

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 18th, 2015
6:40 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present. Councilmembers Darren Dyreng and Ryan Phelps were excused. The Mayor welcomed all attending and asked them to stand and join him in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor recognized Kendrick Thomas, representing Jones and DeMille Engineering. Kendrick distributed a "Tabulation of Bids" received for the Ambulance Building. He explained that the "engineer's estimate" for the project was \$956,000 and that a total of 14 bids were received with the highest bid being \$974,800 and the lowest coming in at \$723,800 from Valley Builders of Gunnison, Utah. The next three lowest bids were \$756,000, \$764,8520 and 766,166, respectively. Thomas then made recommendation that Valley Builders bid of \$723,800 be accepted by the Council. Thomas then spoke the list of subcontractors and discussed reference checks he had made for several on the list. Some discussion ensued and Thomas entertained several questions from members of the Council, after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept Valley Builders bid of \$723,800 for the construction of the Ambulance Building. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then recognized Jane Braithwaite and Jay Cluff representing the citizens group that is working for upgrades at the entrance to the cemetery. They reported on fundraising efforts for the project and shared an artist's rendering and other collateral materials they are working to develop to support the funding and completion of the project they have envisioned around the pioneer Memorial Wall in the south west corner of the cemetery. Discussion ensued during which time Braithwaite and Cluff entertained several questions from the Mayor and members of the Council. Based on some of the questions asked, there appeared to be some concern about the growing scale of the project and substantial amount of money remaining to be earned. Mayor Soper asked when they planned to complete fundraising efforts. Mr. Cluff replied that their intention is to have all fundraising completed before Memorial Day and added "we're not going to let you down". The Mayor thanked Mrs. Braithwaite and Mr. Cluff for their interest in Manti and efforts to improve the community.

Mayor Soper then asked if any members of the Council wished to discuss the proposed "net metering" ordinance before he called for a motion to adopt such. Seeing there was no discussion desired, the Mayor called for a motion to adopt ordinance number 2015-02-18 dealing with net metering for residents that generate their own electricity through specified means. Jason Maylett made that motion, which was seconded by Jason Vernon.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon.
Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Moving to continuing business, Mayor Soper noted that Nancy Bean was in attendance and asked if she had an update regarding liability insurance for the office area in the old sewing plant that she has requested to use as a clothing exchange. Nancy came to the podium and stated that she has received word from Utah Foster Care that they would be willing to cover the insurance. Kent Barton agreed to make contact with Utah Foster Care to outline the city’s requirements.

The Mayor asked if any councilmembers had items for discussion.

Jason Maylett gave a progress report on the city building improvements now underway, and stated that completion is 3 to 4 weeks away.

Vaun Mickelsen displayed a letter, which he said has been going to some homeowners in the community. The letter offers insurance for water lines on the customer’s side of the meter and Mickelsen stated that some citizens have wondered if the letters were sent from the city. Kent Barton stated that a few citizens had called the city office with questions about similar letters. He stated that the letters are not from the city but do offer private insurance for underground pipes that would be the customer’s responsibility in the event of failure.

Mayor Soper then read a letter that was dropped in the city’s night deposit drop by an unidentified person who said the city should develop a skate park for the kids in town. The Mayor said he was happy to receive the letter but regretted it had not been signed which made it impossible to respond personally to the author. Mayor Soper then re-stated his longstanding philosophy and support of citizen groups that are well organized and working towards a goal of improving the city.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous council meeting. After no corrections were noted, he called for a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting of February 4th, 2015 as presented. Jason Vernon made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: 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 Public Hearing of February 4th, 2015. After no corrections were noted, he called for a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting of February 4th, 2015 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported that the Easter Egg Committee has requested \$1,200 for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter weekend; that being the same amount they were allowed last year. Discussion ensued and the consensus of the Council was to allow the funds as requested.

Barton also reported on the following:

- Completed negotiations with Manti City Creek Water Users to rent a small suite in the city building for \$190 per month. He said they plan to occupy the space on March 1st.
- Rural Water Conference Scheduled next week in St. George.
- Stated that he had items dealing with property negotiation and legal matters and personnel for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation, personnel and legal matters. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: 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, Jason Vernon made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Vaun Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

General Account

Utah State Treasurer	\$803.50
Justin Aagard	40.00
JoAnn Otten	195.00
Michelle Francks	83.06

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator