

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2014
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon present. The Mayor welcomed all present and led them in the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Soper thanked the community for its support and stated that he looked forward to working with the council for the benefit of the community.

Mayor Soper recognized Dale Nielsen, Public Works Director, who reported on the following:

- Snow pack look dismal. Recent SnoTel report indicates snow pack at less than 75% of normal for our drainage.
- The crew is getting caught up on projects, cleaning facilities and getting ready for spring work.
- Planning to re-hang some 'Yield' signs in town and get them off from power poles.
- Water Supervisor, Cory Hatch is working out very well. Cory spent two days with Rural Water officials and refurbished all of our pressure stations. He is also locating all manhole and water valves covers and editing our mapping where needed.
- Discussed Cory's preparations for certification examinations which are underway.

The Mayor thanked Dale for his work in the community and welcomed Blake DeMill, Power Superintendent, who reported the following:

- Completed upgrades at north substation.
- Large bucket truck repairs completed.
- Crew had installed three new residential services.
- Transformer replaced near Sr. Citizens Center. He also noted the need to get the gas furnace working at the center rather than continuing to use the electric baseboard heaters, which overload the system.
- Gearing up to do Spring tree trimming.
- Removed a line at B&H Farms
- As street lights on side streets require replacing, we are upgrading to LED, which cost \$15 more per lamp but they last much longer and use much less power.
- Lost a bearing in turbine #2 at lower plant, which needs replacing.
- Starting maintenance at Upper Power Plant.

Mayor Soper thanked Blake for his efforts to benefit the community and welcomed Mike Tillack, Zan Officer, who reported animal control efforts, the upcoming vaccination clinic and registration event for dogs. Mike also reported on building maintenance at the City Building, City Complex and Old City Hall.

Ryan Phelps asked about the problem with the new restroom in the library. Tillack reported that it had been repaired for the time being but that the problem was recurring and we will likely engage a service with a camera to check the drain pipe which runs underneath the building.

The Mayor said he had heard some concerns regarding garbage pickup during the holidays. Dale stated that due to the large amount of dumpsters that was put out in the streets they started earlier than announced the week after Christmas, which caused some confusion. Kent Barton added that the truck was sent out to any residents who called and may have been missed.

The Mayor thanked Dale, Blake and Mike for their reports.

Mayor Soper recognized Manti Elementary School Principal, Karen Soper. Karen thanked and praised the city for its support and a successful partnership in keeping our kids safe. She then brought up an area of concern that she hoped could be addressed. She spoke of traffic speeding the school. She specifically addressed the intersections on 200 West and 100 South and Union Streets, which currently have stop signs for north and south bound traffic but not east and west. She asked if the council would consider making both intersections 4-way stops. Discussion ensued. Principal Soper thanked the city for installing 4 “No U-turn” signs on 100 South between 100 and 200 West Streets in an effort to stop drivers from dropping off children and then “u-turning” mid block, posing a risk to children. She asked if the council would consider going a step further and have the street striped in the center with double yellow lines as a visual reminder to drivers not to make U-turns. More discussion ensued after which it was determined that the consensus of the Council was to place the 4-way stops and double stripes as requested by Principal Soper. Dale Nielsen asked for an appropriate amount of time to make sure that signs could be placed properly as recommended by the State. Dale also agreed to have the crosswalks on 200 west near the school repainted, as Principal Soper pointed out that the repainting had not been completed since the road was resurfaced last fall. Dale agreed to take care of this as well.

The Mayor thanked Principal Soper for addressing the Council and for the benefit the school provides for the children in our community.

Mayor Soper recognized resident Charlene Fjerstad and invited her to approach the podium. Fjerstad passed out a packet to the Mayor and members of the Council, which included libertarian propaganda along with information about ‘con-trails’ and ‘chem-trails’ from aircraft overhead. She stated that ‘chem-trails’ do not occur from jet engine exhaust but rather from substances, elements and particles and are being willfully dispersed by the government in the skies overhead, some of which are contaminating our air and water and pose great health risks to humans. She elaborated for approximately 10 minutes citing websites and experts. The Mayor asked what she wanted from the council. Fjerstad, replied that she wanted the council to be aware and would also like more frequent and in-depth increased testing of our water supplies to be done. The Mayor reported that our water testing is regulated by the State Division of Drinking Water and that we would continue to test as directed by the Division. He thanked Fjerstad for attending the meeting and making the Council “aware” of her concern.

Councilmember Jason Vernon then asked to be excused to attend to another commitment.

The Mayor welcomed Gary Keddington, financial advisor to the city, who reported on the recently completed financial audit by Hinton Burdick Hall & Spilker. Keddington gave copies of the completed audit to the Mayor and each council member and then reviewed the findings, which included 3 relatively minor issues, which have since been corrected. He also recommended that Councilmembers read the 'management discussion and analysis' section of the audit. Keddington offered to arrange for a training session to go over the financials with newly elected members of the council if they so desired. Councilmembers Maylett and Phelps each expressed interest, as well as other members of the council. Keddington said that he would talk with Kent Barton regarding some possible dates to schedule the training. Mayor Soper thanked Keddington for his work on behalf of the city.

Mayor Soper then asked if the Council had questions regarding the Municipal Water Planning Assessment Report. Several questions were asked, which were fielded by Kent Barton, City Administrator. Barton noted that our weakness on the self-assessment is regarding our capital funding resources for future or anticipated upgrades to the waste water system, specifically with regard to a "sinking fund" to cover such expenses. Some discussion ensued and it was determined that we should consider the creation of a sinking fund for this purpose in the upcoming budget. The Mayor then called for a resolution # 14-01-15 to accept the Municipal Water Planning Assessment Report. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor then asked Administrator Barton if there was any continuing business on which to report. Barton explained that he had spoken with UDOT regarding Councilmember Phelps' question regarding a crosswalk at 100 North & Main Streets. It was explained that UDOT's position is that all intersections along Main Street are regarded as "unmarked crosswalks" for use by pedestrians. It was further explained that UDOT would only paint a cross if the volume of crossings qualify. Barton said that a UDOT official he spoke with said that marked crosswalks can give a false sense of security to pedestrians and as such they only stripe at crossings where the volume of foot traffic warrants. Barton also reported that the signs directing Main Street travelers to the City Park were being prepared by UDOT and would be placed soon. The plan is to place a sign for both north and south bound motorists on Main Street as they approach 200 North Street. The sign would read "City Park" and include an arrow pointing westward.

The Mayor then asked about flashing "speed limit" signs, which he has seen while traveling through several neighboring communities. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Council that such signs may be useful at the north and south approaches to our city. Kent Barton said that he would get cost information on the signs and whether or not they could be provided by UDOT.

The Mayor then asked if any Councilmembers had items to discuss or report.

Jason Maylett said that he had received a complaint from a county resident who lives outside the city limits regarding a garbage fee that is charged on his utility bill. It was explained that a \$3.50

fee charged to all county domiciles each month for operations of the county Landfill regardless of whether or not the resident lives in a city, town or the county.

Darren Dyreng stated that he had one item for discussion in closed session dealing with property negotiation.

Vaun Mickelsen reported that the Arbor Committee is preparing a presentation for a future council meeting.

Ryan Phelps reported on Library issues.

Mayor Soper reported on the following:

- Current recycling provider will no longer be serving our area. Linda Nielsen of Manti explained at a recent Mayors and Commissioners meeting she is working with other providers in an effort to keep the program going in our county.
- Commissioner Frischknecht warned mayors and commissioners of an effort by the Forest Service to initiate a “dispersed camping” program in 12-mile canyon which could greatly limit options for campers in that canyon and unless opposed my spread to neighboring areas of the forest.
- The county jail is currently at capacity housing 73 inmates for the State Corrections.
- Explained an “Honor Flight” program which the government has started to give World War II and other veterans the opportunity to fly to Washington DC to view the War memorials.
- Distributed a list of council members assignments. Some discussion ensued.
- Mayor Soper asked how the council felt about moving to electronic council packets rather than paper. After discussion it was the unanimous feeling of the Council that the change be made. Most members of the Council indicated that they had the electronic equipment for receiving the packets. The Mayor asked Kent Barton to poll the Council, determine where equipment may be needed and to acquire the equipment.

Mayor Soper then announced to the Council that he recommends Councilmember Vaun Mickelsen be assigned by the Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the next four years and called for a motion to that effect. The motion was made by Darren Dyreng and seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked if the Council noted any changes to be made to the minutes of the Public Hearing of December 11th regarding CDBG funding. Several typographical errors were noted after which Jason Maylett made motion that those minutes be accepted as corrected. Vaun Mickelsen seconded the motion. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

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motion. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then asked the Council if there were any changes to be made to the draft version of the minutes from the November 20th Council meeting. None were noted. He then called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, Darren Dyreng seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Received a \$3,000 check from Matt Christensen for strip of property between his home and 300 North Street.
- Discussed a recent tour he and Blake DeMill attended with other members of the UMPA at the Lakeside 2 plant near the old Geneva Steel site.
- Attended recent Irrigation Co. meeting, where a presentation was made by the Agua Dulce Company, concerning sulfer burners for treating irrigation water.
- Talked about time-table for the CDBG application and recommended to the Council that the city apply for a Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of acquiring property to expand the city’s industrial park.
- Is working with Garrick Wilden of Jones & DeMill to have specifications prepared for the letting of a bid for a council chamber in the city building.
- Stated that he had issues dealing with personnel and property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

The Mayor called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation and personnel matters. Ryan Phelps made that motion, Vaun Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

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| Dirk’s Farmhouse Restaurant | \$ 25.00 |
| Justin Aagard | 40.00 |
| Manti American Legion | 184.79 |
| Stephen Johnson | 1,500.00 |

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| Tami Larson | 143.65 |
| Sunrise Engineering | 4,163.10 |
| Candies on Main | 71.86 |
| Scott Gressman | 50.00 |
| Steve Roberts | 50.00 |
| Justin Aagard | 40.00 |
| Dirk's Farmhouse Restaurant | 175.46 |
| Utah Municipal Power Agency | 73,655.79 |
| Stephen Johnson | 300.00 |
| Bankcard Center | 1,695.36 |
| Rick Christensen | 2,464.66 |
| Brody Keisel | 1,931.00 |
| Manti Post Office | 471.24 |

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator