup completed.

Under continuing business, Kent Barton reported that Duane DeMill reported to him that after discussions with his insurer, it was determined that flood insurance is not covered under his homeowner's policy. The Council had agreed in the September 22nd council meeting to cover up to \$2,500.00 in remaining outstanding damages in the event they would not be covered by his policy for damages he claims were caused due to a backup of the city's sewer system. Barton reported that DeMill agreed that if the city would pay \$1,250.00, he would consider the case closed. After some brief discussion and questions from councilmembers Maylett and Chidester, the Mayor instructed Kent Barton to make payment to the DeMills as was agreed by the Council at the previous meeting.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to councilmembers reports.

Jason Vernon stated that he had a personnel matter for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper reported issues under discussion at the recent UMPA board meeting including the following:

- ∞ Current operating costs are looking good.
- ∞ Purchasing options for base load power to replace contracts expiring in 2017 under review by the board.
- ∞ Reserve fund (rainy day fund) is growing!

The Mayor also spoke briefly about some negative feedback the city had received from a coal miner regarding the banner the city has placed over Main Street advertising the RenewChoice renewable energy program available to UMPA's member cities. He said he wanted citizens to know that neither the city or UMPA are "anti-coal", but that coal is a finite resource and we will need to identify and develop alternative resources to use along with coal.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. After one name misspelling was noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of September 22nd, 2015 as corrected. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Expects to have colorized logo samples ready for the next Council Meeting.
- ∞ Reported progress with the General Plan update that is being worked through in coordination with Dr. Michael Clay from BYU. Indicated he is pleased with the level of citizen participation that we have been getting.
- ∞ Cited samples of encroachment into the city's rights of way and asked if the Council is supportive of tagging and dealing with offending issues. The consensus of the Mayor and Council is that they are.

- ∞ Indicated that he has items dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

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

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

General Account

Utah Municipal Power Agency	\$99,578.29
Brad Maughan	195.00
Manti Post Office	471.41
Kyson Worwood	70.00
Blake Demill	51.99

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator