

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 21st, 2014
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Soper recognized John Jensen, Manti City Fire Chief who reported on the recent ISO (Insurance Services Office) ratings review. Among items that were inspected and reviewed were:

- Hydrants
- Hoses
- Equipment
- Flow testing
- Drill history
- Log books

Jensen explained that our rating improved from a 6 to a 5, which is good news for residents or businesses that purchase fire insurance, as a better rating should equate to more competitive premiums. Jensen explained that without a full-time department, it would be difficult to expect our rating to improve substantially as our volunteers are unable to put in sufficient “experience” hours as is recommended in some areas. Jensen also recommended replacement of several hydrants where problems were identified. He also advised of plans the department has coordinated with Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Supervisor to test and flush all hydrants in the community. He advised of two new volunteers that were recently signed to join the department. Jensen also reported on upcoming training that the department plans to attend. Mayor Soper said that he would like to see us better support the volunteer fire department in their training requirements, which are becoming more stringent each year.

Ryan Phelps asked Jensen how the training facility behind the library is working out. Jensen replied that it was working very well. He said that the Sterling department has also benefited from the facility. He went on to say that he would like to add some portable walls and do some remodeling to “mix up” the layout so everyone doesn’t memorize it.

On another matter, Jensen then thanked the city for sending flowers for the 90th anniversary celebration of Jensen’s Department Store, which he owns and manages. He also voiced thanks to the community for many years of support in the family business.

Finally, Jensen solicited support for the Angel Tree and Toys for Tots programs, which his wife Kaye Jensen oversees. The Mayor stated that he was certain we could “do what we’ve done in the past”. He then thanked Jensen for all of the work he and his wife do on behalf of the community.

The Mayor then welcomed Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Supervisor to come forward. Hatch then reported on the following:

- Recent Chlorine leak at the well house and plans to mitigate risk of a similar future event.
- Talked about the ISO report from the “water side” and said that the city was faulted for incomplete record keeping but scored well in flow testing.
- He’s identified 4 or 5 hydrants that need replacing; adding that some may not require total replacement. Said that the city was faulted for incomplete
- Plans to flush entire water system before the weather becomes too cold.
- Is planning to do the flush all in one day and notify the public, as the water will likely become “cloudy”.
- Big Spring and Sister Spring continue to “clear up”. More testing is planned in the spring.
- Scheduling 1/3 of the town for annual sewer system cleaning which will occur in the coming months.
- All else is well – caught up on new service installations.

In his remarks Cory then shared his desire to purchase a flow tester for \$700 so that we do not have to “borrow Sterling’s”. The consensus of the Council was that he should go ahead with the purchase.

Mayor Soper asked for an update on GPS mapping. Hatch shared with the council a recent meeting with Jones and DeMill Engineering which was attended by him, Dale Nielson, Blake DeMill and Kent Barton. Hatch said a proposal is forthcoming. Kent Barton explained that once we have the proposal we will compare with an earlier proposal from Sunrise Engineering and then make a recommendation to the Council. The Mayor expressed appreciation and stated: “We need to move forward with a digital solution”.

The Mayor thanked Hatch for his report and invited Blake DeMill, Power Superintendent, who reported on the following:

- Substation maintenance
- Oil samples taken at temple transformers
- Tree removal at City Park.
- Planned tree removals at park and cemetery
- Power line removal in the area of the planned high school soccer field
- Replaced 6 street lights along Main Street with LEDs
- Planned replacement on wire on the line to the Rasmussen farm
- Winterizing projects

Blake then explained to the Council that a recent oil change of the small bucket truck produced metal filings which is an indicator that the engine need to be rebuilt or replaced at an estimated cost of \$20,000. DeMill reviewed other alternatives including a new replacement at about \$106,000 or a used replacement at a minimum of \$50,000. Discussion ensued. Kent Barton stated that he and Blake have discussed at length and are on the same page in recommending the

option of the engine replacement at \$20,000 as the preferred option. The consensus of the Council was to proceed as such.

Mayor Soper thanked Blake and his crew for their hard work. The Mayor then asked that discussion turn to continuing business and asked about progress with logo development for the city. Kent Barton explained that he and Councilmember Ryan Phelps, along with members of the Economic Development Committee were scheduled to meet with I-four Media on Thursday October 30th.

The Mayor then asked if any discussion was desired concerning possible “rental standards” or a “good landlord agreement” for the city. Kent Barton explained that he had set up a DropBox folder and would be placing information that he and JoAnn Otten are researching and collecting such as any ordinances that other communities in the state may be using. Jason Maylett suggested inviting Travis Leatherwood of the Centerfield Council to address the Council about Centerfield’s “Good Landlord Ordinance”.

The Mayor then asked Kent Barton for an update on codification services. Barton explained that he has negotiated a less expensive agreement, which still allows for online access to city ordinances through quarterly updates rather than “real-time” changes. Barton indicated he is waiting for an agreement from “Municipal Code On-line”, which once executed he would expect our ordinances to be available for access on-line by January 2015.

The following was then addressed during Councilmember reports:

Vaun Mickelsen mentioned maintenance work that has been completed, and other that still needs to be done, along the flood channel, west of town.

Ryan Phelps reviewed a recent library board meeting he attended and reported on several exciting developments either underway or being planned at the library. Phelps also mentioned the recent production of “Cinderella” which was produced by the community Arts Council and directed by Joe and Eloise Liddell. The event was very well attended and considered a huge success.

Mayor Soper reported on the following from Mayor’s and Commissioner’s Meeting:

- Request from Commissioner Jarrett that each community draft a letter of concern to congressional leaders concerning a proposal to give more control of water rights to the Forest Service and BLM
- House of Representatives Candidate, Mia Love attended the meeting and spoke of her strong support for the “Narrows” project
- Dead animal fee to increase at landfill
- Numbers of “households” should be updated for the landfill for all communities in the county
- Stated that he had an item dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the October 1st Work Meeting with the Planning Commission and Economic Development Committee. As no changes were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Mayor Soper asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the October 1st Council Meeting. Two typographical corrections were noted, after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as corrected. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Process Guide for upcoming CIB loan for Ambulance Station included in packet for review of the Council
- Copy of Empire Builders contract for Council / Courtroom construction in City Building
- Sheriff Nielson scheduled to report at the November 5th Council Meeting
- Summarized recent county Economic Development meeting with county and community administrators
- Branding / logo development meeting planned for Thursday October 29th at 10:00am with members of the economic development committee and I-four Media
- Stated that he had legal and property issues for discussion in closed session

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation. Jason Maylett made that motion, which was seconded by Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Vaun Mickelsen made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

General Account

Utah State Treasurer	\$1,129.03
Justin Aagard	40.00
Kim Squire	186.17
Utah Municipal Power Agency	98,487.78
Justin Aagard	40.00
IPSA	500.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator