

MINUTES  
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:40 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present. Councilmember Darren Dyreng was excused. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and invited 3 boy scouts, Jay Henningson, Carson Carmody and Dallin Cox, who were present to come forward and lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterwards the Mayor presented each of the young men with a booklet including the U.S. Constitution and other founding documents of the United States of America.

Mayor Soper recognized JoAnn Otten, Board Chair of the Friends of the Sanpete Childrens' Justice Center. Mrs. Otten acknowledged and expressed past support of the city for their efforts to help children in need who have come from abusive or neglectful backgrounds or situations. Otten also recognized board member Judy Chantry who was in attendance with her. She went on to explain the financial needs of the center in caring for and protecting children during a difficult and often traumatic time in their lives. She said that they are asking each community in the county for a donation to help support this effort. She also explained other fund raising efforts of the board, which include an annual golf tournament. Otten also made mention of her efforts, along with former Miss Sanpete Marlie Meacham Scott, in working with the legislature and State Superintendent of Schools to develop a training curriculum for high school students to educate them about the risks of shaking or mis-handling infants or children. The theme of their effort, "The Strength to be Gentle" will teach the students about how fragile developing children are and that it's okay to feel frustration but to turn away from a situation where a split second decision may injure a child for life. Mrs. Otten thanked the Council for past support and for allowing her time on the agenda. The Mayor thanked her for coming to share this important message and for her advocacy of and work to protect children in need. He stated that he would like to see the city contribute at least the same amount as was donated last year (\$200.00). He then asked members of the Council how they felt about the donation. All members present expressed support of making the contribution.

Mayor Soper stated that regarding the earlier public hearing concerning the proposed annexation to the south of the city, that he expected the Council to consider the proposal at the next Council meeting.

The Mayor then explained that the Manti Volunteer Fire Department had recently held an election of officers and welcomed the newly elected officers to come forward. He then introduced Kevin Olsen as Fire Chief, Elliott Anderson as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, and Mike Simmons as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant. The Mayor then pointed out that the bylaws require the

Council to accept the results of the election prior to appointment of the officers and asked if there was any discussion desired by the Council. Seeing there was none, he called for a motion to accept the results of the nomination and appoint Kevin Olsen as Fire Chief, Elliott Anderson as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, and Mike Simmons as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none. Mayor Soper then thanked the officers for their many years of dedication and service to the community. He said that having served on the department gave him a greater understanding of the sacrifice these volunteers make for the benefit and protection of the community and its citizens. The Mayor also recognized outgoing Chief John Jensen for his excellent leadership over 24 years and said that he would be formally recognized at the next meeting of the council.

The Mayor then recognized Blake DeMill, Power Superintendent, and invited him to make his report. DeMill then reported on the following:

- ∞ Kyson Worwood successfully completed his testing and is now classified as a 4<sup>th</sup>-year apprentice.
- ∞ Working on electrical line upgrades at B&H Farms
- ∞ Completed installation and upgrade work at Southwest Farms
- ∞ Completed upgrades work at the LDS Temple
- ∞ Trimming of trees to clear branches away from power lines is currently under way.

The Mayor thanked Blake for his report. Mayor Soper then explained that the interconnection agreement with B&B, who plans to construct a new hydroelectric plant in 6-mile Canyon, has been finalized and is ready to be executed by B&B, Manti City and Utah Municipal Power Agency (of which Manti City is a member). According to the Mayor, the power, which will be generated at the plant, is to be transmitted by a new power line that will interconnect with the Manti City grid near our substation on the south end of the city. Additionally, UMPA has agreed to purchase the power generated for a period of 3 years. The Mayor noted that these negotiations have been under way for some time as the Council is aware. He also stated that this newly developed hydropower is classified as “green power” and will be of benefit to UMPA in terms of meeting its requirements under federal regulations. Kent Barton noted that the new power line will be adjacent to the city-owned property south and east of the jail and this would be of benefit to the city as we proceed with development on that property in the future. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion desired by the Council prior to him calling for a motion to accept the agreement. Councilmember Maylett stated his support for the agreement and Councilmember Mickelsen also voiced support. Mayor Soper then called for the motion to accept the interconnection and power purchase agreement between B&B, Manti City and UMPA as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon.

Wayne Cox, a citizen in attendance, asked what the purchase price of the power would be. Mayor Soper responded that it would be 3.7 cents per kilowatt.

The Mayor then welcomed Shannon Miller, Chairperson of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee for the Mormon Miracle Pageant to make her presentation to the Council. Miller expressed her excitement for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event, which brings many visitors to our community. She explained that her committee is working with the Pageant to promote the event and to organize nightly musical performances and guest speakers. Also planned is a community cultural event, themed as "Live Your Legacy". The event is planned as an effort by the committee to celebrate the legacy of Sanpete - those events and people that shaped this area; our own Sanpete County. It will take place in harmony and in cooperation with Scandinavian Days and Memorial Day weekend occurrences. Lt. Governor, Spencer Cox, will be the keynote speaker and the children of Sanpete County will sing, dance and perform the Maypole dance with a detailed script honoring important historic events of the county. These events include the importance of the railroad in county economics, Cowboys and farming, WWII, Rat Fink creator Ed Roth, Scandinavian Pioneers, and the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Veterans will be honored in various ways during this Memorial weekend production. Also, the Utah Army National Guard Color Guard will teach a prime group of local boy scouts proper etiquette for conducting a flag ceremony. These youth will then present the flag ceremony at the Memorial Weekend event. This event is secular and will be held at the MHS Football Field at 7:30pm in Manti. Miller also demonstrated an updated and expanded pageant website which is under development and will be much more user friendly. Miller also mentioned that the planning committee does not have any budget to work with and they are accepting donations and contributions. She asked if the city would consider making a donation. The Mayor said the Council would take the request under advisement. He then thanked Miller for her efforts to improve the community.

The Mayor then announced an agenda change of order and invited Garrick Willden of Jones and DeMill to come forward and talk about the culinary spring redevelopment project. Willden went on to review the status of the project and also reviewed bids for the 4-phase project, which were opened last week. His recommendation to the council was to accept the overall low bidder for all four phases, which was Barton Excavating of Ephraim. Willden also pointed out that Barton Excavating had previously completed similar work on Hougaard Spring about 10 years previous and he felt they had a good understanding of the work that needed to be done and that the city was very happy with their work on that project. Some discussion ensued and Willden addressed several questions from members of the Council. City Administrator, Kent Barton, pointed out that the first 3 phases of the project are necessary and should be undertaken this season but recommended that the 4<sup>th</sup> phase (the redevelopment of Dry Spring) is expense that he feels is unnecessary and would not benefit the city with a good return on investment. More discussion ensued after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept Barton Excavating of Ephraim as the contractor for the project to include phase 1,2 & 3 of the project. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester.

Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon.

The Mayor thanked Garrick for his report and said he looks forward to the work being completed. He then directed that discussion to the consideration of acceptance of the proposed Manti City General Plan, which has been under development by Dr. Michael Clay and a group of BYU urban planning students, along with a committee of citizens from the community. He invited Jeff Killian and Voin Campbell of the Planning Commission to come forward and make any desired comments about the Plan. Killian stated that the plan has been excellently and professionally prepared by the BYU group and represents the result of dedicated committee involvement. He stated that during his career in city administration in communities in Utah and California, he had seen many plans and that for a city of our size, this is one of the most complete and thorough plans he has seen. He explained that the planning commission has had the opportunity to review the entire 200-page plan, which they have accepted by motion, and now present to the Mayor and Council for their consideration. Speaking to the Mayor and Council he said, “we feel very good in recommending this plan to you”. Planning Commission member, Voin Campbell, also spoke of the quality and content of the proposed plan and said as a community of our size, we are very fortunate to have such a plan as this is. He said that represents hundreds and hundreds of hours of research, work and study. He went on to say: “I’m very impressed, I highly recommend this plan”. Killian also pointed out that once the plan is adopted by the council, we will be in compliance with state regulations which then allow us to qualify for certain types of funding. Councilmember Vernon said: “I have had the opportunity to review the plan and its goals and strategies. I think it’s a great plan with specific action items and a roadmap for us to follow”. After some additional discussion Mayor Soper called for a motion to accept the proposed General Plan for Manti City. Gary Chidester made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon.

Moving to Council member reports, Jason Maylett stated that he and Kent Barton attended the recent fire department election meeting and that all went smoothly.

Vaun Mickelsen complimented the city workers for their good work.

Jason Vernon reported on the recent airport board meeting and explained that a zoning request by an adjacent farm property owner is requesting a zone change through the county so that he can build a home on his property. He said that the board is comfortable with a change of zoning, provided that no buildings are constructed in the 1,000-foot buffer zone around that runway. Vernon also stated that the zoning change being requested would allow only 1 home per 5 acres. He said “cluster development” had also been discussed. Vernon also talked about the desire to improve and expand hangars at the facility. Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor reported on recent conversations he had with Ephraim City Manager Brant Hanson who requested that Manti take on

additional maintenance responsibilities at the airport to offset some of the expenses that Ephraim is experiencing in administrating much of the day to day operations of the airport. Specifically, he asked that Manti take over the responsibility of all snowplowing of the runway instead of alternating with Ephraim as has been done in the past. Additionally, he asked if Manti would take on the responsibility of the testing of jet fuel which is now being sold at the airport. Jason Maylett said it appeared to be a reasonable request. Vaun Mickelsen suggested both cities document the work that they are doing at the airport. Jason Vernon agreed saying that both cities need a better understanding of their respective costs before we commit to changes. Vernon did acknowledge that usage of the airport appears to be up as a result of fuel availability at the facility.

Mayor Soper then reported on his recent trip to Washington DC with the UMPA board and management. He related the efforts of the group in meeting with Utah's congressional delegation to discuss issues of concern with the generation and distribution of electricity to the communities in our state. The Mayor said they had met with both Utah senators (Hatch and Lee) and all 4 members of the congress (Bishop, Chaffetz, Love and Stewart) and members of their respective staffs. The Mayor, stated that he had the responsibility to discuss the "clean air initiative" and its devastating effect on our local coal industry. He said he was happy to report that all of our Utah representatives do not support the initiative and are on "our side of the battle".

Vaun Mickelsen said that the initiative would also be devastating in terms of our increased cost for power. The Mayor said he wants our local coal miners to know that we support them.

The Mayor asked if any present would like to make public comment. Issac Olsen, a boy scout, said that he would like to see more bike trails developed in the area. Discussion ensued and it was suggested by members of the council that they would support additional trails and that perhaps this could be done through a series of Eagle Scout projects.

The Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. No changes were noted. Mayor Soper then called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Referred to the city's answer to the court regarding the quiet claim action of Dr. Glen Lund concerning property at approximately 500 E 100 South, which was included in the packet.

- ∞ Reported that after discussion with the Mayor, he had ordered a recognition award for John Jensen, retiring Fire Chief, which will be presented to him at the next council meeting.
- ∞ Referred to a letter in the packet from the Sanpete County Water Conservancy District, urging letters of support for the long-delayed Narrows Project.
- ∞ Reported that Alex and Miranda Keeler, chairpersons of the flower planting committee, are planning to plant the flower baskets next month in preparation for placement in late May.
- ∞ Reminded the Council of a complaint that had come in the form of a letter to the editor by Manti citizen Scott Larson, last year concerning the watering of Main Street merchants' flowers that are placed in front of their businesses. Discussion ensued and unanimous consensus of the Council was that the flowers beautify Main Street and likely encourage more foot traffic in our stores which benefit the community from an economic standpoint. The consensus was to continue to water as long as they are placed street side.
- ∞ Reminded the Council of the upcoming UMPA and ULCT conferences.
- ∞ Stated that two interest parties had inquired about purchased the old merry-go-round. After discussion it was determined to accept sealed bids.
- ∞ Requested photographs and biographies of the council for placement in the city building and on the city's website.
- ∞ Said that he had items dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session.
- ∞ Stated that the BYU group desired to present their economic strategy study to the Council at the end of the month on either the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The upcoming meeting schedule for the council was then reviewed and it was determined that the next meeting would occur on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> as regularly scheduled, with the following meeting to occur on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>. No meeting will be held the first week of April.

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 Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen 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, Jason Vernon made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Vaun Mickelsen seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

General Account

Mountain America Credit Union	\$ 465.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	102,665.81
Jared Jackson	600.00
Bankcard Center	1,399.43
Tami Larson	247.65
Kyson Worwood	50.00
Blake Demill	288.43
JoAnn Otten	50.00
Manti Post Office	470.53
Mountain America Credit Union	465.00
Utah Recovery Service	155.00
Utah Recovery Service	180.00
Jordan Aagard	40.00
Utah State Treasurer	323.37
Sunny Hammouri	353.43

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Korry L. Soper, Mayor

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Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator