

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2011
6:30 P.M.

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

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

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Gene reported that the lower hydro plant will be off line for another few weeks while the shaft replacements for the plant are completed. This project will cost approximately \$18,000 and has been approved for payment by UMPA.

Gene reported on tree trimming along Main Street noting that the trees are infested with a type of bug and many of the trees are beyond saving. He has involved Jason Johnson, Chair of the Tree Committee, in assessing the status of the trees.

Gene then briefly reviewed the Heritage Park project which he indicated would begin the end of the month and take approximately one week. It is the intent of the power department to have this project finished by the early part of May.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to what the service is south west of town and Gene explained this is the new Christiansen service.

2. The Mayor recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson.

Dale reported on work that has started on the flood channel and Councilmember Thompson inquired if there would be any cement grout placed below the repairs that had occurred on 100 West 300 South. Dale indicated this was a possibility and some discussion ensued.

Dale reported on that material from the debris basin has been moved to the storage area in town and the crew is now in the process of cleaning the diversion structure for the lower power plant.

Dale reported that he has purchased sand for new service installations and also for filling sandbags which will be filled and placed on standby in case they are needed during high water. He also reported that all City grass has been aerated and fertilized.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired if the product for addressing the gopher problem had been received and Dale reported that the item has been ordered but not yet received.

Dale said that it is estimated there could be approximately three miles of chip seal this year coupled with the Senior Citizens parking area and the improvements on Union Street east.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired if there had been any action taken relative to the water at the church parking lot. Dale said nothing had been done by Manti City as this had been surface flooding from snow melt and that the drainage in this area will require considerable assessment by Manti City as to a course of action for the future.

Dale reported that Jim Bench has offered to repaint and repair the entryway signs to Manti at a cost of \$650 for each sign. Some discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to table the sign repair work pending review of finding a more serviceable sign or method of protecting these signs.

Mayor Madsen made note that the playground walk at the park is underway and Dale advised that it is approximately 50 percent accomplished.

Dale reported on the snow course measurements as of April 1st noting that the water content at the 9,900 foot level is approximately 17.8 inches as opposed to an average of 15.2. In 1984 there had been 30 inches of water at this location and 47 inches in the Middle Fork snow course station. The anticipated run off will be above normal but its behavior will be governed by weather.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized Shannon Miller, President of the Pioneer Heritage Park organization.

Shannon then recognized Eric Lyman, Landscape Architect for the Heritage Park and the Pioneer Park Organization Vice President Tom Anderson. She thanked Public Works Director Dale Nielson and Power Superintendent Gene Rogers for their cooperation in the project to date. She then introduced Landscape Architect Eric Lyman.

Mr. Lyman displayed architect renderings of the proposed project which is garden related in design. He reviewed the site plan in some detail.

Mayor Madsen inquired if there would be maintenance on the project and Mr. Lyman said it would definitely require maintenance.

Shannon reported that all funding for this project is in place and it is hoped that the project will be underway within the next 30 to 60 days.

4. Mayor Madsen recognized Betty Amrine.

Betty made reference to a handout she had provided to the Mayor and Council. She then quoted from resource material noting statements by Alexander Hamilton, David O. McKay, etc. She said that in no condition should the property rights of individuals be trampled on in the community and there are at least two Councilmembers who have endorsed property rights and she hoped the others would come to recognize their importance.

Mr. Gene Hagloch then addressed the property rights issue stating that free will should not be abridged and that property rights should remain fully protected and there should be no laws based on penalty for failure to comply.

Charlene Fjerstad said that they are concerned that a reasonable effort to contact people for entering of their property was inadequate.

Mayor Madsen stated the general plan, which began in 1981 and was revised in 2003, is a guide to zoning and property development.

Shannon Miller then said that she has been studying planning at the University for the past two years and that zoning is a good thing. She said that Brigham Young had zoning and planning in communities in Utah and several communities west of the Mississippi. She said that committees usually form the general plan and in turn the zoning. She stated that there must be rules if we are to live together.

Tim O'Keefe said that the City must have a reason to come on property.

Mayor Madsen then read the specific ordinance section noting where the powers of entering on property were to be used.

5. Mayor Madsen directed that the review of the proposed ordinance amendments take place.

Considerable general discussion ensued regarding the ordinance review after which it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that, when corrected, the ordinance amendments be posted to the website and people be encouraged to comment on same.

6. Mayor Madsen said that she will be distributing a newsletter in the near future and briefly reviewed content of same. The Council concurred with the newsletter being published and being mailed with the power bills.

7. Councilmember Christiansen noted that Jennifer Christiansen had said the Chamber of Commerce very much wants to be involved with the Fourth of July celebration. Councilmember Mickelsen said he would pass this to the Fourth chairman.

Councilmember Christiansen made note of a memorandum relative to the livestock driveway and said there were numerous questions to be addressed and answered prior to proceeding further.

Councilmember Christiansen then questioned a billing #41511 on the gauging station. The Recorder said this is a payment to the Feds for use of the gauging station but he will verify same with Gene and advise.

8. Councilmember Thompson reported that the Library birthday party was very

successful and had been enjoyed by a considerable number of citizens. He noted that the next Library Board meeting is scheduled for April 19th and if any individuals present would care to attend the Board meeting, they are welcome to do so.

9. Councilmember Soper stated that the fire department has had a considerable turn over in membership and is soliciting additional members to maintain the strength needed to respond in this important safety area. Some discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that advertising be initiated and that it be noted in the planned newsletter.

10. Councilmember Mickelsen made note of the Fourth of July parade scheduling and questions as to which day the parade might be held. Considerable general discussion ensued after which it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that the Fourth of July chair and committee make a determination relative to parade scheduling along with other activities.

11. Mayor Madsen expressed her personal thanks to the City Council for the considerable work they do and their dedication to the position. She then made note of the following items . . .

- a. Wade Anderson has advised that the new pavilion at the Sanpete County Fairgrounds will be located east of the current exhibition building.
- b. Ribbon cutting at the Armory went very well and the Armory is indeed an improved facility.
- c. Brent and Teresa Boylan are planning to attend training at Park City and the City should pay for mileage and meals. The conference itself is paid for by State Arts Council and classes they take will be of immeasurable value to Manti.
- d. She has been accepting calls about deer in yards and some discussion ensued.
- e. Miss Manti Pageant is scheduled for April 16th and as she will not be in town, the Mayor requested Councilmembers who can attend do so and hoped that Councilmember Justesen would be present to represent the City.
- f. Made note of the Rural Water Association of Utah meetings held in St. George and how effective the classes had been. She expressed special thanks to City Recorder William Mickelson who has served the past two years as Rural Water President and commended him for the organization and what it does for the State of Utah.
- g. Made note of the Arbor Day Grant which has been received and said it will be utilized for trees.
- h. Made note of the DARE program request for funding. Following consideration by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Thompson moved that Manti City approve funding for the DARE program in the amount of \$250.00, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Loren Thompson,

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

- i. Made note of the request for funding support of the Old Folks Party. Following some discussion Councilmember Christiansen moved that the City authorize

\$450.00 to support the Old Folks Party, seconded by Councilmembers Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

12. Mayor Madsen presented the new City Council assignments and reviewed same with the Council.

13. The minutes of the March 16th council meeting were reviewed and 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 minutes of the public hearing conducted on March 16th concerning annexation of property in Manti City were reviewed by the Mayor and Council after which Councilmember Christiansen moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Galen Christiansen, Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Korry Soper and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

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

- a. Public Works Director Dale Nielson, Street Superintendent Kim Squire and Tony Montoya are scheduled to attend Road School later in April.
- b. Fred’s Sports Grill has requested permission to again set up on the property at 400 North Main Street, the Fred Taukei’aho residence. The Council concurred with allowing this business to occur during the Mormon Miracle Pageant this year.
- c. Specific reference was made to power cost increase projections. The Recorder felt an increase of at least 7 percent would be necessary to maintain sufficient cash flow to pay for electricity purchases. He made special note of concerns relative to not having an adequate power purchase reserve and some discussion ensued.

16. The bills were presented for payment and following review by the Mayor and Council, 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, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

General Account

Meyer Industries	\$ 1,690.00
Kim Squire	400.81
Galen Christiansen	229.35
Utah League of Cities and Towns	1,105.00
Justin Agard	40.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	72,851.28
Alfredo Nava Avila	110.00
Sunny Hammouri	8.95
Justin Agard	40.00
Manti Post Office	406.70

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator