

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 11th, 2014
6:55 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. Mayor Soper welcomed all present invited everyone to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor recognized Blake DeMill, Power Superintendent. Blake reported on the following:

- 46 KV Arm change out at the west sub station
- Transformer move at the high school
- Tap changes at substations and power plants
- Over lighting maintenance at city park, fairgrounds and pageant vendor park
- New service installations
- Assistance with Fairview City volt insulator switch out
- Pole relocations
- Limb clearing from Mother's Day snow storm
- Plan to switch "back street" lighting to LED over time
- Upper plant generator maintenance
- Planned pole change outs at Doug Cox farm and north radio tower lines

The Mayor recognized Cory Hatch, Water and Sewer Supervisor. Cory reported on the following:

- First round of testing on water from "Big Spring" and "Sister Spring" indicates no groundwater influence, clearing the first hurdle to getting those springs returned to our culinary and power generation systems
- Turbidity (clarity) testing is planned
- Depth monitoring and projection mapping at the sewer lagoons

Mayor Soper then opened the current budget (FY 2014) for discussion prior to considering adjustment to the budget. Administrator Kent Barton explained the adjustments to the budget (from both the revenue and expense positions) and entertained some questions from the council. After some discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to adjust the budget as proposed. Jason Vernon made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Mayor Soper asked that discussion turn to the proposed budget (FY 2015). Kent Barton presented the budget and explained that to balance the budget, requires the use of \$147,000 from the beginning balance (or retained earnings) of the "enterprise funds" (water, sewer & electric funds). Barton pointed out that the largest "new expense" to the budget is a bond payment of \$85,000 for the recent sewer lagoon upgrade and recommended that the Council consider adjusting sewer fees to cover that expense. The Mayor asked the issue be place on the agenda for discussion and possible action for the July 16th council meeting.

After questions and discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the proposed budget (FY 2015) as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made that motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The Mayor then directed that discussion turn to the consideration of implementing timed parking restrictions along the commercial zone of West Union Street as requested by Dirk Correnti of Correnti’s Kitchen and Home. Kent Barton reported that he had spoken with Dallas Cox of Manti Telephone Company and that Cox had no objection to the proposed parking restriction. Discussion ensued after which the Mayor asked that the Planning Commission look at the issue and return a recommendation to the Council.

The Mayor recognized Josh McKell of Utah Local Governments Trust. McKell addressed the upcoming insurance renewal for the city’s auto, property and general liability lines of insurance coverage. McKell recommended that the Council consider increasing the \$2 million limit for liability coverage to \$5 million. He indicated that many court awards are now exceeding \$2 million, which leaves communities on the hook to pay the overage. McKell said that most Utah communities (including many in Sanpete County) have increased or are considering increasing their limits. McKell said that the cost for the additional \$3 million in coverage would increase from \$42,181 to \$48,662 or \$6,481 annually. After some open discussion Mayor Soper asked the Council to give the issue some thought and study, and directed that a decision regarding increasing limits would be placed on the agenda for the July 16th council meeting.

The Mayor asked if there were any reports from Councilmembers.

Jason Maylett reported that the July 4th celebration chairpersons Mike & Suzy Howell, along with co-chairs Andy & Robyn Cox, have another great event planned including activities at the park, the parade and fireworks program. Maylett said that Don and Aleth Simmons were selected as Grand Marshall’s of the parade and would also be speaking at the Patriotic Program at the park. Mr. Maylett also referred to documents he had asked to be placed in the packet that constituted a “Landlord Agreement” for the nearby community of Centerfield. He asked that the council review the documents and requested future discussion on the issue of improving the quality of rental homes within the community.

Darren Dyreng complimented the crew on the appearance of the city but pointed out that the “bulb out” landscape areas do need trimming. Kent Barton explained that the work is scheduled, and will be completed by the end of the week.

Jason Vernon asked about the recent vandalism at the city park restrooms. He also inquired about the possibility of having the plaque on the marker for the “Big Fort”, near the city library, be replaced as the current one is badly oxidized.

Ryan Phelps reported on the library board meeting along with his efforts to recruit a new economic development committee.

Mayor Soper reported on the following:

- Scheduled 4-week maintenance closure at Hunter plant reduced to 10 days – resulting in huge power purchase savings
- UMPA market modifications for outages resulted in savings of \$1.7 million from projection
- Reviewed “rate stabilization fund” methodology
- Explained that going forward, the rate stabilization fund formula would be adopted with the annual operating budget

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections noted for the draft version of the minutes for the May 21st council meeting. One typographical error was noted after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as corrected. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton reported on the following:

- Rat Fink Reunion was a huge success.
- On behalf of Ilene Roth presented a check to the city for \$13,500. Ilene asked to convey her appreciation to the Mayor, Council and city employees for their support in making the reunion a success.
- Pageant preparations well underway. The crew is busy getting the community looking good and services in order.
- Pageant dinner preparations ongoing, believes the armory, as the venue will work out well.
- Reviewed recent pageant security meeting the city hosted, which was attended by members of the pageant presidency, sheriff’s office, temple security, and evangelical leaders.
- Indicated he had items for discussion in closed session regarding property negotiation and personnel.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

General Account

Sam's Club	\$ 390.41
Colby Zeeman	40.00
Sam's Club	45.00
Manti Post Office	495.17
Cache Valley Bank	1,061.66
Bankcard Services	1,413.72
Suzy Howell	375.86
Stephen Johnson	1,050.00
Utah State Treasurer	247.51
Steve Roberts	45.50
Michelle Francks	83.06
Justin Aagard	40.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator