

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 18, 2010  
6:45 P.M.

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

A roll call of citizens present is attached to and made part of the minutes.

Mayor Madsen stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to accept public comment relative to a proposal by Manti City to sell a Manti City street located at 100 East Street between 400 and 500 North.

She requested that individuals state their name and address and that comments be limited to two minutes.

1. Timothy Oliver, 412 North Peach Street, Santaquin – Said his previous comments from the previous public hearing on vacating the street apply and wanted to influence the LDS Church in safeguarding his right of free speech.
2. Jeff Lamb, 111 East 200 South, Wales – In his meeting with representatives of the LDS Church no allowance had been made to allow an easement for the cattle and wished a compromise to be made.
3. Mike Jorgensen, 185 West 500 South, Manti – Asked if a study has been conducted relative to the cost for Manti City to keep the road open (man hours, equipment, etc) verses being closed. The closure of the road would benefit the tax payers in the community. He grew up in Manti and has used 100 East Street many times. Since the access to Highway 89 was closed by UDOT this road does not benefit Manti City, however, the sale of the property would benefit the tax payers in the community. He did feel that the cattlemen's needs should be met as this is their livelihood.
4. Mike Barclay, 546 South 200 West, Manti – Is in favor of selling 100 East Street. While setting up the towers for Pageant this year an elderly lady drove her car into them. He felt selling this property would make a safer area for everyone. He also felt that Manti City would highly benefit from the money. He felt that something could be worked out for the moving of the cattle and also for the friends in other religions to proselyte on 400 North Street.
5. Chip Thompson, 30 South 100 East, Ephraim – He does not oppose the sale of 100 East Street. It is his freedom of speech issue that is a concern to him. He just wants to be able to use or speak on church property.
6. Archie Brugger, 177 North 200 West, Manti – Felt that any restrictions made to the property would limit the Churches ability to landscape and that the freedom to discuss religion or other beliefs could continue along 400 North Street.
7. Shannon Miller, 103 East 300 North, Manti – Loves the Pageant and enjoys the people around her home. She realizes the issue of free speech is so important but feels that 400 North Street would be a fabulous area for

this with more access to people. She also felt that Manti City needs the money from the sale and this project by the LDS Church would increase tourism for Manti. It would be a win win situation.

8. Doug Barton, 390 West 500 North, Manti – Consideration should be made that UDOT forced the closure of 100 East Street, not the Church or City. The only interest party in this road is the LDS Church and as the City does not need the street it would be natural that the Church purchase the property and beautify the area.

9. Rodney Zeddiker, 142 South 100 West, Ephraim – Does not oppose the sale of 100 East Street but would like to see certain leverages be made to protect the rights and free speech of individuals. This area is highly used for religious discussions during the Pageant.

10. Jim Schiess, 152 North 200 West, Manti – He supports the vacating and sale of 100 East Street. Said that the Church is a natural to purchase as they own property on both the east and west side of 100 East Street. Felt a new route for he cattle could be obtained and also continue allowing free speech on 400 North Street. He said during Pageant this last year he observed more individuals using the intersection on 400 North than anywhere else. The sale does not limit the protest area as it is already happening on 400 North Street.

Mayor Madsen thanked those in attendance for their comments and for showing courtesy and respect to one another.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator