

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2013
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Madsen reviewed with the Council plans for the moderate income housing survey, which will be taken door-to-door through the community on Monday, April 29th. The Mayor updated the council on meetings and coordination that have transpired with Todd Thorne from Six County Association of Governments, who is assisting with the administration of the survey. The Mayor reported a youth group from the LDS Church has agreed to assist with distributing and collecting the surveys. Mayor Madsen requested assistance from any council members who may be available next Monday evening beginning at 5:00 pm.

The Mayor directed that discussion turn to the “draft” Appeal Authority Policy included in the packet. After a brief discussion Loren Thompson made the motion that the policy be adopted as drafted, the motion was seconded by Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Moving on to continuing business, discussion of problems concerning free roaming dogs ensued as Administrator Kent Barton distributed copies of the dog ordinance and fine schedule. Councilmember Soper stated that his biggest concerns are the safety of our citizens and biting dogs. Discussion moved to increasing fines as a deterrent. The Mayor asked a visiting Boy Scout how he felt about dogs in the community. The young man stated that he walks out of his way going to and from school in order to avoid areas where dogs have harassed him. His mother stated that she feels our fines are way to lenient, in comparison to other communities she is familiar with. After additional discussion, the Mayor asked that we revisit the issue of increasing fines in an upcoming council meeting, when all members of the council are to be present, preferably before July.

Moving to councilmember reports, Korry Soper spoke of the progress with the concrete work at the fire station, which is nearly completed. Discussion ensued and it was noted that an awning or cover over the newly poured sidewalk on the north side of the fire station is needed in order to keep snowfall from collecting against the side of the building.

Loren Thompson reported on the following:

- Library Board Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 5:30.
- High interest level in and progress with the formulation of a committee for the development of ball fields.

Mayor Madsen reported on the following:

- Attended the Miss Manti tea last night with the contestants and their parents.

- Flower basket planting scheduled for this Saturday at 9:00 am at Lindsay Garden Center.
- Arts Council talent showcase last weekend at Manti High School was a big success.
- Summarized several sessions she attended at the recent Utah League of Cities and Towns meetings in St. George, including the need to protect our local newspapers, saying that they are “our voice”.
- Official start date for the sewer upgrade project is April 29th.
- Gene Rogers retirement luncheon scheduled for tomorrow at noon at the city yard.

The Mayor then directed that discussion turn to the minutes of the previous council meeting. After noting one typographical error, Vaun Mickelsen made motion that the minutes of the April 3rd, 2013 council meeting be accepted as corrected. Loren Thompson seconded the motion. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Flood channel repair currently on the phase 4, within block #34.
- The new irrigation well at 600 West and 300 North is currently at the depth of about 300 feet.
- Large tree at 5th West and 5th North has been mostly removed and is no longer a threat to the nearby home.
- Pre-pageant security and coordination meeting is planned for May 15, 2013 at 6:00 pm with representatives from the Sanpete County Sherriff’s Office, Mormon Miracle Pageant, and Manti Temple security.
- Grants totaling approximately \$17,000 have been awarded for repairs and improvements to the Legion Hall.
- Window molding and widow’s walk repairs planned for the Old City Hall.
- Community clean-up is in process through the end of this week.
- Fence line near the fire station was modified to accommodate the near rear driveway, which will be poured this week.
- Has issues for discussion in closed session dealing with personnel, contract and property negotiation.

The Mayor then called for a motion to move into executive session for the discussion of personnel, property and contract negotiation. The motion was made by Korry Soper and seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper 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 Thompson. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Vaun Mickelsen, Korry Soper and Loren Thompson. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

General Account

Fairfield Inn	\$198.47
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Breanne Keisel	400.24
Mandy Sanders	72.00
Bankcard Services	4,104.67
Manti Post Office	468.71
Utah State Treasurer	279.32
Kent Barton	310.79
UAEMT	860.00
UAEMT	645.00
Sunrise Engineering	5,316.97
Kent Barton	165.90
Marie Smith	40.00

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator