

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2011
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen and Korry Soper present.

Mayor Madsen noted there was a quorum present and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson.

Dale reported that there have been six to seven days of snow removal since the 16th of December and some of the days have exceeded 12 or 13 hour shifts. He noted they are now hauling snow from the business district.

Dale said there also have been two or three burials per week for the last four weeks.

Dale made note of an unusual ice build up and ice flow in the flood channel below town and that it is being monitored but no action is being taken at this time.

Councilmember Christiansen made note of the great many tree limbs broken by the recent snow and inquired if the City would be picking up these limbs. Some discussion ensued and Dale indicated that Manti City would be picking up the tree limbs if they were street side. Councilmember Justesen inquired if the Christmas trees left street side were being picked up and Dale said they were.

Councilmember Thompson complimented the crew on the fantastic job on snow removal from the Manti City streets.

Councilmember Justesen inquired as to airport snow removal and certain technical requirements relative to snow removal.

Dale then provided information on the most recent snow reports showing snow amounts and water content which is between 150 and 200 percent of average for this time of year.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Superintendent Rogers provided written materials (attached to and made part of the minutes) to the Mayor and Council showing the December projects list, the annual report on load by customer class, electric use by City owned facilities, the project list planned for 2011 and the project list for 2010.

Gene reported the electric department is now working on tree trimming and line cleaning, etc. Some discussion on the quality of delivery in the direction of the current feed to Manti City, etc. ensued.

Gene advised the Council they had installed the new radios in City equipment and in the course of installation had found it necessary to replace the floor board in one of the trucks which had rusted out.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired if the power department plans to rebuild the mountain power line and Gene said that was their intent however this is a major project.

Gene also made note of the necessity for scheduling the power line re-route at the Osguthorpe property.

He reported on power pole and transformer purchase and current inventories which are being held to a minimum.

Councilmember Justesen inquired if there were any situations existing in Manti similar to the situation in Ephraim that had resulted in electrical problems in that community recently. Gene said there could be such problems if a snow load that heavy develops.

Councilmember Justesen then made note of the cost of service report furnished by Gene relative to street lighting cost for 1996, 1997 and 1998. Gene indicated many of these numbers were estimates and the estimates are now more refined.

Mayor Madsen expressed appreciation to the power crew for the outstanding work performed during the recent snow storms.

3. Mayor Madsen stated that continuing business should be addressed.
 - a. The City Recorder reported that he has been contacted by Mr. Clint Ashton, renter in the MIBA building who had advised he has received some contracts which are currently being worked on by his firm. He hopes to make payments to Manti City on at least the utility portions by the end of the month.
 - b. Mayor Madsen made note of the MIBA disbursement and referenced a communication provided by the MIBA committee outlining same. Considerable general discussion ensued relative to projects funded, the amount of money involved, etc.
 - c. Councilmember Justesen made note of the ordinance revisions that had been provided and also made note of the cell phone tower information he had received. Some discussion ensued and the matter was tabled pending additional input from the Planning Commission.
 - d. Councilmember Justesen made note of a specific problem relative to utilization of small lots and the Recorder was instructed to outline options in addressing this concern.

4. Councilmember Christiansen made note of the memorandum on meter reader compensation and considerable discussion ensued after which Councilmember Justesen said more information was needed relative to the job. The Recorder was instructed to have that information provided to the Council.

Councilmember Christiansen made note of the recommendation relative to on-call pay and some discussion ensued with the matter being tabled pending further review.

Councilmember Christiansen said a customer had come into the office on Thursday afternoon and the office had been closed. He inquired as to the reason for this.

City Recorder reported that the office staff had been down to one individual and he authorized closing of the office at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon as prelude to New Years. Councilmember Christiansen indicated that this was not the type of work environment he was used to.

Councilmember Christiansen made note of expenditures for Kenny Keller's training, testing, etc. and inquired as to what investment Kenny was making in this project aside from his time. Considerable general discussion ensued relative to electrical department personnel training.

5. Councilmember Justesen inquired as to who had won the large screen television given away as part of the Christmas retail promotion and the Mayor advised that Sharon Stilson had been the winner this year. Some discussion ensued relative to the scope of promotion occurring next year for this event. The Mayor noted this is a function of the Chamber of Commerce with City support and the Chamber would be the group to work with.

Councilmember Justesen inquired as to how much money would be at risk in the bankruptcy hearing on Stockman's Restaurant. The City Recorder reported the amount of \$1,653.79 current billing plus the initial fee waivers by Manti City to get the business started which was an additional \$1,200.00. The amount to appear in bankruptcy would be the \$1,600.00 number.

Councilmember Justesen then reported on a business that was operating with the 240 volt system and had bought some equipment at 208 volts. He noted the problem had been addressed by the power department.

6. Councilmember Thompson reported that the Library Board will be meeting on January 18th. He made note of inquiries relative to space that might be available in the MIBA building.

7. Mayor Madsen made note of the following items . . .

- a. Possible information from Tim Bawdin regarding 100 East Street.
- b. The audit report is very favorable and she then reviewed amount of bond payment reductions that will be experienced by Manti City in 2011.
- c. The sales tax report for point of sale noting there has been a slight increase in the amount collected.
- d. The Arts Council has met and they are definitely organizing a program for later in the month or February.

8. The minutes of the December 15, 2010 council meeting were reviewed and following review Councilmember Justesen moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

9. The City Recorder advised the Mayor and Council as follows . . .
 - a. Financial Advisor Gary Keddington will present the 2010 audit report at the meeting of January 19th.
 - b. Manti City officers will be meeting with the Community Impact Board on Thursday morning to request funding for the sewer lagoon study.
 - c. The Rural Water Association of Utah water conference is scheduled for the first part of March and those interested in attending should contact JoAnn at the City office.
 - d. It is anticipated the mid-year financial report will be given at the first meeting in February.

10. Councilmember Thompson moved the City Council adjourn from regular session and reconvene in executive session to address legal and property issues, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Regular session resumed following executive session.

11. Councilmember Thompson moved to pay the bills as presented and to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

General Account

Justin Aagard	\$ 40.00
Empire Builders	765.00
Utah Division of Finance	29,290.00
PEHP	18,776.08
Justin Aagard	40.00
UMPA	69,203.35
Emily Bolger	40.00
Manti Post Office	405.23

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator