

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2010
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was present and business could be conducted.

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized ZAN Officer Mike Tillack.

Mike reported on animal control activities for the winter months noting that most of his time has been spent on repair and upkeep of the City building. He reported that the animal clinic, which was held on February 27th, had been a success and 216 dog licenses have been sold to this point. He said that door to door sales will begin in the near future.

Mike said that a grant of \$1,000.00 had been received from the MIBA Committee and inquired if the Council would allow him to utilize these funds to attend Euthanasia by Injection Training sponsored by the American Humane Society in Grand Junction, Colorado on April 19th and 20th.

Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor requested that the Council consider this request later in the meeting.

Councilmember Soper inquired as to who handles the disposal of dead deer within the City limits as Sanpete County Dispatch was somewhat confused. Mike said that either the Fish and Game or the City will dispose of the animals.

Councilmember Soper requested that Mike contact the Sanpete County Dispatch so there is an understanding as to contacts after hours.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Gene noted that Public Works Superintendent Dale Nielson was sick and would report at a subsequent council meeting.

Gene provided an outline of work completed in the month of February (a copy is attached and made part of the minutes). Gene made special note of the maintenance repair work accomplished on the upper and lower power plants. He also said that the crew will begin removing tree limbs from power lines as soon as weather permits.

Gene reported that the Electrical Department has received a safety award from ISPA for being accident free during 2009. However, he had climbed a fence while reading meters and had fallen and injured his knee which would eliminate receiving this award in 2010.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized Bill Peterson of Palisade Pals.

Bill presented a plan to reestablish an alternate transportation program in the two-county area utilizing a matching grant through the Department of Transportation which would be obtained through donations by local organizations. He then requested the support of Manti City in a match of \$1.00 per citizen which would be approximately \$3,200.00 per year if award of the grant is obtained.

He said that notification of the grant would not be received until June but a letter of support would be required to receive the grant money.

Some discussion ensued after which Bill stated he would provide a copy of the grant request and study for the Mayor and Council to review.

4. Mayor Madsen directed review of the change of policy for part-time employee hours be discussed.

Following review Councilmember Mickelsen moved that the policy of weekly hours worked for part-time employees be 35 hours per week, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmember voting "aye": Vaun Mickelsen, Galen Christiansen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

5. Mayor Madsen referenced the memorandum provided by the City Recorder regarding a past due utility bill and directed that it be discussed. She also requested that no names be mentioned, only the amount of the utility bill.

After review by the Mayor and Council it was the consensus that the amount of \$3,904.93 be collected by the property owner and \$8,031.23 be sent to collections for follow up action.

6. Mayor Madsen made reference to the memorandum relative to change of address at the Brody Keisel residence. She said that Mr. Keisel has his address cast in brick on his home and he felt the overall change out cost would be approximately \$200.00 in addition to the initial \$75.00 change out cost provided by Manti City.

Some discussion ensued after which Councilmember Justesen moved that Manti City provide reimbursement for address change to Brody Keisel in amount not to exceed \$200.00, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "aye":

Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Councilmember Justesen inquired if a policy regarding transfer of impact fees is in place or if same should be established. The Deputy Recorder said it was her understanding that no policy is in place but one could be developed.

Councilmember Thompson specified that the policy should state that no transfer of impact fee or connections fee could take place and Councilmember Soper added that the paid fees must remain with the property. The Mayor and Council concurred.

7. Councilmember Christiansen said he attended the Rural Water Association conference in St. George which was very worthwhile and thanked Manti City for allowing him to participate in the training.

Councilmember Mickelsen also attended the conference and felt it had been very informative.

Deputy Recorder Otten mentioned that William Mickelson, Rural Water Association Board President, wished to relay his thanks to the Mayor and Council for supporting the conference and the Rural Water Association in general.

8. Councilmember Justesen reported that the moving of the power line for the Central Utah Pioneer Heritage project is on hold until further instruction from the Heritage group.

9. Councilmember Mickelsen said that he had approached individuals to chair the Fourth of July celebration with no success but would continue looking.

Councilmember Mickelsen stated he had received a letter from a concerned citizen who felt that Manti City is not receiving enough police protection by Sanpete County. Some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Mickelsen requested that the Public Works crew check and clear the flood channel and it was noted that as soon as the weather changes this will be accomplished.

Councilmember Thompson inquired if a spring clean up will be done by the City and Councilmember Soper felt that this should be discussed with Public Works Director Nielson as to crew schedule and time.

Councilmember Mickelsen inquired as to when the Eagle Scout project at the recycling center will begin and some discussion ensued with the Mayor and Council requesting follow up be made in this area. The Deputy Recorder was also instructed to find out how many citizens use the recycle center on the days it is open for use.

10. Councilmember Soper requested a briefing on the pool slide and the Mayor reported that the powder coating has been applied but is not completely dry. However, it is still planned to be ready for the 2010 swimming season.

It was noted that a request to open a food concession stand at the pool has been made and some discussion ensued with the Council deciding to await submittal of a proposal for review.

Councilmember Thompson said that a new bike rack for the pool is complete and same will be delivered.

Mayor Madsen said that Pool Manager Steve Roberts is working on resuming pool operations and advertising for employment will start shortly. She also stated that employment applications are now available on the Manti City website.

Councilmember Soper expressed concerns relative to the completion and clean up of the library project specifically the cement work, railing and slope. Councilmember Thompson said that Kelly Howell has applied for a grant with the Eccles Foundation for Phase II rock work of the library project.

Councilmember Soper reported that the fire department is gearing up for the wildfire season and training will begin March 24th. He also expressed the need for volunteers.

11. Councilmember Thompson referenced an email he had received from Arcadia Publishing who is interested in publishing a historical series on towns/areas such as Manti. Councilmember Thompson said he would follow up on this project and the Mayor and Council concurred.

Councilmember Thompson said that Richard Cox of the Manti Chamber of Commerce had contacted him requesting approval from the City Council to allow Manti businesses the opportunity to place booths during Pageant on Main Street at no cost if they are a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Deputy Recorder Otten questioned if the MIBA Committee would be involved with this decision and Councilmember Thompson said it would be between the City Council and the Chamber. Councilmember Justesen felt that the MIBA Committee's opinion should be considered.

Councilmember Thompson made note of the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled in April.

12. Mayor Madsen reported on the following . . .

- a. Beverly Armstrong has agreed to serve as the Scout Centennial Committee representative for Manti City.
- b. Made note of the Central Utah Pioneer Heritage project and inquired of the Council if labor and equipment would be donated for electric utility line underground installation and the Council concurred with the City donating this labor and equipment.
- c. Principal Henrie of Manti High School had reported that the Fast Pass Program had donated a \$5,000.00 scholarship which has been awarded to a student.
- d. Requested a new flag be ordered for the south entrance to Manti City.
- e. Is interested in developing an Arts Council. This must be accomplished in order to apply for and receive grants and requested approval of the Council. Approval was given.
- f. Reported on trip to Washington D.C. with Utah Municipal Power Agency.
- g. Requested that the Council discuss the request by ZAN Officer Mike Tillack to attend training. Councilmember Soper said he felt that Mike should attend the training as it is a more compassionate and humane way to dispose of animals. The Council concurred noting he must be back for the Lowell Draper trial on Wednesday, April 21st.
- h. The request by Bill Peterson was addressed and following some discussion it was the consensus of the Council that when additional information is provided this request will be considered.

13. The minutes of the February 17, 2010 council meeting were addressed. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Justesen moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Loren Thompson, Galen Christiansen, Korry Soper and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

14. Councilmember Mickelsen moved the city council adjourn from regular session and reconvene in closed session to address property negotiations and personnel matters, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Galen Christiansen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

19. The bills were presented for payment and following review Councilmember Thompson moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Galen Christiansen, Korry Soper, Vaun Mickelsen and Alan Justesen. Councilmember voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

General Account

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| Levi Jones | \$ 135.00 |
| Trace Nielson | 63.00 |
| Trevor Nielson | 133.00 |
| Marsha Nielson | 133.00 |
| Utah Municipal Power Agency | 67,579.62 |
| Fairfield Inn | 327.00 |
| Rural Water Association | 365.00 |
| Vaun Mickelson | 279.35 |
| Gene Rogers | 202.06 |
| Jeff Greenwell | 40.00 |
| JoAnn Otten | 50.00 |
| Pam Lund | 1,000.00 |
| Manti Post Office | 398.61 |
| Rick Christensen Construction | 10,785.00 |
| Utah State Treasurer | 1,190.12 |
| Galen Christiansen | 85.00 |

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator