

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2010  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen and Galen Christiansen present. Councilmember Korry Soper had advised he would be absent from the meeting.

Mayor Madsen said a quorum of the Council was seated and asked that all present join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Dale Bryan Henningson.

Mr. Henningson provided a printed outline of his company background, product line and timeline for development of property in the Manti Industrial Park. A copy of this outline is attached to and made part of the minutes.

Mr. Henningson then reviewed specifics in the outline and said he was interested in the purchase of Lot 8B in the Industrial Park and provided a sketch of building location, an elevation rendering and certain other building specifics. He then reviewed the timeline for development and his financial plan for the company.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired if it would be a metal building and Mr. Henningson indicated it would be.

Councilmember Justesen inquired as to the approximate number of employees he expected to have at his firm. Dale indicated that there are 3 full-time and 8 part-time employees at this time and he hopes to see 7 to 10 full-time employees by 2011 or 2012.

Following some additional discussion there was a positive response from the Council relative to the presentation Mayor Madsen indicated the matter would be addressed later in the meeting.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Kelly Howell.

Kelly was present to express a concern she has relative to the City policy regarding requests for public funds. She feels public funds should fund public services available to everyone not just to selected individuals.

Kelly said she had reviewed the funds disbursement the City had provided over the past years and felt though the expenditures were not high the items such as the High School graduation party for \$250.00, the Old Folks Party for \$200.00 and \$50.00 for 4-H

Junior Livestock Show as well as \$100.00 for food bank were really not services that were available to the public at large and should perhaps be more carefully scrutinized.

She noted that the Girl Scouts are asking to use the building located west of the library and inquired if this building would be open to other organizations as the Girl Scouts are asking the City to install utilities such as water and sewer and complete other upgrades all of which will be very expensive.

Councilmember Thompson said he agreed with Kelly and felt that fewer donations by Manti City would definitely be appropriate as part of a general belt tightening for the City.

Mayor Madsen expressed her concerns relative to the fact that part of the duty of City government is to enhance and improve the lifestyle of the community. She felt the programs Kelly had mentioned do exactly that and should not be easily discarded as the overall impact of in the community sometimes begins with small programs and support for smaller organizations. She thanked Kelly for her comments and concerns and noted this could be further addressed in the future.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized Flo Mitchell.

Ms. Mitchell said she was present in meetings relative to the grasshopper infestations experienced over the past year. She said the forecast for infestation is serious for this coming summer with even more hoppers than have been here in the last 2-years. She then reviewed various specifics concerning grasshoppers, containment, chemicals which could be used, etc.

Councilmember Mickelsen inquired if thistle spray and hopper spray could be used together. Ms. Mitchell said that she knew this could not take place in aerial spray but she was not sure about ground types.

Mayor Madsen thanked Ms. Mitchell for her time and efforts and made note of her phone numbers if additional questions arise.

4. Mayor Madsen directed the matter of the Dale Bryan Henningson proposal be addressed.

Following some discussion Councilmember Thompson moved to sell lot 8B in the Manti Industrial Park consisting of .835 acres to Dale Bryan Henningson at a cost of \$17,500.00, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Recorder was instructed to proceed with the sale and execution of covenant documents.

5. Mayor Madsen directed the matter of considering adjustment of the budget for Manti City be addressed.

The City Recorder briefly outlined the necessity and process by which the budget can be opened adjusted and closed. He also noted that the budget would be adjusted at least one additional time during the fiscal year.

The City Recorder then reviewed the budget verses the actual year to date figures through the end of February and made note of specific recommendations.

Following this review the Mayor inquired if anyone was ready to take action in this area.

Councilmember Christiansen requested additional time to review more carefully the budget numbers as presented.

Councilmember Justesen was satisfied with the proposed adjustments and felt that either now or at the next meeting they should be addressed.

The Mayor directed that the adjustment of the budget be set for the meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

6. Mayor Madsen stated that under continuing business the matter of the request for public transportation be addressed.

Mayor Madsen posed certain specific questions as to the proposal and whether a letter of support or an actual dollar commitment is being requested and whether or not the system is a public system or a private system.

Councilmember Christiansen said he did not feel that the system would work because it is far too large an area with too few vehicles. He did not feel it should be considered.

Councilmember Mickelsen noted the date of the letters and certain numbers in the request which appear to be outdated. Councilmember Justesen said the policy to donate or support public items should be addressed to determine if this is a system that would provide service to most citizens or only a few.

Following some additional discussion Mayor Madsen directed the City Recorder advise Mr. Peterson that no action would be taken at this time.

7. Mayor Madsen directed that the utility connection transfer policy be considered under continuing business.

The City Recorder provided a copy of a proposed policy adjustment for Manti City. Following review it was directed this policy be set as an agenda item for consideration of adoption in the meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

8. Mayor Madsen recognized Mr. Michael Blair.

Mr. Blair said he was requesting the support of Manti City in the form of an endorsement, not actual financial support, for a program he wishes to present to the youth at Manti High School. Mr. Blair then outlined the scope of the program and its objectives.

Following some discussion it was the consensus of Mayor and Council that the City Recorder communicate to Assistant Superintendent Brennan Jackson and to George Henrie, Principal of Manti High School their support for the program.

9. Councilmember Christiansen felt the recycling center should be addressed and recognized Mrs. Hagemeister who was present at the meeting.

Mrs. Hagemeister displayed a one-gallon jar full of nails picked up in the recycling area which had lessened the impact on tire repairs. She then noted that the recycling area has barely been open during the winter, sometimes one day per week, weather dependent. However, it appears that it is time to start getting back to the regular hours.

Councilmember Christiansen reviewed the amount of use and hours and recommended the center be open for three days per week. Some discussion ensued after which it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that the recycling area be open Friday, Saturday and Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hagemeister asked if John Pipes is working at the cemetery would it be satisfactory if his wife cover for him at the recycling area. Councilmember Christiansen said that when Mrs. Hagemeister could not be present and if Mr. Pipes is busy at the cemetery, arrangements could be made with a member of the city crew to cover the recycling area.

Councilmember Christiansen reported that he has made arrangements for 500 head of sheep to be placed in the sewer lagoon #2 to begin the compaction process necessary to put that lagoon into operation. He said the 500 head of sheep would go in this spring and when they had completed initial compaction the pond would need to be kept damp over the course of the year and then during the fall period an additional 1,000 head of ewes would be placed in the pond to complete the compaction process.

The City Recorder expressed concerns relative to using sheep to reestablish compaction in the sewer lagoon cell. He said that the lagoon cell construction consists of a sealing layer of materials such as clay in the base of the pond and on the bank to a thickness of 6 to 12 inches. This material has then been covered by waste dirt with a thickness of approximately 12 inches. The plan for compacting the lagoon was to remove all of the riprap and the waste dirt cover to be followed by compaction of the sealing layer then reinstallation of the waste dirt cover and the riprap prior to using the lagoon. The Recorder did not believe sheep could achieve the compaction at the seal level.

Councilmember Christiansen said that numerous irrigation and stock ponds have been compacted utilizing sheep and felt John Iverson of Sunrise Engineering had agreed the sheep could do the job. The Recorder noted that John had agreed that sheep had been used in stock ponds and in some irrigation ponds for compaction but the construction of those ponds was different than the sewer lagoon.

Councilmember Christiansen said that in order to save the City over \$600,000 he felt that the sheep would do an excellent job of compacting the pond and that it was certainly worth a try.

The City Recorder stated that one of his concerns relative to trying this project is that if it is not successful, the favorable construction and bidding climate that exists right now may disappear and higher prices for the work at the sewer pond could be the result. There could also be a less inviting financial market available.

Following some additional discussion the Mayor asked the feelings of the Council.

Councilmember Mickelsen felt that utilizing the sheep in the pond would definitely be worth a try as it had worked in other ponds.

Councilmember Thompson said that the possibility of saving \$600,000 was worth the effort of trying to use the sheep in the pond. Councilmember Christiansen said he was very much in favor of proceeding with using the sheep in the pond and could have that program underway almost immediately.

Councilmember Justesen said he has some concerns relative to the use of sheep to compact the pond.

Councilmember Thompson recommended that Manti City start paperwork for funding. In case the sheep compaction did not work then funding could be pursued.

Councilmember Justesen then said there appears to be no down side to trying to use the sheep to compact the pond.

Mayor Madsen said the consensus appeared to be to proceed with using 500 sheep in the pond in the spring and an additional 1,000 sheep during the fall and that the funding process should be initiated with funding agencies.

10. Councilmember Justesen said that there are several lots in the community which are below minimum acreage and as a result upgrade or new building on these lots cannot be done. The buildings on these lots cannot be torn down for a rebuild and that perhaps the Council should address this problem and find a method to allow some latitude in construction on these sub acreage lots. The Mayor noted that buildings could be torn down but reconstruction would have to take place on the same footprint.

Councilmember Mickelsen said that in the training session he had attended this particular subject had come up and Dave Church from the League said that the Council can change the laws and should do so if they feel it is appropriate.

Councilmember Justesen reported there had been an Airport Board meeting that was not confrontational and that the consensus of the Board was a policy requiring liability coverage from hangar owners would be developed.

11. Councilmember Mickelsen reported that Darren and Michelle Dyreng have agreed to be the Fourth of July chairman for this year and some discussion ensued relative to those who would be assisting.

12. Councilmember Thompson made reference of a memorandum on the Dan Davis sewer main extension and felt this would constitute a donation from the City and that it certainly should not be approved. He also noted that Councilmember Soper would like the decision on this request to be delayed until he is present.

Councilmember Thompson felt this development by Dan Davis should be a subdivision. It would take over 92 months at \$18.00 a month from 3 homes just to recover the City share of cost for the sewer line installation.

Councilmember Thompson said that Public Works Director Dale Nielson told him the line on the north of the street is small and will only handle the line on the north side of the street. It could not be used for a sewer main.

Councilmember Thompson said he had one item to be discussed in executive session.

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

- a. The formulation of the Arts Council is underway.
- b. The Pioneer Heritage Park proposal had been addressed in a meeting held Monday and further information would be forthcoming when a decision is made relative to the utility line routing.
- c. Encouraged all citizens to complete their census information and see that it is mailed.
- d. The new chair of the Tree Committee is proceeding with developing a Tree City USA.

- e. The DARE committee is requesting some financial support for the DARE program that takes place in the elementary school. Some discussion ensued after which Councilmember Christiansen moved that Manti City approve \$300.00 in support of the DARE program, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.
- f. The new flood plain map will be adopted in November or December of this year and when the flood plain map is officially adopted information should be provided to Manti citizens as the possibilities of considerable savings exist.
- g. Ads will be placed for applications for work at the swimming pool. The Mayor then requested the City Recorder report on the slide status. The City Recorder said that Jerry Marsh plans to complete some work on the slide this week and then complete powder coating on the last standard and platform as early as Tuesday of next week. He expects full installation to be complete in April.
- h. Made note of the Liberty Hall letter and it was the consensus of Mayor and Council that no action be taken.
- i. Requested consideration of scheduling the City clean up. The Recorder noted that the clean up could be accomplished in late March early April or in the fall. Clean up in the fall would be preferable based on work load. It was the consensus of Mayor and Council to schedule a clean up in the fall of the year and the citizens be so advised.
- j. The Chamber of Commerce has requested booth placement on City property in front of the City Building at 50 South Main. Some discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that if the MIBA committee is in favor of allowing the Chamber to handle this action, they be allowed to do so.
- k. The next council meeting will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> prior to the League of Cities and Towns Mid-year.
- l. Complimented the clean up on the sidewalk and work underway at the cemetery. Requested a letter be sent to those responsible.

Stated that she has a property issue that should be discussed in executive session.

14. The Mayor directed the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting be reviewed. Following review Councilmember Christiansen moved the minutes of the March 10, 2010 council meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

15. The City Recorder made note of the following items . . .

- a. There have been no bids received for salvage materials from the City barn. He would like to advertise that the barn may be salvaged just for removing it. The Council concurred.
- b. Made note of the ads and tear sheets from the Messenger and that for advertising in both the Scandinavian Festival and the Pageant handout the cost would be \$560.00. Considerable

discussion ensued with the consensus of the Mayor and Council being that the ads be somewhat down sized for the Scandinavian insert with the idea of achieving advertising in both papers for under \$400.00.

16. The Mayor requested executive session. Councilmember Justesen moved that the Council adjourn from regular session and move into closed session to address personnel and property issues, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION.

17. The bills were presented for payment and following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mickelsen moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelson, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

General Account

Justin Aagard	\$ 40.00
Tami Larson	86.89
Humane Society	246.00
Karen Soper	25.00
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Edgar Hernandez	145.75

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator