

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
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. Due to a conflicting commitment, Councilmember Vernon had previously arranged to leave the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and asked that they stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Soper welcomed Mike Tillack, City ZAN Officer and invited him to report to the Council. Tillack explained that during the past couple of months he has made increased efforts to address nuisances, including vehicle storage, on city owned rights-of-way. He said that he has tagged 61 separate property owners, 59 of which have cooperated with him. He said 2 others have not cooperated and their cases would likely end up being resolved in court. Mike also reported on building improvements and maintenance at the City Building and City Complex facilities. Mike also reported that he has scheduled the rabies vaccine clinic for February 27<sup>th</sup> and stated that along with the clinic, he would be making a push to get dog licenses renewed. Mike said he is planning to begin advertising the clinic soon. Mayor Soper thanked Mike for his work and invited Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Superintendent to report to the Council.

Mr. Hatch reported water usage in the city's culinary system over the past year totaled 174 million gallons. For comparison, the previous year's usage totaled 168 million gallons. Hatch also reported on the following:

- ∞ Current levels in the sewer lagoons and ongoing efforts to manage levels through a land application program.
- ∞ Plans to attend the Rural Water Association of Utah Conference and attempt to pass another certification level as system operator.
- ∞ Water from springs running at about normal
- ∞ Preparing for upcoming sewer system inspection
- ∞ Working with several home owners on issues with their lateral lines
- ∞ Application for Tree City USA renewal
- ∞ Repairs at pool dressing rooms
- ∞ Need for eventual G.I.S. mapping

Cory addressed a few questions from the Council after which the Mayor thanked him for his good work.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to the proposed redevelopment of Sister Spring and invited Kent Barton to brief the Council. Barton referred to a proposal from Jones and DeMille engineering included in the packet and explained the proposed scope of work and associated cost estimates, which suggested costs to rehabilitate the spring and repair a nearby collection box would be about \$60,000 to \$120,000 depending on different options included in the proposal. Barton said that he doesn't feel it would be an option to do nothing – that the water in the spring is too valuable for both culinary as well as power generation purposes as the water passes through our upper hydro plant. Cory Hatch agreed that the project is necessary and advocated moving forward with it. Barton further recommended that we budget the project in to next year's budget and stated that a water rate increase would probably be required to be able to get the project done. He said our rates are among the lowest in the county said we need to be building a fund for projects like these that will likely continue to come at us. Barton said: "Our water costs less than \$1 per day per household and the required costs to keep the infrastructure in good repair to deliver that water to our citizens are substantial". Some discussion ensued. Councilmember Vernon asked to be excused as was previously arranged. Councilmember Vaun Mickelsen agreed that we should move forward with the repairs and look at raising water rates. Councilmember Jason Maylett agreed that we should move forward with the repairs but make efforts to avoid raising rates if possible. The Mayor asked Kent Barton to look at rates from surrounding areas to give the Council a feel for how we compare to other communities. He said it appears we need to get the spring work done, and as far as raising rates, he would like to table the discussion until studying comparable rates from other area communities.

Mayor Soper asked that discussion turn to the proposal by the Planning Commission to adopt an Application Fee Schedule for applications that come before the commission for the following:

- ∞ Conditional use permit application
- ∞ Mobile home park conditional use permit application
- ∞ Subdivision application
- ∞ Annexation application
- ∞ Zone map change application
- ∞ Ordinance code amendment application
- ∞ Non-conforming use and structure application

After a quick review of the proposal and some discussion, there was concern from some members of the Council that some of the fees may be too high. Kent Barton offered to get comparable rate schedules from other communities in the area to consider before taking any action. After additional discussion the Mayor asked to table the discussion until comparable data is obtained.

The Mayor directed discussion turn to the request to donate outdated sports equipment for an Eagle Scout Project. Kent Barton explained that a local boy scout is working on a

project to take sports equipment to underserved youth in the Dominican Republic. The scout made a request through Chad Moore, Sports and Recreation Director, for a donation of any outdated or unused equipment for his project. Barton reported that Moore told him that we have a fair amount of discontinued equipment that has no planned use or value in the city's sports program. Discussion ensued after which the Mayor said there was a strong consensus that the discontinued equipment could be donated for the scout project and asked Barton to move forward with it.

Moving to continuing business, the Mayor said the city office had again been asked to place a solicitation for donation for the cemetery improvement project on the utility bill. The mayor referenced a previous decision by the Council that the utility bill not be used for this purpose (March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 minutes) and then asked if the Council would like to consider changing the decision. Several members of the Council stated their desire to not reverse the original decision. After additional discussion, the Mayor stated that it appeared there was a strong consensus to not change the previous decision.

The Mayor then asked if any members of the Council had items of continuing business they wished to discuss. None was desired.

Mayor Soper then reported on the following issues from the recent Mayors' and Commissioners' Meeting:

- ∞ Claudia Jarrett reported that oil lease revenues are down and CIB funds will be more difficult to qualify for in the foreseeable future. That being said, Jarrett also reported that Sanpete County projects have fared well in being approved and that Sanpete had received "more than its fair share" of CIB funding.
- ∞ Congressional Public Hearing to be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in St. George
- ∞ Proposed ranch for wild horses being considered in an area north of Fountain Green near the "divide".
- ∞ A representative from Mia Love's office reported on a bill the congresswoman is authoring that would create one-item bills to combat the practice of "pork-barreling".
- ∞ Mia Love's office is also working to lower US corporate income taxes in an effort to preserve jobs.

The Mayor also reported on the Sanpete Food Pantry and the need for increased financial support for the Pantry. The pantry distributes over 40,000 lbs. of food monthly throughout the county to families and individuals in need. He estimated that 50 – 60 Manti families are currently receiving assistance from the pantry. He said that one program under consideration is being called "kid packs" and would be offered to school children in need to take food items home over the weekend to insure the kids are eating properly. Mayor Soper went on to say that the pantry is in need of financial assistance and asked how the Council felt about renewing the discussion of an add-on to the utility bill to be dedicated to the pantry. Some discussion ensued and no one seemed clear why

action on this issue was not taken last year. The Mayor asked Kent Barton to identify where the discussion died previously and said he would like to ask the Council to reconsider some form of assistance from the city to the pantry.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. After no corrections were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Gary Keddington will report on the financial audit at the February 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- ∞ Progress report with the General Plan update, which is now under review with the Planning Commission.
- ∞ Dr. Clay is planning another visit with his group in order to start working on the next phase of economic development strategies for the city including a vision for Main Street, better leveraging of special events, and a developmental plan for the city property south of town. Barton reported that this round, the group would be working more closely with the Economic Development Committee.
- ∞ Reminded the Mayor and members of the Council about up coming conferences and asked if any desired to attend, that they let the city office know so that reservations and registrations can be completed.
- ∞ Sanpete County Conservation District Meeting planned for tomorrow night at Snow College for the purpose of taking input to develop a coordinated resource management plan for the county. All are invited to attend.
- ∞ Reported that the MIBA Building continues to deteriorate and the need to develop a demolition plans.
- ∞ Keith McKay of State Stone is planning to do some replacement of historic headstones that have deteriorated in several cemeteries throughout the county. McKay has requested assistance from the city to supplement some public funding which has been pledged for the Heritage Highway 89 group. After brief discussion the consensus of the Council was that the City should not participate financially in this project but would certainly cooperate with those doing the work and offer whatever assistance possible.
- ∞ Indicated that he had issues dealing with property negotiation and personnel for discussion in closed session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

General Account

Miller’s Bakery	\$ 31.90
Jones & DeMille Engineering	2,232.50
Jones & DeMille Engineering	10,295.25
Manti City	5,261.72
Dave or Kristen Jorgensen	1,200.00
Valley Builders	79,208.20
Sanpete Justice Court	100.00
Tami Larson	143.65
Utah State Treasurer	523.90
Division of Water Quality	50.00
Justin Aagard	40.00

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator