

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 20th, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon present. Councilmember Jason Maylett was excused, but expected to join the meeting later. The Mayor welcomed all in attendance and invited them to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Soper recognized Kyler Olsen, a Boy Scout from the community, who explained that he desired to perform an Eagle Scout service project at the city cemetery. Olsen explained that with the Council's approval he would like to prepare and plant grass in an area adjoining cemetery, which has been undeveloped. Olsen stated that he planned to have the grass planted before Memorial Day. After Olsen addressed a few questions from members of the Council, the Mayor said it appeared there was a consensus to allow him to go ahead with the project. Mayor Soper asked that Kyler coordinate with the city office for any materials or supplies that may be needed and thanked Kyler for his willingness to serve his community.

Two other Boy Scouts, Issac and Ben Cluff, were also on the agenda to discuss Eagle Scout projects but were not in attendance. Their grandfather explained that they were detained at a baseball game and asked if they could address the Council later in the meeting. The Mayor agreed and then invited Kelly Chappell and Curtis Nielson, representatives of Ensign Engineering to approach. Chappell and Nielson explained that they had met Mayor Soper and City Administrator Kent Barton at the recent Rural Water conference in St. George and wanted to have the opportunity to meet the Council and to offer their civil engineering services to the city. The two then briefly described the various services provided by Ensign and remarked that they had offices in Richfield, Cedar City, Sandy, Tooele and Layton. The duo entertained several questions from the Council and asked for the opportunity to be considered for any upcoming projects. Mayor Soper thanked them for their interest in the community as well as their time in attending the meeting.

The Mayor then asked how the Council felt about the donation request from Shannon Miller, chairperson of the organizing committee for the upcoming cultural celebration celebrating the heritage of Sanpete County. After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion that the city donates \$300 for the event, provided it is used for the cultural event on the evening of May 28th, and not be used for the purposes of promoting the Mormon Miracle Pageant. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Mayor Soper then noted that community sponsored dinners held during the Mormon Miracle Pageant in 2015 netted \$25,000 in profit. He stated that it had previously proposed and discussed that the proceeds be diverted to the recreation fund for the planned construction of a community sports complex and asked if the Council desired any discussion. Seeing there was none, the Mayor called for a motion to designate \$25,000 profits from 2015 pageant dinner proceeds to the planned community sports complex. Jason Vernon made the motion, which was seconded by Vaun Mickelsen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Moving to Councilmember reports, Kent Barton stated that Jason Maylett had asked him to report that Jason recently met with Fire Chief Kevin Olsen, and that Olsen is recommending a “fire department fee” be added to the monthly utility bill as a mean to raise the needed revenues to purchases the SCBA equipment that the department is required to have in place. Barton stated that as we work on finalizing the budget in the upcoming months we will need to address funding for the fire department’s needs “one way or another”.

Vaun Mickelsen stated that he has received complaints from Mary Wintch regarding damage to plants, shrubs and trees from deer. Some discussion ensued after which Jason Vernon proposed a work meeting with a representative of the DWR. It was agreed that Jason Vernon and Kent Barton would get together and determine a date and then propose a meeting for such purpose in May or June.

Gary Chidester indicated that the Library Board has completed interviews for the replacement of Head Librarian, Shanna Coburn. He indicated that he would like to discuss the board’s recommendation in closed session.

Mayor Soper then referenced a letter from the County Commissioners, which was included in the packet regarding the ¼ cent sales tax increase which was voted on throughout the county last November. The letter explained that the tax will go into effect on July 1st, 2016, and that we should expect to see the first disbursements from the county sometime at October 1st.

Councilmember Jason Maylett joined the meeting at this point.

The Mayor also reported on the following items from the recent Mayors and Commissioners Meeting:

- ∞ Presentations from County Recorder Reed Hatch, and County Zoning Administrator, Scott Olsen concerning residential growth in buffer zones and how the cities and counties can better work together to make these areas “annexation ready”. With the goal being that each community develop a “Memorandum of

Understanding” concerning desired infrastructure growth and restriction in the buffer zones.

- ∞ 77 wild horses have now been placed at Taft Farms along the “Divide” north of Fountain Green.
- ∞ Gary Bringhurst, operator of the White Hills Landfill expressed concerns about private contractor’s transporting the allowed “one free blighted structure” that communities are allowed to dispose of annually at the landfill. Some discussion ensued with the consensus of the Council being that it should make no difference whether blighted allowed “free blighted structures” are transported by the cities or by private contractors. It was agreed that transports should have the necessary documentation to verify that the loads being dumped are allowed under the “free” program.

Mayor Soper then asked Boy Scout, Issac Cluff, to come forward and explain his desired Eagle Scout Project. Cluff approached the podium and explained that he desired to repair the existing chain link fence along north and west boundaries of the cemetery, from approximately the Sexton’s shed north to the northwest corner of the cemetery and then South to Highway 89. Cluff explained that he had been with his grandfather to the city yard and located all the supplies that would be needed for the repairs. He indicated that his goal was to have the repairs completed prior to Memorial Day. The Mayor asked how the Council felt about the proposal. There was clear consensus that this would be a good project. The Mayor thanked Issac for his willingness to spearhead a project to improve the city and charged him to “move ahead”.

Jay Cluff, grandfather to Issac and Ben then explained that Ben was still involved in a high school baseball game, which had gone into extra innings. He asked if he could explain Ben’s proposed project. The Mayor invited him to go ahead. Jay then explained that Ben desired to replace approximately 550 feet of chain link fence along the west side of the cemetery, south of the Sexton’s shed, which was damaged and removed when the large Elm trees were removed recently. Jay shared with the Council, a cost of materials quote and stated that all materials are being provided “at cost”. Total cost for the proposed project (materials only) is estimated at about \$2,091.00. Ben, his father, grandfather and others will be providing all of the labor. After brief discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to allocate the estimated \$2,091 from the cemetery budget for the fence improvement as explained by Jay Cluff. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the previous Council Meeting. Two typographical changes were noted, after which the Mayor Soper then called for a motion to accept the minutes from the Council Meeting of March 16th, 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:

- ∞ South Park annexation was formally recorded on April 18th by the county Recorder’s Office. Referenced copies of official documents included in the packet.
- ∞ Reviewed grant request to be submitted by Sanpete County Economic Development Director, Kevin Christensen, for proposed improvements to Manti Canyon Road for approximately 6 miles from the Lowry Fork turnoff to Skyline Drive.
- ∞ Said that he had items dealing with property negotiation and possible litigation for discussion in closed session.

At 7:45 pm, Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss personnel, legal and property negotiation issues. Vaun Mickelsen made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, 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, Darren Dyreng made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Jason Maylett seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Maylett, Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

General Account

Utah Municipal Power Agency	\$71,997.10
Christiansen Furniture	2,149.85
Gerald Wayman	350.00
State Stone	7,686.32
PTIF	9,390.00
Bankcard Center	4,162.80
Miss Manti	100.00
Chad Moore	124.62
Colleen Ogden	25.00
Madeline Larson	25.00
Sandi Mason	36.16
Heather Pearce	91.53
Tammy Hansen	25.00
Carlyle Burt	82.49
Susan Burt	92.49
Fidelity Land and Title	5,000.00

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator