

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
7:30 P.M.

Mayor Protempore Vaun Mickelsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Council Members Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Jason Vernon present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton. Mr. Mickelsen noted that Mayor Korry Soper was in route from the airport after attending the APPA convention in Phoenix and expecting to join the meeting in process. He then invited all present to stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance”.

It was noted that the agenda was “light” do to the fact that the primary reason for the meeting was to open and adjust the current year budget as required by state law. Reserving the budget discussion for the Mayor’s arrival, Vaun Mickelsen asked members of the Council if there were any continuing business or Council member reports they desired to discuss.

Seeing there was none, he asked if anyone present would like to make public comment. Merrill Cox of Manti came forward and asked that the City consider giving him an easement for water to pass through a ditch on city property through the sewer lagoon complex. Cox continued giving some history of the area and the construction of the ditch, which occurred after the construction of the sewer ponds, and which passes through property he now leases. Cox stated that Galen and McCrae Christiansen constructed the ditch after they were granted an easement by the city during the 1990’s. Kent Barton asked Cox if the property in question which he has under lease possesses any water rights. Cox responded that it does not but that he has excess water he would like to place in the ditch for use on the property. He then went on to say that after passing through the city’s property, the ditch enters the property he has under lease and added that if the city does not give him an easement, that he will close of the ditch where it enters his property. Kent Barton then stated that based on an earlier discussion had between he and Merrill Cox, that he was investigating the issue to gain an understanding of the Irrigation Company’s position. Barton said after that research is completed, he will advise the Mayor and council so that a decision regarding Cox’s request can be made. Mr. Cox thanked the Council for listening to his concern and said he would await their decision.

Mayor Soper then joined the meeting in progress.

Vaun Mickelsen informed the Mayor where the meeting had progressed as far as items on the agenda and the Mayor then stated that discussion would turn to the opening and adjusting of the budget and asked Kent Barton to explain the adjustments. Barton explained that in keeping with state law, we are required to open and adjust the budget prior to year-end in order that changes from the original budget would carry the approval

of the governing body. Barton then went on to explain that there were no real surprises in either the revenue or expense sides of the budget. He did note several large expenditures that were added including \$40,000 for granite stone pavers for the improvements authorized by the Council at the cemetery "Garden of Treasures". Barton noted that those expenses were offset by contributions that the citizen committee has gathered. Barton also made mention of a \$5,000 trailer repair resulting from damages when loading a track hoe, as increasing expenses in the equipment, repairs and maintenance line of the roads and streets budget. Barton noted that the key difference from the original budget was \$569,000 expenditure, which is anticipated as being made prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> for the purchase of property of the planned sports complex. He stated that all of the money was being transferred from the city's cash reserves. Mayor Soper asked if members of the Council if there were any questions. Seeing none, he called for a motion to open, adjust and close the budget for FY 2015 / 2016. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Mayor Soper then reported on the conference of the American Power Producers Association from which he and Blake DeMill had just returned from attending in Phoenix, Arizona. The Mayor said that the overriding theme of the conference was renewable energy sources including rooftop power generation. He stated that fossil fuels seem to have fallen out of favor even with this association, which understands all the benefits of fossil fuels.

The Mayor then asked about the feasibility of emailing monthly utility bills. Kent Barton stated that he was certain we could do it but that those preferring email would likely need to "enroll" in our online payment program. Barton said he would research the issue and report back.

The Mayor also stated that social media is a great way for communities to update citizens on issues, alerts, events, etc.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. One spelling error was noted, after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the work meeting held with representatives of the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Seeing that no corrections were noted, Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as presented. Gary Chidester made

the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on progress with the Pageant Dinner and Sports Complex Committees both of which are very busy with their respective responsibilities. Barton also stated that he had on item dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss a property negotiation issue. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, 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. Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

General Account

Autographics, Inc.	\$ 909.50
Jill Olsen	300.00
Central Utah Title	83,155.84
Utah State Treasurer	1,665.96
Kyson Worwood	75.00
Blake Demill	3,119.64
Michelle Francks	2,000.00
Michelle Francks	700.00

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator