

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 20, 2013  
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps, Korry Soper and Jason Vernon present. The Mayor welcomed all present and invited Boy Scout Mark Olsen to lead all in the pledge of allegiance. Afterwards, the Mayor presented Mark and his brother Kyle with copies of the constitution and other founding documents of the United States of America.

Mayor Madsen recognized Josh Terry with the Manti Volunteer Fire Department and invited him to address the Council. Terry asked that the Council consider letting the Department use the old Boys Club building behind the Library for use as a training facility by the department. He explained that the facility would be ideal and noted that there are only two other two-story buildings in the state of Utah that function as training facilities. He continued that there would also be an opportunity to bring other departments to Manti to use the facility and pointed out that it would have a positive economic effect in the community. Administrator Kent Barton pointed out that the building is owned by the school district but the city has it under lease. He also explained that he had sought and been given permission from the district to raze the building which has been vacant for many years and has little practical value. Several Councilmembers voiced support for the proposal. The Mayor asked the Council for a motion to allow the fire department to use the facility until such time as the city develops other use for the surrounding property. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, Korry Soper seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps, Korry Soper and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Moving to continuing business Administrator Barton relayed information to the Council concerning portable school crossing signs that he had been directed to purchase by the Council. Barton was concerned with the cost of the signs and indicated that he felt there should be additional discussion prior to making a purchase. Barton stated that he felt there were more cost effective options than the signs he had been directed to purchase. Discussion ensued and gravitated towards general street safety in the entire area of the school. Darren Dyreng recommend placing signs on the Union Street side of the school. Korry Soper recommended portable "no U-turn" signs. Ryan Phelps recommended we consider 4-way stops on 200 West Street at 100 South and Union Streets. In the end it was determined that the city spend up to \$500 for signs in an effort to adequately sign all streets in the immediate vicinity of the school. The Mayor said she would like to consult with Dale Nielson prior to placing 4-way stops near the school. Korry Soper agreed.

The Mayor asked if any of the Councilmembers had items to report.

Vaun Mickelsen reported on the recent training that Cory Hatch from the Arbor Committee had completed at SUU.

Korry Soper reported that he had discussed with John Jensen of the fire department the Council's desire to have a report from the department once or twice yearly. Soper proposed having a report in January with another to follow sometime in the summer.

Soper also reported on items discussed at the recent Mayors' and Commissioners' Meeting including representatives of UDOT who talked about deer and auto collisions on highway 89 and the planned widening of highway 89 north of Manti.

Ryan Phelps suggested we consider striping additional crosswalks along Main Street, specifically at 100 North Main. Discussion ensued. Kent Barton indicated that a Traffic Engineering Study (TEO) would be required and said he would discuss with UDOT.

Mayor Madsen reported on the following:

- Donations being accepted for the cemetery corner improvement project. Asked that Kent Barton prepare a letter for donors to act as a receipt and explain that the project would not begin until sufficient funding was in place.
- Reminded the Council about the upcoming '*newly elected officials day*' at Snow College on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Stated that a public Hearing should take place prior to the end of the year in order to qualify for CDBG funding. After discussion it was agreed that the hearing would be scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 6:15 pm, immediately prior to the next Council meeting.
- Has authored a noted of congratulations to Jon Cox recognizing his recent victory as legislator for District 58.
- Reminded Councilmembers about the upcoming Light Parade on November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Mentioned the recent passing of former cemetery sexton, Ray Johnson.

Mayor Madsen then asked the Council if there were any changes to be made to the draft version of the minutes from the November 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Several typographical changes were noted after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Korry Soper made that motion, Vaun Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps, Korry Soper and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Council then reviewed minutes of the November 18<sup>th</sup> special Council meeting for the canvass of elections, after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, Jason Vernon seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps, Korry Soper and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Todd Thorne retiring for Six County Association of Governments.
- Needs letter from Mayor and Council to be signed prior to forwarding to Eccles Foundation with County Application for funding of new grand stand.
- Stated that Cory Hatch started his job as water and sewer superintendent this week, and has been involved in pressure station training with Rural Water Association of Utah. Councilmember Korry Soper expressed surprise at the procedure of the recent hire of Mr. Hatch, stating that he had expected a recommendation from Barton prior to the hire occurring. Other Councilmembers registered similar surprise. Barton apologized for any confusion and stated that he felt he had the blessing of the Council based on discussion in the closed session of the previous meeting. Barton then asked that further discussion be saved for closed session, as it was a personnel issue. The Mayor concurred.

- Summarized recent MIBA meeting, including the possibility of moving pageant dinner for next year to the Armory, as the Tabernacle will be undergoing extensive upgrades.
- Referenced an email in packet to Wayne Christensen, from the leasing office for state agencies in an effort to bring new tenants to the city building.
- Discussed Sunrise Engineering proposal to clean sewer cell number one and recommended against any action at this time until it could be determined what our capacity will be in cells 2 and 3.
- Stated that he had issues dealing with personnel, property negotiation and possible litigation for discussion in closed session.

The Mayor called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation, legal and personnel matters. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, Jason Vernon seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps, Korry Soper 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 Phelps moved that they be paid as presented and as money becomes available. Seconded by Councilmember Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps, Korry Soper and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

General Account

Marriott Hotel	\$382.12
Justin Aagard	40.00
Thatcher Company	913.45
Bankcard Services	843.41

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Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator