

Manti City Council Meeting

MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 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: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Darren Dyreng and Mary L. Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Jason Vernon
WELCOME	Mayor Soper
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Soper

Agenda Items

ITEM 1	Russell Hatch, Manti Citizen Corps - Request to address Mayor and Council regarding “duty of care” for Manti residents.
<p>Mr. Hatch stated that he is representing the Manti City Citizen Corps, which is a group of concerned citizens that care about the community. He stated that the mission of the Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer services to make communities a safer and stronger place.</p> <p>He said that the Citizen Corps program is developed to bring together local government, business and community leaders to prepare their communities for disaster and to make them more resilient. This would be a volunteer organization to assist the city in being better prepared for an emergency – go into readiness – and recovery. Mr. Hatch provided an ordinance ,which Spring City has adopted, for</p>	

review by the Mayor and City Council. He stated that this program would not require any funding from the city.

Mayor Soper stated that there is a national organization affiliated with FEMA, which provides coordination of efforts.

Mayor Soper acknowledged Sanpete County Sheriff Brian Nielson and asked him to express his feelings regarding the Citizen Corps organization.

Sheriff Nielson said that the organization is recognized by the State of Utah but would be required to be sponsored by Manti City. He stated that it is organized somewhat like the Sanpete County Search and Rescue volunteers. He also stated that the group could be recognized by resolution if the Council prefers not to do it by ordinance. He said he was not there to make a recommendation either way.

CONCLUSIONS

Some discussion ensued after which Mayor Soper thanked Mr. Hatch and said the Council would study the issue and get back to the organization.

ITEM 2	Carson Howell - Request to address Mayor and Council Regarding out-of-city culinary water service.
<p>Mr. Howell stated that he is currently building a house north of the high school in the Scott Olsen Subdivision, which is located in Sanpete County. He said that according to Manti City ordinance he would be required to transfer .75 share of water to Manti City in order to be connected to city water.</p> <p>Mr. Howell said that the property he purchased only included 1.25 shares of water and this leaves him short to water his property if he is required to provide .75 shares to Manti City . He also provided data comparing “requested vs proposed” water shares and said that he had met with the Manti City Creek Water Users and that he believes .13 shares of water would be sufficient instead of the required .75 shares.</p> <p>Mr. Howell then requested that the ordinance #13.04 be reviewed and adjustments be made for those that do not have enough water to transfer .75 shares in order to be connected to city water.</p> <p>City Manager Barton said that the ordinance requiring the transfer of water was created in order to protect the city’s culinary system. He also advised that any adjustments or changes to the ordinance should occur only after an engineering firm has been hired to study the issue and make a recommendation.</p>	

CONCLUSIONS	
Mayor Soper stated that the matter will be discussed by the City Council.	

ITEM 3	Ken Kelsch - Request to address Mayor and Council regarding “How to improve the connection of our local Manti services/businesses to consumers”.
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Mr. Ken Kelsch said that he was present to suggest to the Mayor and Council that more information be provided on the city website as to services which are available to the community. He felt that adding a page with the listing of businesses and services such as plumbing, electrical, etc. services ,which are available, would be very helpful to the community.

He also requested that the minutes of previous minutes be available on the website.

CONCLUSIONS	
Mayor Soper thanked Mr. Kelsch and instructed staff to follow up on this item.	

ITEM 4	Continuing Business
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City Manager Barton asked if the Mayor and Council is ready to move ahead with scheduling a hearing on the proposed zoning changes.

Mayor Soper said that it had been the wishes of the council to wait until the COVID-19 level is green but seeing that the level is not going to change too soon he asked the thoughts of the Council.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that City Manager check into available areas that would be large enough to allow for social distancing and move forward with the hearing.

ITEM 5	Councilmembers Reports
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Councilmember Dyreng remarked how nice the chip seal at the ballfield north parking lot looked.

Councilmember Wintch reported that many citizens had commented how happy they were that the swimming pool was able to be open and rented for parties.

ITEM 6	Mayor Soper
<p>Mayor Soper reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Utah Public Health Department latest report on COVID-19 cases as of August 4th . . . 113 total cases, 9 hospitalized, 36 current with no deaths. • Received an email from Chris Firmage with Clean City and encouraged Manti City to support or pledge an Idle Free program. The program encourages citizens to turn their vehicles off when not moving. Mayor Soper advised that he accepted the pledge on behalf of Manti City. 	

ITEM 7	Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meeting
<p>The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous regular council meeting of July 8, 2020. Seeing there were no errors or changes noted, he called for motions to accept the minutes as presented.</p>	
ACTION TAKEN	
<p>Councilmember Jason Maylett made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 8th regular Council Meeting, second by Gary Chidester seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Maylett, Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.</p>	

ITEM 8	City Manager’s Report
<p>City Manager Kent Barton reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land application for the sewer project has been approved by the Department of Environmental Quality. A pre-bid meeting will be held August 13th with the bid opening on August 28th. This project is planned to begin in the fall and will significantly extend the life of the sewer lagoons. • Submitted an application to the State of Utah for Corona Virus Relief funds, which will be available for expenses realized by the city due to Covid-19. • The Manti ATV ride held in July was a big success with 99 registered riders, which is the largest to date. The second ride is scheduled for September 18th and 19th. This ride provides an economic boost for the local hotels and dining establishments. • Librarian Cynthia Lopez is continuing to work with the Census to get people on line and report. Manti has 72.5 percent of citizens that have completed the census. • Reported that staff is working on how to improve the website and a proposal will be forthcoming in the near future. 	

- The Friend’s of the Sanpete County Children’s Justice Center has asked for a donation noting that Manti City has donated \$200.00 in the past. The Mayor and Council concurred with this donation.
- Has an item for executive session dealing with litigation.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Darren Dyreng made the motion to move out of regular session into executive session to discuss litigation matters, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Councilmember Gary Chidester then made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Mary Wintch.

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

ADJOURNED	8:20 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – August 19, 2020

General Account

Utah State Treasurer	\$ 688.50
Brad Dyreng	34.32
Doug Dyreng	147.56
Rochelle Starr Jensen	1,250.00
Utah Division of Water Rights	250.00
Cassidie Goold	20.00
Dolan Miller	1,200.00
Kevin Daniels	900.00
Vern Jensen	93.96
Cory Hatch	44.52

Utah State Tax Commission	4,377.94
Cassidie Goold	166.10
Zions Bank	8,802.99
Manti City Creek Water Users	18,446.02
Michelle Francks	175.00
Utah State Treasurer	362.34

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

JoAnn Otten, City Recorder