

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 17th, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. The roll call showed Council Members Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton. Councilmember Gary Chidester was out of town and excused. On invitation from the Mayor, Boy Scout Noah Curtis, stood and led all present in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Noting that Jane Braithwaite had not yet arrived, the Mayor invited Ruby Stull and Darlene Blackham, representatives of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers to address the Council. Stull thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and recognized several other members of the Manti chapter of the D.U.P. also in attendance. She then expressed appreciation for the past support of the Council in allowing the group to house their many artifacts in the city-owned Patten House, which the group operates as a museum. Stull explained that representatives from the state D.U.P. organization have visited the museum and remarked that it houses one of the finest collections of pioneer-era artifacts anywhere in the state of Utah. She then turned the time to Darlene Blackham to discuss concerns with the Patten House itself. Blackham read from a M.O.U. which granted the D.U.P. a 99-year occupation of the Patten House and then explained that the building has some issues which need to be addressed immediately and went on to give details which included the following:

- Poor rain gutter design which empties runoff from the main structures roof right onto the brick lean-to, has caused a leak in the roof, which will need to be repaired and corrected.
- The shake shingles need to be treated for protection from the sun and elements.
- A hinge on the basement door is broken and needs repair.
- Trees in need of trimming.
- House trim in need of paint.
- Birds roosting under the eaves.
- A termite infestation has recently been discovered and needs to be addressed immediately.

Blackham said that some of the issues needed immediate attention, specifically the termite infestation and the roof. She then entertained a few questions from the Mayor and members of the council and some discussion ensued. Following the discussion, the Mayor stated it appears there was a consensus that the maintenance issues with the Patten House be addressed and directed Kent Barton to work with the D.U.P. in taking care of the needed maintenance.

Councilmember Mickelsen asked what hours the museum was open. Stull responded that it is open by appointment except during the Mormon Miracle Pageant, at which time they try to keep it staffed for visitors to the community. The Mayor then thanked Stull, Blackham and other members of the D.U.P. for their important work and for their report. He then welcomed Jane Braithwaite to report on the progress

with the Garden of Treasures, near the cemetery entrance, on which she and her ad-hoc committee have worked tirelessly to develop. Braithwaite recognized other committee members who have worked so hard on the project including Marlene and Rodney Cox and Jay Cluff. She outlined the progress and announced that they plan a dedication ceremony on May 29th (Memorial Day) at 11:00 am. She asked if the city could assist the placement of about 100 chairs.

Kent Barton agreed to have the chairs placed. She also invited all to attend the dedication ceremony and asked the Mayor to share some thoughts during the dedication program, which the Mayor agreed to do. The Mayor then thanked Braithwaite and the members of her committee for their dedicated efforts in beautifying an area of the cemetery that had been an eyesore for many years ever since 100 East Street was rerouted around the cemetery several years earlier. Several members of the Council echoed the Mayor's sentiments and appreciation.

The Mayor excused Councilmember Vernon to attend to a family commitment.

The Mayor then invited Cathy Whitaker to come forward. Whitaker distributed a plat map and overhead Google map of her residential property, which adjoins city-owned property directly east of the City Complex office-building parking lot. She stated that she desires to add some structures to her property and would like to purchase a strip of property from the city between her property fence and the parking lot. Councilmember Maylett said that from the diagrams she presented it appeared that she already owned most of it. Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor said the city would study the issue including nearby utility line and city creek placement and consider her request. Whitaker expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council.

The Mayor then noted that long-time Municipal Court Judge, Ivo Peterson, planned to retire and invited Kent Barton to explain the process for the replacement of a judge. Barton explained that each county in the state has a committee that includes three state-appointed and includes a member of the Utah State Bar. Barton went on to explain that when a judge is replaced, the community appointed 2 citizens at large to join the committee. The committee solicits applications for the replacement judge and conducts a review of the applicants, and forward 3 recommendations to the Mayor and Council, who then make the final selection. Barton then noted that we have several past Mayors in the community that might be good choices to consider for the committee. Some discussion ensued and it was agreed that all would give the issue some thought and come back to the Mayor with final recommendations.

The Mayor then directed that discussion turned to a proposed resolution to renew the Utah Enterprise Zone Program in all of the city's commercial and industrial zones. Kent Barton explained that 5 years ago, the Council had voted to designate our commercial and industrial zones as enterprise zones, allowing those who operate some categories of business there to apply for tax credits under the program. Barton said that he is aware of several businesses, which have benefited under the program. He also said that the program costs the city nothing and that he sees no reason why we would not want to renew the program. Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor read the proposed resolution and then called for a resolution to adopt it. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then directed that discussion turn to the renewal of the annual Fire Protection Agreement with Sanpete County, which needs to be renewed for the upcoming fiscal year. After brief discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to renew the agreement as submitted by the county (copy placed in the council packet). Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Mayor Soper then asked Kent Barton to present the tentative budget of FY2017/2018. Barton displayed a summary of expected revenues and expenses by department including the three utility funds (water, sewer and electric). He noted that the tentative budget included the following proposed increases to monthly utility bills:

- \$1.00 monthly increase for culinary water from \$27.50 to \$28.50. Explained that the increase was needed to regenerate the reserve fund, which was largely depleted due to recent redevelopment costs of Sister Spring and the nearby spring collection box near the mouth of Hougaard Fork.
- \$1.00 monthly increase per garbage dumpster. Explained that the increase was proposed to rebuild the equipment replacement fund, which was depleted to replace the old garbage truck, which failed last year.
- Proposed that a \$1.00 monthly fee be assessed to each residence for the purpose of acquiring self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment which, is required personal protection equipment that our volunteer fire fighters must have for their protection and in order for our department to operate in compliance under state safety standards.
- Reminded the council that beginning July 1, 2017, the county has assessed an additional \$.50 for the operation of the county landfill. The city will collect the funds from all utility users and pass them through to the county.

Barton noted that total projected budget revenues of \$2,023,690 included transfers from the sewer and electric funds of \$22,480 and \$450,000 respectively. He also noted that Sports Complex development expenses of about \$3. million would be handled through the Municipal Building Authority and that all of those funds are in place in a PTIF escrow account controlled by the state. Barton also advised the council that the detailed tentative budget was in the packet and would also be available at the city office for citizens desiring to view the budget. He also pointed out that the tentative budget is a starting point required by the state, to be accepted by each municipality at its first meeting in May, and that a final budget would need to be passed in June, after a public hearing was held, where residents would have the opportunity to make public comment.

The Mayor thanked Barton for the budget presentation and asked if there were any questions from the council. After some discussion the Mayor called for a motion to accept the tentative budget. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Moving to councilmember reports, Jason Maylett inquired about pothole repairs and mentioned some very deep hole which have developed on 850 North Street near Highway 89, and on 800 North Street near the football field parking lot. Kent Barton said that both areas are scheduled for repair as soon as hot mix is delivered. Maylett also asked about efforts to cleanup residential properties near the sports complex. Barton said that Bryan Bies, the new ZAN officer who was recently hired has those areas on his list and that he expects the owners and residents to receive nuisance letters soon. Darren Dyreng mentioned that he had received a request from a resident to consider creating a BMX bicycle pump park somewhere on city property. Some discussion ensued and possible sites were discussed.

Mayor Soper then reported on the recent Mayors' and Commissioners' Meeting and related an interesting presentation from a gentleman concerning an epidemic of teen suicide in our state which ranked 5th nationally, and appears to be trending in the number 4 spot for the current year, and is the 3rd leading cause of death for children between the ages of 10 and 14. The Mayor suggested that perhaps we could consider inviting him to a future council meeting, along with youth from our community. The Mayor also mentioned that the new UMPA building is nearly complete and it is expected that the move to the new building will occur in early June.

The Mayor then asked if anyone had changes or corrections to be made to the minutes. Seeing there were none, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 26th Council Meeting as presented. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- Reminded councilmembers of the recognition ceremony planned for Saturday June 3rd to honor the Manti unit of the National Guard as the top field artillery battery in the army. Said that the ceremony would begin at 9:30 and afterward the council would cook hamburgers and serve lunch to the soldiers.
- Updated the council on the progress with the Main Street construction, saying the roto-mill and resurfacing portions of the project would be delayed until after the 4th of July. Said that all operations would cease and there would be no traffic lane or pedestrian ramp restrictions during the pageant (June 15th – June 24th).
- Updated the council with a progress report of the sports complex.
- Reported that the 6-Mile hydro plant is now operating and sending electricity onto our Manti power grid.
- Recommended placement of stops signs on north and southbound 600 South at 500 West, due to the completion of a new shed at the county public works yard that has greatly reduced visibility for cross traffic. After brief discussion, the consensus of the council was to proceed with placement of the stop signs.
- He then noted that he has items dealing with and possible litigation for discussion in closed session.

At 18:05 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss issues dealing with and possible litigation. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. The Mayor then called for a vote by roll call with Councilmember Darren Dyreng voting "aye", Councilmember Jason Maylett voting "aye", and Councilmember Vaun Mickelsen voting "aye". 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": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

General Account

Utah State Treasurer	\$11834.79
Lacie Barton	111175.00
Eileen Howe	111113.68
State Stone	1 2,414.00
Kellan Jones	111150.00
Desirae Jones	111150.00
Dani Hollows	111150.00
Jared Hollows	111150.00
Charlyn Jones	111150.00
Justin Aagard	111140.00
Teri Lee Hammond	111125.00
Tami Hansen	111125.00
Ephraim City	111170.00
Kory Howard	111191.25
Lynnzie Williams	111418.10
Creative Signs and Graphics	111883.89
Miller's Bakery	111175.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator