

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 4, 2011  
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen stated that a quorum was present and asked Boy Scout Keston Thompson to lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers.

Gene provided a handout, which is attached to and made part of the minutes, to the Mayor and Council of work accomplished during the month of April. He said that maintenance work on the hydro at the lower power plant has been completed at a cost of approximately \$17,000.00. This will be reimbursed by Utah Municipal Power Agency.

Gene explained that UMPA has been able to keep rates low because of their rate stabilization fund. This account has been used up and the Board will be required to take the necessary steps to secure cash flow.

He asked the Mayor and Council if they were interested in purchasing Christmas decorations as discounts are available now. The Mayor expressed her interest in budgeting \$7,000.00 for new Christmas decorations and some discussion ensued.

Gene reported that the electric plug in meters currently used are no longer available and either the data transmittal or drive by meters will have to be purchased at a cost of \$85.00 to \$95.00 each. Some discussion ensued relative to both water and electric metering systems.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson.

Dale provided a handout showing snowpack/water content comparisons from 1983 and 2011, which is attached to and made part of the minutes. He explained that the City crew has been cleaning the flood channel and that both City Creek and the flood channel should handle the water. Dale reported that contractors in Manti City are on standby if needed to help with any flooding problems and the City has approximately 12,000 sandbags on hand.

He reported that the chip seal project will be using Staker Parsons Company to complete this work. Approximately 3 miles will be accomplished along with parking behind the Senior Citizens Center.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired as to the status on the road grader. Dale said this had not been a high priority at this time because a large number of breakdowns had occurred on City equipment.

Councilmember Christiansen made note of charges of \$10,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for a new lawnmower. It was noted that this was the total cost of the lawnmower.

Councilmember Justesen asked what the status was regarding removal of the City yard old barn and Dale said the individual is working on it.

3. Mayor Madsen recognized the Miss Manti Royalty.

Miss Manti Audrie Naylor then introduced herself and her attendants Marissa Hedelius and Deanna Mickelson. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity and support given to the Miss Manti program.

Audrie said her service platform is to help residents shop locally and she will be preparing a coupon book to be used at local businesses.

Marissa and Deanna thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to participate in the Miss Manti Pageant.

Mayor Madsen requested that the Miss Manti Royalty help with celebrations and activities held in Manti City, particularly the Arts Show during the Mormon Miracle Pageant.

Ellen Aste, Miss Manti Director, said that the float is in dire need of replacement as it has been repaired so many times it is falling apart. She reported that the Miss Manti Pageant provides these girls with lifelong skills and growth for the future and expressed her hope that Manti City will utilize them to represent the community in events as they need this opportunity to serve.

Ellen reported that the main focus of the Miss Manti program has been scholarship. Miss Manti receives \$1,000.00, 1<sup>st</sup> attendant \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> attendant \$300.00 and each participant \$50.00.

Mayor Madsen thanked Ellen for the time and commitment she has given in directing this program for the past six years.

4. Mayor Madsen recognized Fire Chief John Jensen.

John provided a contract to the Deputy Recorder for Fourth of July fireworks in the amount of \$2,800.00.

Councilmember Korry Soper joined the meeting at this time.

John said that Ephraim City is selling a compressor and Manti Fire Department would like to purchase this piece of equipment. He said the cost would be \$3,500.00 but they would need additional supplies for a total cost of approximately \$5,000.00.

Some discussion ensued after which Mayor Madsen advised the Deputy Recorder to place this item on the agenda for the May 18th council meeting.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired if the fire hydrant at 500 North 500 West is out of commission. John reported this is correct and requested rings to place on non-working hydrants and also a key.

5. Mayor Madsen recognized Nate Christensen.

Nate stated he was present to request an ordinance change for property located at 300 North 300 West as a historical overlay or a variance as it is currently designated as an outbuilding.

The Deputy Recorder said that a variance has been denied by the Board of Adjustment therefore the City Council is the body which must make a decision relative to historic overlay or rezoning of the property. Nate said he wanted to meet with the Board of Adjustment because he has new information which he would like to present.

Councilmember Thompson commented that in the late 1990's a decision was made by the Planning Commission and the City Council that this building be allowed to stay as an outbuilding. Some discussion ensued relative to the split of the original property to a .16 acre lot.

Deputy Recorder Otten explained that the property could be spot zoned as long as the City Council can identify a uniqueness and show findings why the property is different than other properties in the area. She then explained the process of zone changes which is provided by ordinance.

Councilmember Mickelsen stated he did not understand why Nate was not granted permission to use his property the way he envisioned it and Councilmember Christiansen agreed.

Additional discussion ensued after which Councilmember Mickelsen moved that this item be tabled until meeting with Craig Call at a training session on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmember Soper said a decision must be made at the City Council meeting of May 18<sup>th</sup>. Councilmembers voting "aye": Vaun Mickelsen, Galen Christiansen, Korry Soper and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting "nay": Loren Thompson.

Mayor Madsen recognized Betty Amrine who referenced a home being built at approximately 400 South 400 East and questioned why this was allowed on a less than .25 acres but Nate is not allowed.

Public Works Director Dale Nielson stated that this property is a .25 acre lot.

Councilmember Thompson made reference to a memorandum regarding two sheds Nate Christensen has placed on the property in question. Some discussion ensued.

6. Mayor Madsen said that appointment of an alternate Justice Court Judge should be

discussed as Judge Petersen has recused himself from a property dispute case. She then asked the Deputy Recorder for additional information.

JoAnn reported that Manti City had received an email regarding a property dispute between Lowell Draper and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Adams and as Mrs. Adams interprets for the courts throughout Sanpete County Judge Peterson could not hear the case. He recommended that Judge Kent Nielson of Richfield be appointed to hear this case.

Councilmember Thompson moved that Judge Kent Nielson be appointed to hear the property dispute case between Lowell Draper and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Adams, seconded by Councilmember

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

7. Mayor Madsen stated that appointment of an alternate Prosecuting Attorney should be discussed as Prosecuting Attorney Brody Keisel has recused himself from this property dispute case.

Councilmember Thompson moved that Attorney Mark McIff be appointed as the prosecuting attorney to hear the property dispute case between Lowell Draper and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Adams, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Korry Soper, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

8. Councilmember Christiansen provided sample rubber chips for playground equipment which could be used instead of the wood chips.

Councilmember Christiansen reported that a meeting should be set with Mayor Madsen, Councilmember Mickelsen and himself to decide where trees should be planted at the City Cemetery. Mayor Madsen said that Tree Committee Chairman Jason Johnson should be included in this meeting.

Councilmember Thompson felt that trees should be purchased from local businesses as Manti City should support local businesses.

Councilmember Christiansen made inquiry as to what will happen to the old boiler at the swimming pool. It is his feeling that it should be welded and kept for future need if necessary.

9. Councilmember Justesen reported he had attended an Airport Board meeting wherein Tom Bailey, who has acquired hanger lease space, is willing to provide the concrete, base, plumbing and foundation for a pilot lounge.

10. Councilmember Thompson said that advertising has been completed and the library will be hiring a part-time employee.

He reported that Paulette Stevens will be presenting a personal history writing class on June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Manti City Library.

Councilmember Thompson reported that the library has purchased a DVD cleaner with grant funds. He said that a grant from Highway 89 in the amount of \$25,000.00 will not be received as this funding has been cut. This grant was going to be used as a match to the Eccles Foundation grant and the Library will have to make up the \$25,000.00.

He said that the Library Board has requested that a drinking fountain be placed in the library and some discussion ensued.

11. Councilmember Soper requested that ZAN Officer Mike Tillack begin requesting individuals to clean up yards and issue citations if necessary.

12. Councilmember Mickelsen reported on the Fourth of July activities and said that the committee is in place and planning is moving forward. He said the parade will be held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>.

He requested that the Mayor and Council make any recommendations relative to a patriotic speaker for the Fourth of July celebration.

Councilmember Soper said that Manti City now has a Facebook page.

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

- a. Referenced a memorandum relative to water line extensions and requested Councilmembers Thompson and Soper meet with Dale, Archie and Bill to discuss same.
- b. Ellen Aste has resigned as Miss Manti Director and this item should be discussed in executive session.
- c. Main Street flower pots were planted on April 30<sup>th</sup> and thanked Rachelle Wilcox and all of the volunteers who helped with this project.
- d. Arbor Day had been celebrated with planting of trees near the swimming pool and thanked Jason Johnson, Tree Committee Chair, and the Girl Scouts for their participation.
- e. Made inquiry relative to the planned landscaping project at the Library.
- f. The newsletter is complete and should be mailed to citizens within the next two to three days.
- g. Two personnel matters should be discuss in executive session.
- h. Recorder/Administrator William Mickelson is currently working on the new budget and employee compensation increases should be considered in the new year budget.

i. May 1st through 7<sup>th</sup> is National Water Week.

14. The minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

15. Mayor Madsen requested that the proposed zoning ordinance and the request by Nate Christensen be placed on the agenda for the meeting of May 18<sup>th</sup>.

16. Councilmember Justesen moved that the City Council move from regular session into executive session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Councilmember Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Alan Justesen, Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Galen Christiansen and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR SESSION RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

17. Councilmember Thompson moved the bills be paid as presented and as money becomes available and the meeting adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Korry Soper, Galen Christiansen, Vaun Mickelsen and Alan Justesen.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

General Account

Mountain America Credit Union	\$ 970.00
Comfort Inn	140.00
Utah State Treasurer	1,362.89
Wendy Cox	19.11
Ellen Aste	792.18
David Newsome	103.01
Justin Aagard	40.00
Justin Aagard	20.00
Utah State Tax Commission	12,137.14
Chad Moore	261.04
Dale Christensen	20.00
Manti Post Office	408.40
Kendall Anderson	484.00
Archie Simonsen	102.00

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator