

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen, Jason Vernon, Loren Thompson and Darren Dyreng present. Councilmember Korry Soper was excused.

Mayor Madsen announced that a quorum of councilmembers was in attendance and called the meeting to order. She then invited all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Madsen recognized ZAN officer Mike Tillack. Mike reported on animal control issues as well as building maintenance issues with the three city office buildings.

Mayor Madsen recognized Electrical Superintendent Gene Rogers. Gene reported on the city's electrical systems and pointed out that he has been successful in locating several used switches that we need as replacements in our system. New, these switches would cost thousands of dollars. He was able to secure several from Springville City without cost and several more for a few hundred dollars.

Mayor Madsen recognized Public Works Director Dale Nielson. Dale reported on the progress of the ditch and pipeline repairs at Jet Fox Reservoir as well as other projects here within the city. Councilman Thompson question who was responsible for the trimming of the trees on county property at the south end of the fairgrounds. He was concerned about dead wood gathering in some of the trees and feared if high winds were to occur during certain events it might cause the wood to fall resulting property damage or other harm. Some discussion ensued and Dale agreed to look into the issue and discuss with county employees.

Mayor Madsen recognized Paul Weddle from the U.S. Special Operations Command. Mr. Weddle explained that a series of on-going situational military training exercises are being planned in Utah and other western states. Mr. Weddle explained from a high level what the exercises consist of, entertained questions and solicited the cooperation and support of the council. He indicated that the exercises would be carried out with the full knowledge and in cooperation with local law enforcement. He also remarked that local citizens could be invited to participate in supporting roles. An exercise is planned for July 25 – August 10, 2012 in areas from mid-Utah valley south to I-70, between I-15 and Utah route 10 in Emery County. Weddle explained that the Sanpete valley is specifically in their plan. After Mr. Weddle entertained several questions, the Mayor and Council enthusiastically pledged support and thanked Weddle for attending.

The Mayor directed that discussion turn to the issue of lots in the city that are less than ¼ acre without existing homes. As requested from a previous council meeting, city administrator Kent Barton prepared and distributed a spreadsheet showing all such lots within the city. The report identified that there are 18 of these properties and detailed their acreage, frontage, and locations within the city. Six of the 18 properties have street frontages greater than the 80' requirement in the current ordinance, photos of the six properties were attached to the report. The mayor asked the council if they would like to explore amending our ordinance so that these lots could

potentially be developed. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Thompson expressed his feeling that smaller lots may lead to poor quality homes and questioned whether making a variance is wise. Councilmember Mickelsen stated that there are many current lots in town that are smaller than the .25-acre requirement where good homes and neighbors exist. After additional commentary the mayor asked the council to ponder the issue for future discussion.

Mayor Madsen reported on the following:

- Announced that Layne Burningham, CFO of UMPA, was selected to replace retiring CEO Leon Pexton. They will work closely together over the next 9 months. Alan Justesen, former council member and UMPA board member, assisted the selection committee in reviewing applications and narrowing down applicants.
- Distributed a letter from UDOT explaining that the widening of US Highway 89 to 4 lanes in the two remaining sections between Manti and Ephraim has been approved and is planned.
- Reminded councilmembers of the Utah league of Cities and Towns convention next week in Salt Lake City.

Mayor Madsen directed that the minutes of the August 15, 2012 council meeting be reviewed.

Following review of the minutes Councilmember Mickelsen moved the minutes be approved as is, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Loren Thompson, Darren Dyreng, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

City Administrator Barton reported on the following:

- The application to the state to incorporate an Enterprise Zone is in process and once completed will need to be approved by resolution of the council.
- The façade restoration of the Sr. Citizens Center is scheduled to begin on Friday of this week.
- Explained that the deed of transfer of the property to the city from the LDS Church along the future 600 East Street directly east of their stake center entrance needs to be signed as accepted by the council. The council approved the transfer at its August 1, 2012 meeting.
- Explained that an emergency water usage roundtable exercise is being planned with the Rural Water Users Board of Directors for Tuesday October 9th. Manti City has agreed to host the roundtable.
- Explained that the Ballot Proposition Statement for the possible repeal of Zoning Ordinance No. 5-18-2011 was forwarded to the county clerk. Co-sponsors of the referendum each received copies as well with an instruction that they had 5 business days to make comment.
- Indicated that he has several items for discussion in closed session dealing with property negotiation, legal matters and personnel matters.

Mayor Madsen then said she would entertain a motion to adjourn to executive session and Councilmember Thompson moved that the City Council adjourn from regular session into closed session to address legal, personnel and property issues. Councilmember Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng, and Vaun Mickelsen and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mickelsen moved that they be paid as presented and as money becomes available. Seconded by Councilmember Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Loren Thompson, Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

General Account

JoAnn Otten	\$ 103.53
Chad Moore	40.00
John Baker	3,840.00
Utah State Treasurer	430.94
Karen Christensen	110.07
Brandon or Dawn Romero	125.75
EMS Association Conference	1,360.00

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator