

# Manti City Council Meeting

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2019  
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, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary L. Wintch Administrator: Kent Barton
ABSENT	None
WELCOME	Mayor Soper
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Mayor Soper

### Agenda Items

ITEM 1	<b>Blake DeMill, Power Superintendent, report to Mayor and Council</b>
<p>Mr. DeMill reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foothills subdivision electrical work has been completed.</li><li>• Telephone line to upper plant replaced.</li><li>• Upper plant generator rebuild project to begin next week. The projected cost (which will be covered by UMPA) is expected to be about \$500,000.</li><li>• Casey Johnson has completed testing requirements and is now a 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentice.</li><li>• Reclosure (breaker) replacement completed at South Substation.</li><li>• Recently completed 3 overhead and 4 underground re-routes for residential services.</li><li>• Planning to install 10 more light poles at the Sports Park later in the month.</li></ul>	

Councilmember Dyreng asked about installation plan for the 46 KV Switch. DeMill said that a preliminary conference call is planned with Rocky Mountain Power and UMPA to discuss scheduling and technical issues. Councilmember Wintch asked what the cost of the project would be. DeMill said the breaker installation costs were estimated at about \$150,000 and will need to be covered by Manti City and another \$50,000 for a meter at the interconnect point will be covered by UMPA.

ITEM 2

**Cory Hatch, Public Works Director, Report to Mayor and Council**

Mr. Hatch reported on the following:

- Seasonal chip-seal project completed including previously unpaved areas along 600 West, the alleyway west of Sr. Citizens Center, a section of 200 West near 1000 North, and 7 blocks of road in the industrial park. Also, most of 500 South received a new layer of chip seal.
- Starting work this week on a culvert that washed out in the flood channel west of town.
- Have ordered street signs for Heritage Heights and The Foothills subdivisions.
- Have been using recently acquired vac-truck for several projects.
- Garbage truck back in service.
- Seasonal dumpsters for larger items have been placed near the city gravel yard for the use of residents through November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Currently releasing water from lagoons as part of our emergency release permit.
- Seasonal maintenance, including fertilization and aeration has been completed.
- Jet's reservoir ditch repair recently completed. The reservoir is about 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s full.
- Sister Spring has been restored regular approved status with all probationary testing now completed since rehabilitation of the spring occurred 3 years ago, and a full operating permit is now in place.

Councilmember Maylett asked how the ball fields are looking. Hatch said that they are in great shape – especially the 3 south fields. He noted that the 2 north fields are also coming along and some areas where the grass cover was struggling are now progressing well.

Councilmember Dyreng asked if the output at Sister Spring has increased since the rehabilitation. Hatch estimated that it has increased by about 1/3 and now produces about 100,000,000 gallons annually. Hatch complimented the cities forefathers and past administrations for their vision in designing and creating a great water system.

ITEM 3	<b>Steve and Alexis Sorenson - Manti Christmas Festival</b>
<p>Steve and Alexis Sorenson reported on the Manti Christmas event they are organizing, to be held on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Manti High School Old Gymnasium. They discussed the schedule and detail of activities planned including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vendor booths</li> <li>• Entertainment</li> <li>• Contests</li> <li>• Food and refreshment</li> </ul> <p>They also talked about the website they have developed and discussed advertising efforts.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	
<p>The Mayor and Council thanked the Sorensens for their interest and efforts with starting the new festival.</p>	

ITEM 4	<b>Dallas Cox, Andy Adamson and Steve Gerber - Manti Trail Builders</b>
<p>Speaking for the group Dallas Cox reported on the rapid growth of trail riding both locally and throughout the state, and said that the Utah League is the largest and fastest growing in the nation. He said the Manti Youth Club team now has over 60 riders. He also discussed the group's efforts to build a competitive track west of Manti to host competitions, which would bring in over 1,000 riders per event. Cox said their group has been working with the BLM and a private property owner to gain access and rights to build the trail, which he mentioned is over half way completed. Cox said the competitive events provide great economic benefit to the communities where they are held noting that Richfield City estimated their event brought in about \$140K. The group asked for financial assistance to fund an impact study, which the BLM is requiring prior to allowing trail expansion on their land. They estimated the cost of the study at about \$10,000. Their goal is to have the trail completed before August in order to host a state-wide competition. They also asked for permission to develop trails on the north hills property owned by the city (Directly east of temple hill).</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	
<p>The Mayor and Council expressed enthusiasm and pledged the support of the city in whatever way we are able. The Mayor recommended to the group that they work with Kent Barton on specifics.</p>	

**Consideration of Ordinance Creating the Position of City Manager**

Mayor Soper addressed the Council saying:

*“Kent Barton (and Bill Mickelsen before him) have functioned as the city’s Chief Administrative Officer, or City Administrator, but both also have carried the title of Recorder. JoAnn Otten carries the title of Deputy Recorder, but handles most all the responsibilities of the City Recorder as defined in Utah State code. The proposed ordinance (which you have had an opportunity to review) formally separates the administrative officer’s responsibilities from the responsibilities of the city recorder. This draft ordinance outlines the responsibilities and duties of the City Manager, which Kent is already performing, under the authority this body has vested in him. And, as I said earlier, formalizes and brings our city code up to date in the manner in which these job functions are being performed. In separating these job functions, I propose that we change Kent Barton’s title to City Manager and that we change JoAnn Otten’s title from Deputy Recorder to City Recorder and formally appoint her to that position.”*

Some discussion ensued with several members of the Council expressing support for the ordinance. The Mayor then read the proposed ordinance as follows:

**Ordinance # 2019-11-06**

**Chapter 2.10 CITY MANAGER**

**Sections:**

**2.10.010: City manager.**

**2.10.020: Powers and duties of city manager.**

**2.10.010 City manager.**

*There is created the position of city manager. The city manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the city, and shall be responsible to the council for the*

*administration of all city affairs placed in his charge.*

***2.10.010 Powers and duties.***

*The city manager shall have the following powers and duties:*

*A. Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the city, except as otherwise provided by law.*

*B. Attend all council meetings and have the right to take part in discussion but may not vote.*

*C. Be responsible to see that all laws, provisions and acts of the council, subject to enforcement by him or by officers subject to his direction and supervision, are faithfully executed.*

*D. Be responsible for the fiscal operation of the city including the preparation and oversight of the annual budget, preparation and reporting of monthly financial statements and advising the Mayor and Council of the financial condition and needs of the city.*

*E. Submit to the council and make available to the public a report on the administrative activities of the city at least once a year.*

*F. Make such other reports as the council may require concerning the operations of city departments, offices and agencies subject to his direction and supervision.*

*G. Keep the council fully advised as to the financial condition and future needs of the city and make such recommendations to the council as he may deem necessary, expedient or beneficial to the welfare of the city.*

*H. Act as purchasing agent for the city, and in such capacity shall be responsible for the purchase of all supplies and equipment and for the disposal of the same,*

*in accordance with procedures established by the council.*

*1. Perform such other duties as specified in this code, added to this code or required by the council.*

The Mayor asked if additional discussion was desired. Councilmember Dyreng said: “this ordinance just formalizes what we’ve been doing for many years.” Other members of the Council expressed agreement.

**ACTION TAKEN**

The Mayor then called for a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, # 2019-11-06, as presented. Darren Dyreng made the motion, Gary Chidester seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

**ITEM 6**

**Continuing Business**

The Mayor said that only 3 responses were received from Main Street merchants regarding the zoning proposal. After brief discussion of the issue, he proposed a work meeting for the Council on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to go over the proposal and make possible modifications. He said after the Council works through modifications, he would like to call another meeting to go over the changes with interested merchants – likely in December.

**ITEM 7**

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment made

**ITEM 8**

**Councilmember Reports**

Mary Wintch reported on library matters including recent Halloween activities.

Darren Dyreng reported on the recent *S Solar / UMPA* Solar project kickoff celebration.

**ITEM 9**

**Mayor Soper**

The Mayor advised that the Sanpete County Fire Marshall has asked all communities in the county to join in banning open burning until December 1.

<b>ITEM 10</b>	<b>Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meeting</b>
The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous regular council meeting. Seeing there were no errors or changes noted, he called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 16 <sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting, Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.	

<b>ITEM 11</b>	<b>City Administrator’s Report</b>
Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advised that the MIBA Building Demo was scheduled to begin within 2 weeks.</li> <li>• Referenced an article in the packet from the East Valley Tribune in Arizona dealing with short-term rentals.</li> <li>• Discussed an email included in the packet concerning a state survey of Main Streets and invited members of the Council to participate in the survey via a link in the email.</li> <li>• Advised that rain gutter installation at Old City Hall was completed.</li> <li>• Discussed an Eagle Project that is in process to make improvements to the Eva Beal Auditorium.</li> <li>• Advised that he had a personnel issue for discussion in closed session.</li> </ul>	
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
At 7:30 P.M., the Mayor called for a motion to move into executive session to discuss a contract negotiation issue. Darren Dyreng made the motion, Mary Wintch seconded. Councilmembers voting “Aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “Nay”: none.	
<b>RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION</b>	
The bills were then presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Darren Dyreng made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Gary Chidester seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Jason Vernon and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.	

<b>ADJOURNED</b>	7:40 PM
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b>	Regular Council Meeting – November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 at 6:30 PM

General Account

Jake Nielson	\$ 40.00
Dirk's Farmhouse Restaurant	3,248.70
Utah Municipal Power Agency	108,527.85
Bankcard Center	4,090.67
Casey Johnson	504.68
Sanpete County Recorder	148.00
Sunny Hammouri	170.13
Jones & DeMille Engineering	2,362.25
Utah State Tax Commission	5,385.07
Carolyn Bessey	75.00
Joan Shand	75.00
Utah State Tax Commission	3,694.91
Utah State Treasurer	220.00
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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator