

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

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps present. Councilmember Jason Vernon was excused. Mayor Soper welcomed all present and invited them to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Soper recognized Evan Bingham, who lives approximately three miles north of Manti on Keller Lane. Mr. Bingham reviewed the history of his working with the city with regard to electric and cemetery issues since the time he moved to the county and developed the subdivision where his home is located. Bingham explained that he was here to request to that the Council consider adding garbage pickup service for the 6 homes in his subdivision. It was explained to Bingham that the city currently provides no garbage service outside of the city limits. Mr. Bingham said that the 6 homes in question support the schools and economy of Manti and want to be part of Manti. Dale Nielson, Public Works Director stated that one of the reasons that Manti City chose not to offer garbage service outside of the city limits is due to the fact that private enterprise is handling that service and the city did not want to compete, outside of providing the service to Manti citizens. Bingham countered that he didn't feel that was a valid reason. Kent Barton, City Administrator explained that the decision is also largely economic – that it is not feasible for the city truck to make the 7 mile round trip for 6 homes. Bingham stated that he felt they would be willing to pay an extra dollar or so if that was required. Discussion ensued after which the Mayor agreed to have the city look at the issue and get back with Mr. Bingham. Bingham thanked the Council for its time and for considering his concern.

The Mayor recognized Public Work Director, Dale Nielson. Dale again reiterated to the Council that previous councils had kept the longstanding decision not to provide garbage service outside the city limits, thereby competing with private enterprise for business outside of our boundaries. Dale went on to explain that the chip sealing project for this year has been completed with approximately 4 miles of our roads being chipped and sealed. Dale also explained that he has scheduled repairs for the blacktop surface, which is badly deteriorating in the Barton Subdivision. Dale reported on preparations at the city park for the removal of the basketball and volleyball courts to be replaced with grass as requested by the Council. Discussion ensued, after which it was decided to hold a work meeting at the park prior to the August 20th council meeting. Ryan Phelps noted that a working drinking fountain is needed at the park. He also indicated there had been problems with an electrical breaker at the east pavilion. Dale referenced a fountain that is in storage that could possibly be added. Blake DeMill explained the issue with the electrical breaker. Dale then took the opportunity to thank the Mayor and Council for the recent pay increases and said they were appreciated.

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

- Progress with the phone line in the canyon between the two power plants.
- Service hookup performed in the community
- Upper plant is now fully repaired and operational
- Has ordered 14 LED street lights for replacements

Blake also described the recent power outage and explained the problem was with a segment of wire at the east substation. He showed the Council a section of the damaged wire and explained he is working on getting a “splice” made to replace the damaged section. New wire may need to be purchased as damaged wire has out lived its recommended service life. Blake also thanked the Mayor and Council for the recent pay increases.

Mayor Soper asked that discussion turn to the request of UDOT to eliminate all cemetery access points from highway 89, in and out of the cemetery. Administrator Kent Barton reviewed a recent meeting with UDOT officials and explained their desire to continue 4 traffic lanes from 800 North to 500 North through a combination of widening and restriping. Barton indicated that UDOT would require the access points to be eliminated before that work would be completed. Mayor Soper asked the Council if there were any concerns with UDOT’s request. After none were noted, he called for a motion to close all vehicular access points to and from Highway 89 and the cemetery between 800 North and 500 North. Jason Maylett made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Mayor Soper asked that discussion turn to continuing business. He asked the if the Council would like to consider parking restrictions on west Union Street in the commercial district and asked that issue be placed on the next council meeting agenda. Kent Barton shared the engineer’s report for the development of a storm drainage system along east 100 North. The cost estimate included in the report was \$150,000. After brief discussion Mayor Soper asked that it be placed on our projects list, where it would become available for possible public funding. Barton also asked the Council’s desire regarding the recent request by a citizen to have a net-metering program available for residents that invest in solar panels. After discussion, the Mayor asked Barton to put together a proposal for the Council’s consideration.

The Mayor asked if there were any reports from Councilmembers.

Ryan Phelps reported on recent meetings with the Economic Development Committee, Library Board and Chamber of Commerce. Phelps also reported that the Arts Council is currently conducting rehearsals for an upcoming community production of Cinderella. Phelps also said that he had one item for discussion in closed session involving property negotiation.

Mayor Soper asked how the Council felt about donating \$500 for the upcoming “Firemen’s Challenge” event at the Sanpete County Fair. Noting that he had a consensus, he asked Kent Barton to go ahead with the donation. The Mayor also said that he had been asked to recommend a “Mayor’s Choice Award” at the county fair “Car Show” and invited members of the Council to join him and give their input.

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections noted for the draft version of the minutes from the July 16th council meeting. Several typographical changes were noted after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept said minutes as corrected. Darren Dyreng made that motion, which was 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 there were any corrections noted for the draft version of the July 16th public hearing. After no changes were noted the Mayor called for a motion to accept said

minutes as presented. Jason Maylett made that motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Ryan Phelps. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Kent Barton explained that the children’s advocacy group, Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) which performs wonderful services to children and families that have been victimized by child abuse has requested the use of the Manti Pool as the venue for a party for children and families in the area who have suffered from abuse. After brief discussion the consensus of the Council was to grant use of the facility on the day requested without charge.

Barton then reported on the following:

- Reviewed documents prepared by Jones and DeMille for improvements at the City Building
- Advised the Council on plans for the upcoming Manti Mountain ATV Run
- Explained that culinary water service would be turned off for several residences on east 100 south for several hours on August 11th and that all affected residents have been notified.
- Referenced 3 proposals from design firms for the development of a city “logo” and branding services and recommended placing the issue on a future agenda for discussion by the council. Brief discussion ensued after which it was determined to request proposals from local design firms and to task the new economic development committee in the initial stages of selecting a logo design for the city.
- Asked if all members of the Council still planned to attend the upcoming ULCT conference in September. All responded to the affirmative.
- Asked if any councilmembers desired extra dinner tickets for the ULCT dinner.
- Indicated he had items dealing with property negotiation and legal matters for discussion in closed session

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

General Account

Utah State Treasurer	\$ 505.98
Edwin B. Parry	103.85
Enrique Alcala	260.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	93,694.59
Utah State Tax Commission	10,399.71
Chris Branch	150.00
Brad Hansen	240.00
Eric Hendrickson	315.00
Justin Aagard	40.00
Nephi Recreation	148.86
Bankcard Center	2,330.85
Mel Clark, Inc.	95.87
BYU	1,000.00
Breanne Keisel	50.00
LDS Church	7,143.96
Manti Post Office	490.19

Korry Soper, Mayor, Manti City

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator