

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2010
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen noted a quorum was present. She then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Merrill Ogden and Richard Cox representing the Manti City Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ogden introduced Natalie Halling, Youth City Councilmember, who is working with Mr. Ogden and Mr. Cox on their project for Trunk or Treat.

Mr. Ogden briefly outlined their request for the endorsement and support of the Trunk or Treat activity scheduled for October 30, 2010.

Richard Cox, Manti Chamber President reported on the Chamber of Commerce activities during the year to date much of which has been business enhancement oriented. He made note of a Meet Your Candidate Night scheduled for October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Madsen noted that a City Council meeting was scheduled for October 20th and directed that it be rescheduled for 6:00 p.m. to allow the Council an opportunity to attend Meet Your Candidate Night.

Following some additional discussion Councilmember Justesen moved to endorse and support the Trunk or Treat program being undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Korry Soper and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Senator Ralph Okerlund.

Senator Okerlund thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him a few minutes to meet with them. He stated he has been meeting with each community in his district of which there are 47 cities and towns. He said he wished to use the time to report on both activities and to accept input from the elected officials about where he should be placing his emphasis at the State Legislative level.

Senator Okerlund reported on State budget matters, budget forecast, school and transportation issues and the long range economic forecast.

The Senator then reported that Utah has been rated as the number one state to move out of the recession based on a conservative government and a strong conservative economy. He felt that Sanpete County would experience growth in the near future and local government should be prepared for that growth. He then invited questions or

comments. Some discussion ensued with comments and questions from the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Senator Okerlund thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and Mayor Madsen thanked the Senator for taking the time to visit with elected officials in Manti.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized Natalie Halling of the Youth Council and thanked her for being present. She also requested that Natalie convey to the Youth Council that hearing a report from the Youth Council on a regular basis would be worthwhile.

Natalie indicated that it was their intent to report to the City Council monthly when projects were underway.

4. Mayor Madsen recognized representatives of United Recovery Group, Mr. Ben Brown and Mr. Brian Harbican.

Mr. Brown said they have been in business for five years and worked well with clients. Their firm prides itself on follow up and ready information to the clients as to account status.

Mr. Harbican then explained United Recovery Groups IT site which provides detail on accounts that are currently placed for collection.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to the compensation for the service and Mr. Brown said they receive 33 percent of the collected amount which quite often is an add-on amount at the time the account is turned for collection so the net cost to the City is negligible.

Councilmember Thompson inquired as to where their firm is based and Mr. Brown said they are based out of Lehi. Councilmember Justesen inquired as to how many employees they have and Mr. Brown said they have 15 core employees and approximately 30 who work in collections.

Councilmember Justesen inquired as to the contract format and Mr. Harbican explained this is an open end agreement with no long term ties based strictly on performance.

Mayor Madsen indicated they would be advised as to the decision of the Council.

5. Mayor Madsen made note of the possible moratorium on building and zoning permits on unplatted streets in Manti.

Councilmember Christiansen felt the moratorium should be enacted.

Councilmember Justesen explained observations by Craig Call relative to determining setbacks from unplatted streets.

Mayor Madsen made note of a possible motion format which could be used for a moratorium and felt that the revised procedures, if any, should definitely be reviewed by the Planning Commission prior to implementation.

Following some additional discussion Councilmember Justesen moved that Manti City declare a moratorium on the issuance of zoning permits on property adjacent to unplatted streets in Manti City until such time as adequate ordinances and procedures have been adopted and put in place to govern the measuring of setbacks for construction

adjacent to unplatted streets. This moratorium to take effect immediately upon adoption and to remain in effect for a period of up to six-months or until such time as the ordinances and procedures have been established, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmember voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Korry Soper, Galen Christiansen and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: Loren Thompson who said he would like to see a list of streets prior to making a decision in this area. The motion carried.

Mayor Madsen directed that the City Recorder draft necessary ordinances, policies or procedures which could be implemented relative to determining setbacks from unplatted streets. These would be presented to the Planning Commission as well as the Mayor and Council for review.

6. Mayor Madsen made note of an application for funding which could be presented to the Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation for funds to enhance the soccer field.

Councilmember Christiansen felt that Manti City should try for these funds although they would be just a temporary fix.

Councilmember Soper said he felt the money could be better spent by buying an adequate amount of ground which could be used for multipurpose recreation and Councilmember Thompson concurred with this opinion.

Councilmember Mickelsen questioned if the City should be spending dollars on recreation fields when there are a number of recreation fields already available through the schools, etc.

Considerable general discussion ensued after which Councilmember Christiansen moved that the application be made to the Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation for a match grant as presented to the Council pending review by the Mayor and Council to be complete by Friday. If there were no changes, then the grant application should be provided to the Division, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: Korry Soper. The motion carried.

7. Councilmember Christiansen said he had one item which would require executive session discussion.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to the status on the pool boiler. The City Recorder reported that he has been in touch with the insurance company who advised that the boiler was covered under Manti City insurance and they are currently working with CEM relative to the total cost for replacement of the heat exchange including labor.

Councilmember Christiansen felt there should be a cover placed over the boiler to preclude this type of thing happening in the future.

8. Councilmember Justesen made note of the review of cost and requirements for burying a power line through the Pioneer Heritage Park which had been reviewed by the Provo City Power Engineering Department. They concurred with the requirements by Manti City Power Department and said they would have additional requirements for load capabilities for the line.

Mayor Madsen then provided new estimates from Power Superintendent Gene Rogers relative to the project which included labor. It was their understanding that the Council previously approved waive of labor fees for this project and inquired if there was a difference of opinion at Council. There was not. She then requested that Councilmember Justesen work with the Power Superintendent relative to placement of a major junction box and receiving permission to use the under highway conduit for placement of the power lines. Councilmember Christiansen said the permission should be signed by Merrill Cox who owns the rights to the conduit.

9. Councilmember Soper made note of a complaint he had received as to the response by Sheriff's Department dispatch to a call concerning children on the roof at the elementary school. The caller was apparently told that the officers were in Gunnison and North Sanpete at football games and would not be able to respond to the problem.

The Mayor made note of a report of vandalism at the restaurant and said that matter should also be followed up with the Sheriff's Department. The Recorder was so instructed.

10. Councilmember Mickelsen made note of a citizen complaint concerning a business at 200 South Main.

Mayor Madsen provided a DVD for Council review which had been furnished to her from a citizen of the community and the Council did look at the DVD which depicted the condition of the business and its impact on surrounding properties.

The Mayor made note of a letter from the City Recorder to the business owner dated September 21st addressing a problem with business licensing and also requesting follow up action by the ZAN Officer as to a possible nuisance.

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

- a. Rachel Wilcox will take over the Main Street flower project and she has been thoroughly briefed on how the project operates. The Mayor also noted that she has acquired considerable information and specifics on flower care and watering from another community in the State and this information has been provided to the Public Works Director. She expressed her hope that the flowers would look better on Main Street in the coming year.
- b. The Arts Council is planning some activities in addition to the annual Arts Show one of which will take place in early February.
- c. Reported on a meeting with the Economic Development team that had been visiting Sanpete County.
- d. Reported on a meeting with Ken Tuttle concerning water issues which should be discussed in executive session and noted that special care should be taken relative to sewer service on buildings outside of City limits.

- e. Noted that she felt the City should support the Chamber of Commerce with printing costs not to exceed \$200.00 on items to be included in their gift bags. The Council concurred.
12. Mayor Madsen directed the minutes of previous meetings be reviewed.
Following review of the minutes of the special council meeting on September 28th Councilmember Thompson moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Alan Justesen and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.
The minutes of the September 14th council meeting were reviewed after which Councilmember Mickelsen moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.
13. The City Recorder reported about a phone call he had received from the ACLU relative to 100 East Street noting that the matter is still not finalized.
14. Mayor Madsen said there were items to be addressed in an executive session at which time Councilmember Justesen moved that the City Council adjourn from regular session to closed session to address legal and property negotiation matters, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Korry Soper and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none. The meeting adjourned to closed session.
Regular session resumed following closed session.
15. Mayor Madsen made note of the recommendation from Sunrise Engineering relative to well testing at a cost estimated not to exceed \$6,000.00 and requested the pleasure of the Council in this matter.
Councilmember Christiansen moved that Manti City proceed with the testing as recommended by Sunrise Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.
16. The bills were presented for payment and following review Councilmember Mickelsen moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available and the meeting adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m

General Account

Bill Mickelson	\$ 185.56
Goldie Carlson	119.68
Utah State Treasurer	936.80
Justin Aagard	40.00
Brad Bradley	40.00
Miller's Bakery	322.20
Steve Roberts	100.00
Archie Simonsen	104.55
Chelsey White	37.50
Utah Municipal Power Agency	84,070.46
Manti Post Office	405.23
Justin Aagard	40.00
Pete Simons	350.00
Gene Rogers	229.50

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator