

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2012  
6:30 P.M.

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

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 on-going maintenance issues. Citizen Merrill Ogden requested permission to ask a question. The mayor granted permission. Mr. Ogden asked if there would be any problems or concerns with placing scarecrows on the light poles in the commercial district as part of the Trunk or Treat activities the chamber is planning. Gene responded that there would be no safety concerns. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus that permission could be granted for the placing of scarecrows provided that they be removed and any required cleanup occur in a reasonable time frame.

The Mayor recognized Mary Pipes and Merrill Ogden representing the Chamber of Commerce, who announced they again would like to sponsor the annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Halloween evening. They requested permission to close Main Street for two hours from 100 North to 200 South. In addition to the trunk or treating and free hot chocolate, the chamber has plans to expand the event to include a dance, and scarecrow contest.

The Mayor thanked the chamber for its support of the wonderful event, which has become a great tradition in the community.

Regarding another issue Mary Pipes then reported on plans for the holiday drawing. She said the kick-off is planned for November 23<sup>rd</sup> right after the light parade at the high school with a live remote from KMTI. Mary asked if the city would consider donating the grand prize for the drawing. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the city would provide a grand prize. The Mayor again thanked the chamber for the wonderful support and events that it sponsors in the community.

The Mayor asked to turn the discussion to the consideration of addition of an enterprise zone within the city. Administrator Kent Barton reviewed the benefits an enterprise zone would offer to certain types of business. Mr. Barton also reviewed the enterprise zone application which is in progress and ready to be submitted pending a decision by the council. After discussion, Mayor Madsen requested a motion that Manti City adds an enterprise zone in its commercial and industrial zones. Councilmember Thompson made motion that an enterprise zone be added within the commercial and industrial zones of the city. Councilmember Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor asked council members how they felt about scheduling a clean up week for citizens during the month of October. Several questions regarding resources were directed to Administrator Barton and

discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the council that a clean up week be scheduled. Mr. Barton indicated that he would discuss the scheduling with the crew, determine a date and communicate the event through the local media.

The Mayor asked that the discussion turn to councilmember reports.

Darren Dyreng raised the question of modifying our Board of Adjustment and proposed we consider changing from a board of five to a single member appeal authority. Mayor Madsen indicated that it would be best to wait until the vote on the referendum occurs next month as the appeal authority in the ordinance. After discussion it was determined to wait until after the election to consider this issue. Mr. Dyreng also made positive comment about the work that Kevin Christensen is doing as Sanpete County Economic Development Director and feels the city has benefitted due to his efforts.

Vaun Mickelsen reported on the Arbor Committee and mentioned that the committee is required to meet at least 4 times annually in order for Manti to maintain its "Tree City" status. While on the topic of trees, the Mayor requested that trees on city properties get a good soaking before we lose our irrigation water later in the month.

Loren Thompson inquired about the \$60 payment that Chad Moore and Ryan Barnes had received for soccer. He suggested that they are already being paid and that this should be part of their responsibility. Mr. Thompson also suggested that soccer is not getting the proper attention or support from our recreation department. Darren Dyreng agreed stating that our fields were in terrible shape this year. The Mayor responded that was largely due to lack of water. Dyreng indicated that scheduling has also been a nightmare with two Manti teams often playing one another in Ephraim. Jason Vernon said we really need a sports facility. Loren Thompson suggested we get a committee involved. Discussion ensued.

Korry Soper reported that the new brush truck has arrived at the fire department. He also inquired of Kent Barton if a date for the cement work at the fire station has been determined. Barton indicated that it is tentatively set for later in the month.

Jason Vernon mentioned that re-seeding efforts in the Wood Hollow fire area are getting a lot of press attention in the state and local media. He addressed several questions about this topic.

Mayor Madsen reported on the following:

- UMPA member city dinner planned on November 16<sup>th</sup> in Salem.
- UMPA spring meetings planned for March 21 – 23, 2013 in St. George.
- Mentioned that the hot summer temperatures resulted in record usage and that as a result of higher than anticipated power sales the rate stabilization fund is being replenished.
- Reminded council members about the up coming Rural Water roundtable scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> here in Manti.

The Mayor asked the council to turn to the minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup> regular city council meeting. After discussion it was determined that no corrections were identified. Councilmember Soper moved that the minutes in questions be approved as presented, seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor asked the council to turn to the minutes of the September 27<sup>th</sup> special council meeting. After discussion it was determined that no corrections were identified. Councilmember Mickelsen moved that the minutes in questions be approved as presented, seconded by Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Met yesterday with Paul Weddle from the U.S. Special Operations Command, regarding his desire to stage training exercises in or around the community. Paul’s group is actively looking for land or facilities to use in or around Manti. Barton also reported that several citizens have contacted the city offices to object to these exercises being staged in our community. Some members of the council reported similar feedback from citizens.
- Met with Bill Rees of the State Department of Environmental Response and Remediation regarding efforts to determine possible contamination and cleanup efforts with the MIBA building.
- Received \$5,000 payment from Paul Smith for equipment in the MIBA along with a signed agreement from Smith to dispose of all chemicals and containers in the building.
- Mentioned KJAZZ documentary segment on Manti would be airing on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Indicated that he has items for discussion in closed session regarding property negotiation.

The Mayor asked for a motion to move into executive session to discuss property negotiations. Councilmember Vernon made that motion, seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

#### REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator