

Manti City Council Meeting

MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2020
6:30 PM

MANTI CITY BUILDING
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MEETING CALLED BY	Mayor Korry L. Soper
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Council Meeting
ATTENDEES	Mayor: Korry Soper Councilmembers: Mary Wintch, Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon , Jason Maylett and Gary Chidester City Manager: Kent Barton Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	None
WELCOME	Mayor Soper
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Suspended

Agenda Items

ITEM 1	Draft Ordinance #2020-04-01 - Allowing Public Body to Conduct Meetings Electronically.
<p>Mayor Soper stated that this council meeting would be a historical event as it is the first time in History that a Manti City Council meeting would convene electronically. He said that due to COVID-19, no groups larger than 10 people and not closer than 6-feet a part would be permitted under the governor's directive. As a result, the council would need to hold electronic meetings for an undetermined amount of time.</p> <p>Mayor Soper then introduced Ordinance #2020-04-01, an ordinance providing for Manti City to convene and conduct electronic meetings in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207. He explained that an ordinance such as the proposed must be in place in order to hold electronic meetings.</p>	

City Manager Barton stated that Governor Herbert relaxed the current state code temporarily to allow cities to meet electronically for the adoption of such an ordinance. He explained that the Governor also temporarily relaxed the requirement in the code that there be an anchor location for the meeting, meaning that all participants will be able to join electronically.

CONCLUSIONS

Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to accept Ordinance 2020-04-01 as written, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon, Jason Maylett, Mary Anderson and Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ITEM 2 Continuing Business

- Mayor Soper said that a public hearing regarding the proposed zoning changes had been postponed due to the “stay at home” order and inquired if the City Council wanted to conduct a public hearing via electronic meeting or wait until a normal meeting may be held.

Councilmember Dyreng stated that he felt it would be best to table the public hearing until such time as a group meeting could be held.

Councilmember Vernon said he agreed and felt that it is not essential to have the meeting until June if the “stay at home” order has been lifted.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and City Council to table the discussion relative to the proposed zoning ordinance until the next council meeting.

- City Manager Barton stated that a public hearing relative to the upcoming year budget must be scheduled for June, and may possibly need to be conducted electronically.

ITEM 3 Councilmembers Reports

There were none.

ITEM 4 Mayor Korry Soper

Mayor Soper reported on the following:

- Met briefly with UMPA via teleconference and discussed the budget. The Agency is moving forward during the COVID-19 epidemic and monitoring buying and selling of power. There are no concerns relative to the power needs of the UMPA members.
- The Clean Air Equipment Exchange Program has been moved to May.
- Mayor Soper said that city celebrations and city league youth sports will be postponed and residents will be advised if and when rescheduling will take place.

ITEM 8	Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meeting
<p>The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous regular council meeting. After brief discussion, seeing there were no errors or changes noted, he called for a motion to accept the minutes.</p>	
ACTION TAKEN	
<p>Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2020 regular Council Meeting, Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Jason Maylett, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.</p>	

ITEM 9	City Manager’s Report
<p>City Manager Kent Barton reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported on a local mortuary requesting to have an outdoor grave-side service with multiple tents for family members to gather in at a burial service. The Governor’s no gathering order applies to outdoor events as well as indoor. Barton recommended that the city post a policy requiring “social distancing” in the cemetery, to be in agreement with what Governor Herbert has directed. He recommended that a letter and copy of the policy be sent to local ecclesiastical leaders and funeral homes, seeking cooperation in planning for burials. After discussion the Mayor and Council concurred and requested a letter sent to ecclesiastic leaders and mortuaries notifying them of this policy. • Met with staff to discuss social distancing and keeping employees safe. He said that the crew is continuing to install utilities and staying busy with outdoor projects and other springtime work. • Requests were received from Roger Cox and MaCrae Christiansen to hook onto the Brigham Field pressurized irrigation line. He said the city does not own or control the line but had been told that the irrigation board would like a written statement from those with an interest in the line. He said he doesn’t 	

see a problem with the request, but again reiterated that the irrigation company controls distribution of water in the lines. Also, the MaCrae Christiansen request has been received to extend the Brigham Field irrigation across the east side of the 53-acre parcel of city-owned property where the planned land application of sewer lagoon water project is to occur. Barton said he doesn't see a problem with granting an easement within 10 feet of the fence line.

- Advised that McKray Johnson has made a request to lease 25 shares of water in the Brigham Field line. Barton said the shares won't be needed by the city and recommends putting out a bid request so all interested would be able to bid on the water.
- Advised that Scott Miller has made a request to lease 53-acre parcel of city-owned property where the planned land application of sewer lagoon water project is to occur. Barton said the city should look at leasing options for the property after the project is completed later in the year. However, he recommends putting out a bid request so all interested would be able to bid on the use of the property.

Seeing that there was no additional business or discussion desired or on the agenda, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilmember Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Jason Maylett, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon. Councilmember voting "nay": none.

ADJOURNED	7:45 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – April 15, 2020

General Account

Utah State Tax Commission	\$ 132.55
Pam Lund	1,200.00
Kent Barton	294.76
Utah Airport Operator Conference	150.00

Breezy Anderson	40.00
Bryan Bies	75.00
Jake Nielson	84.68
Kent Barton	262.82
Melynda Ward	75.00
State Heat Office	32.72
Isaac Peterson	10.00
Mountain America Credit Union	485.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	106,833.02

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

JoAnn Otten, City Recorder