

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton.

The Mayor recognized Dale Nielson, Public works director and invited him to make his report to the Council. Nielson then reported the following:

- ∞ Cleaning and repairs in the creek at the diversion structure completed.
- ∞ Various waterline and sewer line repairs.
- ∞ Cleaning and maintenance in the flood channel and creek channels.
- ∞ Preparations on 800 North between 5<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> west streets for future paving of that section of road.
- ∞ Preparations on 600 West between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> north streets for future paving of that section of road.
- ∞ Along with those streets, expecting to chip seal 200 North, 100 North and Union Streets.
- ∞ Have cleaned up the old roto mill pile. Used the material to improve the access roads to the south water tank and the city irrigation pond.
- ∞ Removed 6 additional Elm trees from the west side of the cemetery, along with two Pine trees facing the highway that were dying and required removal. Plan to schedule stump grinder once funds are available.
- ∞ Crew worked hard getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.
- ∞ Making preparations at the park for Rat Fink Reunion the weekend.
- ∞ Also, making preparations for Mormon Miracle Pageant, the week following.
- ∞ Working with Sanpete County Road Department to install two large culverts in the flood channel west of town.
- ∞ Weed spraying in process throughout town.

The Mayor asked Dale if he had any ideas on how to slow traffic on 500 south near the mouth of the canyon. Dale replied: “that’s a tough one”. Discussion ensued and various options include portable speed bumps, permanently constructed dips, greater enforcement and signage were considered along with the pros and cons of each. Dale agreed to look into the feasibility and cost of locating a “dip”, Kent Barton agreed to look into the cost of electronic signage. The Mayor thanked Dale for his service to the city.

Mayor Soper then said he would like to suspend rules and move Ted Meikle, Chairman of the Manti Ephraim Airport ahead on the agenda and deal with the remaining business on the agenda afterwards. Meikle thanked the Mayor and went on to report to the Council the board’s interest and efforts in protecting the buffer area around the runway. He said

that county zoning around the airport remains fluid and the cities need a plan to accommodate long range goals”. Meikle then gave a short recent history of the past 15 years including a recent decision by the County Commission to allow an adjoining property owner to construct a home within 500 feet of the north approach of the runway. Mr. Meikle expressed the board’s frustration with decision being that both Manti and Ephraim (who share ownership of the airport) have invested heavily in upgrading the airport for the enjoyment and economic benefit of their communities and the entire valley. Meikle said the FAA was also disappointed to learn of the Commission decision being that they have invested heavily with grant funding in order to improve and expand the facility. Meikle said that the Mt. Pleasant Airport was recently closed largely due to the fact that the city had allowed industrial park encroachment to occur too close to the runway. He suggested that if we don’t take up measures to protect the buffer area, we could put our own airport at risk. He then summarized a meeting that he had with Kent Barton and Brant Hanson the week previous to develop strategy. He went on to talk about possible solutions including working more closely with the county Planning Commission and County Commissioners in an effort to protect the buffer area, the possibility of annexation of the airport by Ephraim City, and the possibility of the two cities purchasing the buffer area from private land owners. He said there was a good possibility we could get FAA assistance with a property purchase. Discussion ensued and Mr. Meikle addressed several questions from members of the Council. Mayor Soper stated that he was disturbed to learn the decision to allow the home to be built in the buffer zone and said that he will write a letter to and speak with the Commissioners to let them know his feelings about the issue. Mr. Meikle thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and support of the airport.

The Mayor then asked members of the council if they were able to review the Sanpete County Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan for 2015 – 2020 and whether they desired any discussion prior to him calling for a motion. Kent Barton added that the plan developed by the Six County Association of Governments and that in order for communities to seek any possible disaster funding in the future, the plan would need to be adopted. Vaun Mickelsen said he didn’t have any concerns about the plan. Darren Dyreng echoed that sentiment. Seeing there was no further discussion desired, the Mayor called for a motion to adopt the Sanpete County Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan for 2015 – 2020. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to the tentative budget for fiscal year 2016 – 2017 and invited Kent Barton to report. Barton stated that the tentative budget was presented and discussed in May, but that we had failed to adopt the tentative budget as required by state statute. Barton then went on to explain that he and staff are continuing to work on final adjustments for the budget prior to a final review by the council and a budget hearing for the general public and adoption of the budget prior to the end of June.

Mayor Soper then called for a motion to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2016 – 2017. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Seeing there was no continuing business for discussion the Mayor invited Council Members to make their reports.

Vaun Mickelsen brought up the need to replace trees that have been removed from the cemetery. Discussion ensued and it appeared the consensus of the Council was that any trees added immediately facing the highway and within the cemetery should continue to be pines. While trees along the west borders could be Ash or Locust trees. Kent Barton agreed to find budget funds for the replacement of at least 5 or 10 trees in the upcoming budget year.

Jason Vernon reported on the first meeting of the new Sports Complex Development Committee, held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. He said that assignments had been made and that another meeting was planned for next week. Kent Barton added that it's a great committee with lots of excitement and willingness to participate.

Mayor Soper then made mention of last Saturday's “Live Your Legacy” event held at the Sanpete County Fairgrounds. He recognized the Committee for their hard work and dedication in planning and carrying out a “first class event”. The Mayor also made mention of the groundbreaking for the “Garden of Treasures Under Temple Light” in which he participated near the entrance to the cemetery with Jane Braithwaite and members of her committee. The Mayor mentioned that grass had been planted north of the heritage wall. He also related that he had asked Jane about simplifying the project by going back to the original design in an effort to get the project completed more quickly. He said Jane seemed unwilling to consider that suggestion. Gary Chidester asked when the deadline for raising of funds for the revised design had passed. Kent Barton stated that it had been at least a year.

The Mayor then asked members of the Council if any remembered a discussion and possible decision concerning the lowering of price for a family pass. Discussion ensued and some said they remembered a discussion but no exact decision was recalled. Kent Barton said he had not been able to locate a decision in the minutes. Barton went on to review the past five years profit and loss statements of the pool and showed the pool is not paying its own way and expressed concerns about decreasing prices being that we have not had any increase in prices since the pool opened. Discussion ensued about the best way to incorporate a family discount. It was determined to move away from a family pass and to create a “punch pass” in larger denominations with corresponding discounts. It was the consensus that this would be a fairer method as family sizes vary and verifying

who belongs to the family in some cases can be problematic. Kent Barton agreed to make recommendation to the Council on punch pass discount for 20 and 30 punch denominations.

Mayor Soper then stated that he was concerned that pool revenue is not increasing and expressed his desire to challenge the pool manager with specific goals or objectives for improvement and revenue growth at the pool. Those objectives included:

- ∞ Increase revenues by 8%. He also stated that this could be accomplished by improving the atmosphere, adding music and perhaps games for patrons.
- ∞ Development of a nepotism policy for the pool.
- ∞ Development of cleanliness standards and expectations for the pool, and dressing room areas.

Discussion ensued and it was clearly the consensus of the Council that improvements were needed, especially in the areas of cleanliness of the dressing rooms and bathroom areas. After more discussion, it was agreed that the Mayor, Kent Barton and a member of the Council would meet with Steve Roberts to discuss expectations.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. Seeing that no changes were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported that the Miner property closing occurred yesterday and that he expected the Sessions, Rasmussen and Barclay closing to occur soon. Barton also updated the Council concerning plans for pageant dinners. Finally, he spoke about needed upcoming meetings in June. After discussion, it was determined that the Council would meet on June 15<sup>th</sup> for the opening, adjustment and closing of the current year (2015 – 2016) budget. Also, it was determined that the Council would meet on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> for a budget hearing and consideration for adoption of the coming year (2016 – 2017) budget.

Barton then indicated that he had items for discussion in closed session concerning personnel and property negotiation.

At 8:25 pm, Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss personnel and property negotiation issues. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, 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, Gary Chidester made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

#### General Account

Utah Municipal Power Agency	\$67,562.44
Bankcard Center	2,864.54
Steve Roberts	250.00
Megan Osmond	150.00
Lacey Shakespear	30.00

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator