

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 15th, 2015
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen present. Councilmember Jason Vernon was excused. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and asked that they stand and join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- ∞ Temple Service Upgrade completed
- ∞ Power line installation to South West Farms new facilities completed.
- ∞ Underground primary line and two service installations completed at Dave Jorgensen's subdivision north of the city limits west of 200 West Street.
- ∞ New service installed at 600 W 520 S
- ∞ New service installed at 500 W 735 N
- ∞ Rewired office suite in the City Building being remodeled for Jones & DeMille
- ∞ Installed new underground circuit street lights at cemetery
- ∞ Replaced out circuit transformers at the Scott Miller Farm
- ∞ Neutral Change out Canyon line
- ∞ Completed several pole change outs
- ∞ Preparing for seasonal tree trimming
- ∞ Plan for gradual switchover to LED lighting on "back streets"
- ∞ Plans for underground primary line installation at South West Farms east facility

The Mayor stated: "I understand you received a gift from Spanish Fork City". Blake chuckled and went on to explain about the 46KV switch that was retired and offered to Manti City by Spanish Fork. DeMill stated that he has picked up the switch and after some maintenance work is completed on the switch itself and other site prep work is completed including pole installation and fencing, the switch can be installed, as per the ongoing request of Rocky Mountain Power, in order to bring us up to code. The gifted switch will save the city about \$50,000 over the project. DeMill continued explaining that the switch is about 20 years old but in very good condition. He said that Springville City still uses these type of switches and have offered to assist in the event that any servicing or parts replacement should be required in the future.

The Mayor thanked Blake for his continued service to the city and then invited Dale Nielson, Public Works Director, to make his report to the Council. Nielson reported on recent and planned snow removal efforts. He stated that he plans to have the crew start at 4:00 a.m. tomorrow removing large piles of snow along Main Street from yesterday's

storm in order to keep the business district cleared for street-side parking, and to get ready for the next round of storms expected next week. The Mayor thanked Dale and the crew for their excellent efforts with snow removal, keeping our streets safe and clear. Several Council Members echoed their appreciation.

Mayor Soper noted that Russell Faatz had decided not to address the Council and asked Kent Barton to update the Council on the issue. Barton explained the issue to the council which involves Faatz's desire to have a bridge repaired which he and a few other property owners use to access their property south of the Flood Channel near the spot where 100 South Street terminates in the county. Barton said there have been suggestions made that the City is responsible for the maintenance of the bridge but he questions the suggestion as it provides no benefit to the city. He said that the city has for many years provided maintenance on and repairs on the Flood Channel itself throughout its course through the city all the way to its confluence with the Sanpitch River. Although Barton agrees this practice has occurred for many, many years – he has not been able to locate any written agreement obligating the city to perform this maintenance on the flood channel. He stated that he had discussed both issues with City Attorney, Richard Chamberlain, and that Chamberlain agrees that the city is under no obligation to maintain either the channel or any of its crossing, outside of the city limits. Chamberlain's opinion is that those who benefit from the water coursing through the channel (downstream users) should ultimately be responsible for the maintenance of the channel. Similarly, those who benefit from the use of the bridge should be responsible for the maintenance of the bridge unless it is a designated public county road or bridge for which the county assumed responsibility.

Barton then explained that regarding the bridge repairs; he had discussed the issue at length with Dale Nielson and that he (Nielson) and County Road Supervisor Steven Keller have made plans to address the bridge being that it (the bridge) is a turn around spot for users of the county road as it is immediately in the area where the county road terminates. Barton said that according to Nielson, the County has agreed to supply a new culvert and the city had been placing fill material (rock and concrete) at the site for the planned re-construction / repair of the bridge. According to Barton, both the city and the county agree there is reason to keep the bridge safe for those who find themselves at the end of the county road and need to use it to turn around. Nielson, who was present at the meeting gave more details about the repairs which according to him would not require an expense from the city other than labor and equipment expense which could be planned for a time when there are not other projects requiring the equipment. Councilmember Mickelsen, who owns property in the area agreed that there is a lot of public travel in the area and that if the bridge were not there or allowed to remain in an unsafe condition, it could create a public hazard. After some discussion it was agreed to proceed with the repairs in cooperation with the county as had been explained to the Council by Barton and Nielson.

The Mayor then directed that discussion turn to a review of the financial statement and asked Kent Barton to proceed with the review. Barton reviewed with the council, the expense and revenue sections of the general fund and the enterprise funds (water, sewer and electric) based on the period ending November 30, 2015. He explained that we are about 42% of the way through the fiscal year, which ends June 30th, 2016 and explained that in most areas expenses are running within or near expectation. Some areas of expense, which were unforeseen at the time of setting the budget, have exceeded expectation. Some of those included the following:

- ∞ Reimbursement to Duane and Nadean DeMill for water damaged in their home.
- ∞ Payments to State Stone for cemetery improvement project.
- ∞ Fire Department supplies

Barton also explained that revenues in most areas are coming in at or near expectation but also noted that some revenues such as property taxes have not yet been fully realized but will “catch up” as periodic disbursements are made from the county. Barton also went through the enterprise funds and noted that in all three funds planned expenses are lagging expectation, while planned revenues exceed expectation, which is a positive trend and should keep those funds “in the black”.

Some discussion ensued and Barton entertained several questions from the Mayor and members of the Council. The Mayor thanked Kent for the report and he and his staff for their efforts in managing the resources of the city.

The Mayor then advised the Council that it was that time of year to consider Christmas bonuses for the city staff noting that last year the city gave \$150 to full time employees with corresponding amounts for part time employees depending on average hours per week worked. The Mayor asked the Council if they would like to do more, less of the same as last year. After brief discussion the consensus was to do the same as last year. The Mayor asked Kent to have the bonus checks prepared. Kent Barton reminded the Council that the employee Christmas luncheon was scheduled for this Friday (December 18th) and invited all councilmembers to attend. He indicated that they would be serving pizza.

Moving on continuing business, the Mayor asked if any members of the Council had items for discussion. Jason Maylett stated that he feels we need to address 800 North Street from 200 West to 500 West. He said the road which is a high traffic street and remains unpaved really needs to be paved and suggested moving it up on the priority list. Some discussion ensued and there seemed to be a consensus that the section of road should be addressed as soon as possible.

Vaun Mickelsen raised a concern about the condition of the fence in the west side of the cemetery. Kent Barton noted that the city crew is planning to remove the remaining

Chinese Elm trees in that area and said that after that is complete, we will need to make plans and identify funds for a new fence. Darren Dyreng suggested upgrading the fence from the current chain-link – possibly such as wrought iron to match the fence at the Pioneer Heritage Gardens.

Mayor Soper then explained his desire to see improvements made on west Union Street between 100 West and 200 West streets, to include curb, gutter and a sidewalk. He said this is a high traffic area for parents dropping off and picking up kids from school and the slope from the school property and mud which is often present make the area problematic for vehicle and foot traffic. Kent Barton said we might be able to get some grant money from a program called “Safe Routes to School”, he indicated that he had discussed this project with Assistant Superintendent Ralph Squire and that he felt the School District would probably participate in cost sharing as well.

The Mayor also spoke of an individual who desires to form a group with the purpose of restoring and upgrading the Eva Beal Auditorium in the City Building. He stated that the auditorium is a great asset to the community but that it is in great need of some attention, repairs and upgrades. Some discussion ensued with several members of the Council expressing support and excitement of such a project.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. After no corrections were noted, the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of November 19th, 2015 as presented. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Made reference to the contract with CIB for the development of a Sports Complex (a copy of which was in the packet) and which needs to be signed by the Mayor and returned to CIB.
- ∞ Stated that an electronic copy of the General Plan has been given to members of the Planning Commission for their review and action. He said that he has also placed a copy in an electronic Council folder marked “General Plan”. He encouraged councilmembers to review and noted any items or issues for discussion, change or adjustment.
- ∞ Reviewed a recent meeting he and Blake DeMill attended with members of UMPA concerning a subscriber solar program that is under development by Rocky Mountain Power.
- ∞ Referenced a meeting with UMPA scheduled for January 7th for the purposes of discussing “cost of solar programs” in the various UMPA member cities.

- ∞ Referenced a meeting which he and the Mayor must attend planned for Tuesday January 5th with Emery Polelonema and Russ Cowley of 6-County Association of Governments for the purpose of reviewing and revising our city's "projects list".
- ∞ Discussed continued improvement over the past 3 years in our employees' safety performance and the subsequent lowering of our E-Mod safety rating multiplier, which resulted in a 24.31% drop in our Worker Compensation Insurance premiums for the coming year.
- ∞ Kent Barton reminded the Council that the employee Christmas luncheon was scheduled for this Friday (December 18th) and invited all councilmembers to attend. He indicated that they would be serving pizza.
- ∞ Indicated that he had items dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss property negotiation issues. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. 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. Gary Chidester seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett and Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

General Account

John Eliason	\$ 100.00
Church of the Bible	75.00
Dave Cox	50.00
Kelly Roberts	61.99
Rebecca Walk	75.04
Main Street Pizza	73.95
Utah State Treasurer	1,080.20
Justin Aagard	40.00
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Chad Moore	487.95
Manti Ambulance Association	57,342.88
Dave or Kristen Jorgensen	4,720.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	67,413.12
Sunny Hammouri	79.05
Manti Post Office	417.13
Kyson Worwood	338.43
Utah Recovery Service	335.00
Mountain America Credit Union	465.00
Utah State Tax Commission	13,362.58
Justin Aagard	40.00
Cache Valley Bank	1,113.34
Manti Post Office	420.38

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator