

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 4th, 2016
6:40 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present along with City Administrator Kent Barton. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and invited them to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked that discussion turn to a request by Manti High School to use space in the City Building for the Severe Disabled Student Program. Kent Barton explained that he had met with program instructors BethAnne Chidester and Jordan Allred regarding their program needs for students between 18 – 22 years of age. Barton said he had identified a vacant room on the 2nd floor of the building, which Chidester and Allred thought would work very well. Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor said he had a strong consensus to make the space available to Manti High School and called for a motion as such. Jason Maylett 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.

Moving to continuing business Jason Maylett advised the Council concerning recent discussions he had with Kevin Olsen Fire Chief of the Manti Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that financially, the department does not have the resources needed for the required personal protective equipment and SCBA equipment. Some discussion ensued and it was determined that we look at what we can do in upcoming budget discussion to provide more from the city to the fire department. Maylett said: “We don’t have the world to give, but should do what we can”.

Darren Dyreng advised the Council of the recent 5K run, which was planned and carried out by the Manti City Youth City Council. Dyreng said: “It was a great event” and noted that the event raised over \$900.00, all of which will be donated to the Sanpete County Children’s Justice Center.

Mayor Soper then recognized the newly crowned Miss Manti Royalty and invited them to come forward. The Royalty was introduced as:

Jillane Olsen – Miss Manti
Kaitlyn Keisel – 1st Attendant
Kristlyn Peterson – 2nd Attendant

The young ladies then addressed the Council with each giving a brief explanation of their respective community platforms. The Mayor congratulated them for their achievements and for their interest in improving the community through their platform work.

Mayor Soper then recognized members of the Manti High School Speech and Drama Department who were recently named 2A Theatre State Champions. The Mayor congratulated the students for their work and then read a resolution recognizing their achievement and called for a motion to adopt the resolution. Darren Dyreng 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. The Mayor and Council then signed the official resolution and Mayor Soper presented it to the students as they posed for a photograph.

Mayor Soper then read a press release from the Utah Municipal Power Agency (UMPA) regarding the decision of the agency to purchase a natural gas power generation plant in West Valley City. The Mayor stated: “This will help to provide stable power supply and costs for the next 30 years”. He also mentioned that the purchase has been under consideration for some time and is considered a proactive move to provide affordable and ample power supplies for the foreseeable future to the 6 cities who share ownership of UMPA.

Mayor Soper 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 April 20th, 2016 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Tentative meeting with Dave Berg slated for June 23rd or 24th regarding electric cost of service study commissioned by UMPA.
- ∞ Update on Temple Spring tank and line replacement project.
- ∞ Explained that the Board of Trustees at last Friday’s meeting approved a 4-year degree program for Software Engineering at Snow College. The change will require final approval from the Utah System of Higher Education.
- ∞ Advised of meeting tomorrow with UMPA and BMB regarding planned 6-mile hydro plant and interconnection with Manti City Power.
- ∞ Tentative meeting set for mid June with Forest Service officials regarding required permits for planned work in the Sister Spring area, in Hougaard Fork.
- ∞ Discussed concerns with timeline and design changes with the ad hoc committee spearheading improvements near the pioneer memorial wall at the south entrance to the cemetery.

- ∞ Said that he had items dealing with property negotiation and personnel for discussion in closed session.

At 7:40 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, 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, Gary Chidester made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator