

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 4th, 2015
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 attending and asked them to stand and join him in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor was advised that Ellen Aste cancelled her request to address the Council due to a scheduling conflict and that she plans to return at a future date.

The Mayor asked if the Council desired to discuss any “continuing business”. Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Commercial Zone expansion. Administrator Kent Barton reported he is researching planners to assist us with developing a plan. As part of that discussion the question of annexation came up and the consensus of the Council was that we should pursue annexation of the 150 acres, along with surrounding property, into the city limit.
- Jason Maylett said he would like us to keep talking about a rental standards or good landlord plan.

The Mayor recognized Chantelle Phelps, representing Discovering Potential Through Arts Creativity. Phelps stated that she is seeking donations to help with scholarships to cover tuition and other expenses for students who cannot cover the expense, but desire to participate. Darren Dyreng asked if the group is contacting private business, and Phelps responded affirmatively. He asked that his employer please be contacted. Mayor Soper promised that the Council would take the request under advisement and thanked Phelps for coming in and wished her luck with a good cause.

Moving to Councilmember Reports Vaun Mickelsen reminded the Council that a new Arbor Committee Chair Person is needed. Mayor Soper asked the Council to give it some thought and bring recommendations to the next Council Meeting. Mickelsen also reported on several education sessions he attended at the recent Rural Water Association of Utah annual conference.

Jason Maylett gave an update on the remodel at the City Building Court and Council Room. He expects the project to be completed a week or two ahead of schedule.

Ryan Phelps reported on the following:

- Leadership reorganization efforts and new regular meeting time set with the Economic Development Committee.
- Community tech classes to be offered at the library on the last Thursday each month.

Mayor Soper talked about substandard snow pack and the need for conservation. Citing a meeting he attended, he suggested the best method of conservation is metering rather than rationing. Some discussion ensued during which time it was mentioned that the Manti City Creek Water Users Association has started installing meters for the pressurized irrigation system.

The Mayor also reported that he and Kent Barton had attended the loan closing for the Ambulance Building bond earlier in the day at the office of Richard Chamberlain in Richfield.

From Mayors' and Commissioners' meeting, the Mayor spoke about a recommendation from County Recorder Hatch that communities attempt to minimize confusion in areas of problematic surveys by engaging the same surveyor where possible for those areas.

Also from the Mayors' and Commissioners' meeting, Landfill Manager Gary Bringhurst proposed a \$3.50 - \$4.00 annual increase to the per household assessment for operation of the landfill to cover revenue shortfalls. The Mayor asked for input from the Council. Discussion ensued. Darren Dyreng recommended any shortfall be documented and that a summary of what each community is paying be provided. After more discussion, the consensus of the Council was that a full accounting of revenues be provided prior to any discussion to increase the assessment.

The Mayor invited Public Comment.

Doug Lowe, Managing Editor of the Sanpete Messenger, stood and spoke about the Landfill controversy. Lowe stated that reports indicated there was actually a vote taken at the Mayors' and Commissioners' meeting to increase the assessment. Mayor Soper said the vote was not unanimous. Lowe then suggested that prior embezzlement and associated remuneration or lack thereof that occurred by management should be fully disclosed to county residents.

Jane Braithwaite then spoke about the cemetery improvement project.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous council meeting. After noting several typographical errors, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting of February 18th, 2015 as corrected. Darren Dyreng 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.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- The "Net Metering" ordinance was published last week and the ordinance is now "in effect". Barton said that one resident has already submitted an application and paid the associated fee. He expects the power department to install the 2-way meter for the customer within a week.
- Updated the Council on progress with Nancy Bean securing liability insurance in order to be able to use the office area of the old sewing plant.

- Updated the Council on UDOT plans and status with regard to the highway project east of the cemetery.
- Advised the council of the upcoming ULCT mid-year meeting in St. George and asked that Council members let him know if they wish to be registered.
- Advised the Council that the communities of Manti and Delta were designated by the state of Utah as qualifying for funds from the Community Driven Housing Program based on the quality and detail of the “Affordable Housing Plans” each community had submitted to the state.
- Stated that he had items dealing with property negotiation and personnel for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation and personnel. 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.

RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

The bills were presented for payment. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Vaun Mickelsen made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Jason Vernon seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen, Ryan Phelps and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Justin Aagard	\$40.00	Fairfield Inn	\$234.15
Vaun Mickelsen	\$315.13	Kim Squire	\$23.78
Darren Dyreng	\$315.13	AJ Mower	\$400.00
Jason Maylett	\$315.13	Empire Builders	\$30,000.00
Korry Soper	\$315.13	Cory Hatch	\$420.21
Crystal Inn	\$178.40	Chad Moore	\$38.75
Crystal Inn	\$178.40	Bankcard Services	\$989.85
Crystal Inn	\$178.40	Utah Municipal Power Agency	\$93,992.07
Fairfield Inn	\$351.23	Dale Nielson	\$28.17

Korry L. Soper, Mayor
 Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator