

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE, 2 2010
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen said there was a quorum present and convened the meeting. She led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen directed the Planning Commission recommendations for a change in the zoning ordinance, a copy of which is attached to and made part of the minutes, be addressed. The Mayor then read the ordinance change proposed.

Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor and Council directed that the change be sent to the Planning Consultant for his review and recommendation and then sent to the City Attorney to be formalized preparatory to being adopted.

As to the matter of the Planning Commission signing off on zoning permits, this change was deemed to be an administrative policy matter. The Mayor and Council directed that this change in sign-offs be initiated, but not made part of the ordinance.

2. Mayor Madsen inquired as to status on mosquito abatement.

Councilmember Christiansen recommended that Manti City contract for mosquito spraying this year and then investigate options as to equipment for next year.

Mayor Madsen recommended that Manti City proceed with fogging the community on June 15th and 21st and then again on July 2nd or as determined necessary for mosquito infestations.

3. Mayor Madsen directed the matter of a utility rate review be addressed and provided information on electric utility rates in other cities. She then requested that Councilmember Justesen review the most recent budget and forecast information received from UMPA. She noted this information had been received on the previous Saturday.

Councilmember Justesen then reviewed the most recent information from UMPA. He provided a narrative statement as well as comparative numbers (attached to and made part of the minutes) and reviewed both of these items as well as projections he has prepared. Councilmember Justesen then reviewed in some detail the rate adjustments and comparative costs for kilowatt hours to be purchased. He said the Mayor and Council should determine the power purchase reserve amounts the City should strive to achieve and then set the rates accordingly.

Councilmember Christiansen felt the rates should be adjusted a minimum amount and then increased as necessary. Councilmember Soper felt an increase in rates to .0875 would be appropriate as this would allow

cost to be covered and also provide some funding for power purchase reserve. Councilmember Thompson favored .0875 for kwh. Councilmember Mickelsen favored .0875 as did Councilmember Justesen.

Following some additional discussion Councilmember Justesen moved that electric utility rates be increased 12.9 percent for each rate class noting that residential rates would increase to \$00.0875 per kwh, all rate changes to be effective on the next billing by Manti City to occur the end of June, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Galen Christiansen.

4. Mayor Madsen directed that the matter of adjustment to water utility rates be addressed and made note of the recommendation from the City Recorder received in memorandum.

Considerable general discussion ensued after which Councilmember Thompson moved to increase the base water utility rate by \$00.50 per month effective on the next billing period and that this increase be used to establish a water capital improvements fund, seconded by Councilmember Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Alan Justesen and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

5. Mayor Madsen directed that the matter of sewer rates be addressed and made note of the recommendation provided by the Recorder in memorandum. The Mayor also noted that if the sewer lagoon project moves forward, there may be an increase in sewer rates of as much as \$4.00 per month to support that sewer lagoon repair.

Following some discussion Councilmember Mickelsen moved that Manti City increase the base sewer rate by \$1.00 per month effective on the next billing period and that this increase be used to establish a sewer capital improvements fund, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmember voting “nay”: Galen Christiansen. The motion carried.

Councilmember Christiansen said he is confident that sewer lagoon #2 or #3 could hold water and some discussion ensued. The City Recorder said he was of the understanding that water would be routed into sewer lagoon #3 as soon as possible to determine if it could hold water.

Following some additional discussion it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that as soon as practical water be put in sewer lagoon #3 and that Water/Sewer Superintendent Archie Simonsen report on status of the addition to #3 as soon as it can be initiated.

6. Mayor Madsen requested any additional input on the 2011 budget.

Councilmember Christiansen said he had one or two salary adjustments he wished to recommend but would hold them to executive session.

Councilmember Thompson said he was extremely concerned about travel expenses which are very high and felt the City should have a car for travel.

Considerable general discussion ensued relative to a car for City business after which Councilmember Soper said he would follow up on checking the most current operational costs as determined by both State and Federal sources.

Councilmember Thompson made inquiry relative to the pool canopy rental fee stating that it had been questioned by a pool user. Some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Thompson also made note of the charge for non-swimmers in the amount of \$3.00 and some discussion ensued with regard to that charge with follow up on reviewing the criteria for non-swimmers.

Councilmember Justesen said the only changes that he could see regarding the 2011 budget would be in utility revenues and possible expenditures predicated on action taken earlier by the Council.

7. Councilmember Christiansen reported that permission has been granted by Merrill Cox and approved by the Irrigation Company to utilize the now unused water conduit underneath Highway 89 to provide underground power resource for the lines now transecting the Pioneer Historic Park at the south end of the cemetery. The Irrigation Company will confirm this permission.

Councilmember Christiansen reported he met with the Chamber of Commerce representative who expressed a desire to run a shuttle during the Pageant and had made inquiry relative to using the Senior Citizens van. Some discussion ensued with the consensus of the Mayor and Council being that until detailed information as to who provides the cost, operations, insurance, etc. the City would be unable to consider the proposal.

Councilmember Christiansen reported on the construction and wiring of the caretaker kiosk at the recycle area.

8. Councilmember Justesen reported on the airport zoning issue and noted there maybe an alternative proposal made to the county.

9. Councilmember Thompson reported that Round Edge Cyclery has a new bike rack ready for placement at the pool and may request some assistance from City personnel.

Councilmember Thompson reported that the library is planning a book sale which will be advertised in the near future.

Councilmember Thompson inquired as to adding a .25 percent sales tax increase in support of street improvements on the November ballot and requested the Recorder provide information relative to same.

10. Councilmember Soper expressed concern relative to the damaged boiler at the swimming pool and to whom the responsibility would fall for both repair and cost. He asked that as the City contracts the winterizing of the boiler and the boiler start ups if there is responsibility to that firm for the apparent freezing of the boiler. Some discussion ensued.

11. Councilmember Mickelsen reported on a meeting he attended with the Utah Department of Transportation, the Six-County Organization and representatives of Gunnison, Richfield and the Centerfield Care Center. He noted the subject addressed involved an area transportation system for Sanpete and Sevier

County and that it maybe achieved through a regular bus route. Additional information will be forthcoming from the Utah Department of Transportation following review of needs and options.

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

- a. A thank you card from the Britney Bown family.
- b. A letter from Kenny Bown which he requested be read in open council meeting. The Mayor then read the letter from Mr. Bown and some discussion ensued relative to street mowing in Manti City.
- c. A memorandum from the Recorder recommending an increase of \$100.00 per month in the salary paid to the Assistant Recreation Director. The Council concurred and approved this increase.
- d. The waterslide at the pool is operational and she made note of a possible promotion of the Aquatic Center and the waterslide in concert with KMTI Radio.
- e. A thank you letter to the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Mt. Pleasant for the new bench placed at the City cemetery.
- f. The installation of the cemetery grave locator sign and information detail at the kiosk in the cemetery and the positive comments received.
- g. Noted that Beautification Committee Chair Garna Clark will be moving from the community and said a Resolution of Appreciation will be drafted and set for agenda at the first meeting of July.
- h. Reported on the Pageant street music plans. Councilmember Justesen complimented the Mayor on the considerable work and effort she has done on the arts show and the street music program in conjunction with the Pageant for the betterment of the community.

13. The Mayor directed the minutes of the May 19, 2010 council meeting be addressed. Following review Councilmember Justesen moved the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

14. The Mayor directed that the minutes of the public hearing on the 2011 Manti City Budget be considered and following review Councilmember Soper moved that the minutes on the May 19, 2010 budget hearing be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Korry Soper, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen, Vaun Mickelsen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: None.

15. Mayor Madsen directed that the minutes of the public hearing on the CIB application for sewer lagoon work be considered. Following review of the minutes of the public hearing Councilmember Soper moved to accept the minutes of a public hearing held by Manti City on May 19, 2010 regarding a Community Impact Board application as presented, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Korry Soper, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

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

- a. The application by Manti City to the Clean Drinking Water Board for funding to repair the sewer lagoons had been made and there would be a pre-application meeting held June 10th.

- b. The response to a request for proposals for the leasing of space to the Federal Government for the FSA, RDA and Natural Resource offices has been completed and delivered to Washington as required.
- c. That a Pageant meeting should be scheduled and following some discussion the meeting was set for Tuesday, June 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the City Complex main floor conference room.
- d. Reported on bike racks that had been constructed and are now located at the swimming pool and following some discussion it was recommended that one of these bike racks be moved to the library when construction of the library is complete.

17. Councilmember Christiansen move the Council adjourn from regular session and reconvene in executive session to address personnel matters, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

General Account

U.S. Postal Service	\$ 1,306.60
Tyler Cook	59.18
Manti High School	161.00
FedEx	29.84
Manti Elementary School	125.00
Coalou Garcia	400.00
Manti Post Office	400.08
Manti City	150.00
Steve Roberts	35.32

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator