

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 3rd, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Mayor Korry Soper in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Council Members Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett present, along with City Administrator Kent Barton. Councilmembers Vaun Mickelsen and Jason Vernon and were out of town and excused. The Mayor invited all present to stand and join him in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

ZAN Officer Mike Tillack was unable to make his report due to a family emergency. Kent Barton said that Mike would be rescheduled to report at the next Council Meeting.

Katelon Grant, owner of the Yardley Inn Bed & Breakfast was not present. Kent Barton relayed her desire to erect a sign at 200 South and Main Street to direct customers to her business two blocks to the west. Barton said that Grant may arrive later in the meeting.

Mayor Soper recognized Scott Olsen and invited him to approach. Olsen explained his desire to acquire 2 additional water connections for property that he is subdividing directly north of the city limit along 200 West Street. Some discussion ensued, after which the Mayor called for a motion to allow 2 additional hookups to Olsen with conditions to be agreed upon by Olsen and the City. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none. It was agreed that Olsen would work with Kent Barton to finalize the agreement.

The Mayor then invited Katelon Grant (who had joined the meeting in progress) to approach. Grant explained her desire to erect an off site sign for her bed and breakfast business on city property along Main Street. Discussion ensued after which the Mayor explained to Grant that it appeared there was a consensus of the council to work together to find a workable solution for her request. It was agreed that Grant would work with Kent Barton to review specifics and options and then return with a detailed proposal for the Council to consider.

Mayor Soper then asked that discussion turn to the consideration of a recommended electric rate increase based on the recently completed “Cost of Service Study” performed by Dave Berg & Associates for each of the six cities who share ownership of Utah Municipal Power Agency. The Mayor explained the dynamics of rising costs due to our governments’ desire to phase out coal-fired power plants. Additionally, Mayor Soper explained that not raising rates would require the city to “eat into” electric fund reserves putting our utility in financial risk. The Mayor then went through the recommendations as provided in the Berg report, which included the creation of a non-residential customer

class to include a commercial, organizational, governmental and other non-residential customers. Also recommended was an “irrigation” or “well-rate” class specifically for the pumping of irrigation wells, which are seasonal high-demand users. Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor called for a motion to adjust electrical customer rates as recommended by Berg & Associates effective retro-active to July 26th, 2016. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Mayor Soper then explained that the Council had previously considered a separate rate for non-resident participants in the city’s youth sports programs. The Mayor pointed out that each household in the city is currently charged \$3.00 monthly (\$36 annually), which is directed to the city’s youth sports programs. Discussion ensued and Kent Barton explained two different options: 1) a separate enrollment rate for each sport for each non-resident participant, and 2) a annual fee be paid by each family that enrolls children in the programs regardless of the number of children or sports played. After more discussion, the Mayor said it appeared the consensus of the Council was to require an annual fee for non-resident families to participate in our youth sports programs and called for a motion to charge a \$50.00 annual fee to non-resident families to enroll children in youth sports programs. Gary Chidester made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Mayor Soper then explained that the Council had previously considered a service charge for non-resident (outside city limits) users of the city’s culinary water system. The additional \$10.00 charge has been recommended by the city water department to cover the costs of providing service, maintenance of infrastructure and reading of meters outside the city limits. Discussion ensued after which the Mayor called for a motion to create a monthly service fee for culinary water service for non-resident users of \$10.00 per month. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

As there were no councilmember reports to be given, the Mayor then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the council meeting held on June 28th, 2016. Seeing there were none, he called for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 28th, 2016 Council Meeting as presented. Jason Maylett made the motion, which was seconded by Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Mayor Soper then asked if there were any changes noted for the draft version of the minutes from the council meeting held on July 21st, 2016. Two typographical errors were noted after which the Mayor called for a motion to accept the minutes of the July 21st,

2016 Council Meeting as corrected. Darren Dyreng made the motion, which was seconded by Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Administrator Kent Barton then reported on the following:

- ∞ Updated the Council on plans for the upcoming Manti Mountain ATV Ride to be sponsored by Manti City and held next month on August 18th – 20th.
- ∞ Repairs on Sister Spring planned to begin next month.
- ∞ Power line placement has started along Service Berry for the planned 6-Mile hydro plant.
- ∞ Safe Routes to School grant application in process.
- ∞ Pending permit for sewer lagoon release of water for land application.
- ∞ Updated the Council on the status of the Ballfield Design Committee and preparatory work being performed by Jones & DeMille.
- ∞ Stated that he had one item dealing with property negotiation for discussion in closed session.

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Soper called for a motion to move into closed session to discuss a property negotiation issue. Gary Chidester made the motion, which was seconded by Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. 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 Maylett made the motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Gary Chidester seconded. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Maylett. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mountain America Credit Union	\$ 465.00
U.S. Forest Service	77.08
Bankcard Center	10,510.48

Korry L. Soper, Mayor

Kent Barton, Recorder/Administrator