

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 18, 2007
6:55 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Larry Lund, Diane Keeler, Alan Justesen, Korry Soper and Kent Barton present.

Mayor Madsen stated that a quorum was present and the City Council could conduct business. She then invited Daniel Kinsey, a local Boy Scout, to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Mr. Lowell Draper.

Mr. Draper was present regarding a variance that had been denied by the Board of Adjustment and referenced additional information relative to same.

Deputy Recorder JoAnn Otten stated that as the threat of litigation has been made by Mr. Draper it would be advisable for the Mayor and Council to listen and not respond. Mr. Draper disagreed with this statement and felt that the line of communication should be open.

He then proceeded to explain the property configuration and measurements of the building under question.

Deputy Recorder Otten stated that she wanted Mr. Draper to be aware that the City Council does not have the authority to override a decision made by the Board of Adjustment.

Some discussion ensued with Mayor Madsen stating that the Council's hands are tied in this issue, however, she requested they look at Mr. Draper's building which would help them grasp a better understanding of the situation.

Mr. Draper also presented a letter which he had received from Manti City regarding the street impact fee that must be paid on all improved lots. He felt this was not fair.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Mr. Doug Christiansen.

Mr. Christiansen was present regarding the electrical line serving Southwest Farms and the possibility of power to his property south west of Manti. He said that Doug and Gary Cox were present with him as they had all met and had come to an

agreement. He then asked Gary to address the Mayor and Council with terms of the agreement.

The following are the terms agreed upon:

- a. Gary and Doug Cox are willing to sell the power line to Manti City for a price to be determined. They no longer oppose Doug Christiansen hooking on to the existing line.
- b. Doug Christiansen agrees to trade ground acre per acre with Southwest Farms, subject to mutual approval, which would allow a buffer zone so that Southwest Farms will be protected from future surroundings that may be harmful to the raising of turkey.

Gary said that this particular power line has been there for quite a few years. However, the Cox's paid approximately \$30,000 to upgrade to 3-phase power line which was built by Manti City to City standards.

Doug Christiansen requested that as he has paid Manti City the fees for electricity, the Mayor and City Council approve and instruct the electrical department to proceed with connection.

Gary then stated that he and Doug concurred with Manti City providing power by way of the line which serves Southwest Farms. The Council concurred that the electrical department go ahead with the power line connection.

Mayor Madsen commended the Cox's and Mr. Christiansen for their willingness to come to common ground and solve the problem.

3. Mr. Doug Christiansen then stated that he was also present to request extension of Manti City water to his property south west of Manti. He asked that Manti City consider installing a valve and stub at the junction. Some discussion ensued.

4. Mayor Madsen recognized Shannon Miller.

Shannon said she was present as a follow up to information previously presented regarding the proposed tourism grant. She provided handouts to the Mayor and City Council and stated that a match of \$1,500.00 was required and would be used for advertising tourism in the community.

After further discussion Councilmember Barton moved that Manti City contribute \$1,500.00 to a matching tourism grant providing funds are available, seconded by

Councilmember Soper. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Kent Barton, Korry Soper, Diane Keeler, Alan Justesen and Larry Lund. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Shannon then made note of the landscaping project in front of the city building which was planned for July 24th with volunteers planting. She stated that the plants would be ordered from Lindsay Gardens at a cost of \$300.00 to \$400.00.

5. Mayor Madsen said that the cleaning of Highway 89 should be discussed.

Deputy Recorder Otten stated that as it has been youth groups who have cleaned Highway 89 a few times in the past, she felt the Mayor and Council should not continue to participate in the cleaning of Highway 89. The Council concurred.

6. Mayor Madsen stated that the bid to repair the drinking fountain and the monument at the City Park should be discussed.

Mayor Madsen introduced a bid from Danny Bown for \$1,060.00 for the repair of the fountain and \$785.00 for the repair of the monument. It was noted that Mr. Bown had expressed an interest in doing this work in exchange for a water utility hook up.

Councilmember Justesen stated that Vee Adams of Manti had also expressed an interest in doing the work.

After further discussion Councilmember Lund moved that Manti City accept the bid from Danny Bown for repair of the stone work on the drinking fountain at a cost of \$1,060.00 and the monument at the City Park at a cost of \$785.00, seconded by Councilmember Barton. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Larry Lund, Kent Barton, Korry Soper, Alan Justesen and Diane Keeler. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Mayor Madsen advised that Danny Bown be contacted and the above noted work be accomplished.

7. Mayor Madsen directed that the recycling center north of Manti be discussed and requested Deputy Recorder Otten to address same.

JoAnn reported that the recycling area is being used as a landfill with items being dumped other than organics, metal and limbs.

Some discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the gate being locked and a key being available at the city office, fines for illegal dumping, etc.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Mayor Madsen stated that discussion relative to waiver of partial utility bill for head of households on active military duty should be discussed.

She said that Manti City has six families in which the head of the household has been deployed. Some discussion ensued after which Councilmember Barton moved that up to \$50.00 of the electrical portion of the utility bill be waived for the six families until such time as their deployment is over, seconded by Councilmember Keeler. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Kent Barton, Diane Keeler, Larry Lund, Korry Soper and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

9. Mayor Madsen said the matter of an increase for Recreational Director Chad Moore should be discussed.

She stated that Chad is currently receiving \$150.00 per month and he felt this is not satisfactory and he would not continue as Recreation Director without an increase.

Councilmember Soper inquired if the city would absorb the increase or if it would impact the young people at registration time. It was his feeling that it would not be appropriate for the registration fees to increase.

Councilmember Lund said that he would like to see a job description prior to making a decision. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that both Chad Moore and Treasurer Michelle Francks, as she has been heavily involved with the program, provide a job description with detailed information as to who does what and this item be placed on the agenda for August 1st.

10. Mayor Madsen stated that the chip seal of streets should be discussed and a map was provided showing the proposed roads (approximately 4 miles) to be chipped.

Councilmember Keeler expressed her concern about chipping Union Street east because there were two new homes which will need services. She felt this road should be postponed until next year.

Councilmember Lund discussed the possibility of using a “dust suppressant” chemical that had been used on a road by the swimming pool and felt this product was worth using. Mayor Madsen assigned Councilmembers Soper and Keeler to meet with Dale regarding chip seal.

11. Mayor Madsen said that the classification of residency for Tracy Nunley be discussed. She made note of information that had been provided by Keith Nunley. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council that Tracy Nunley be considered a resident at the time of her death and the fees be adjusted accordingly.

12. Councilmember Barton thanked all those who were involved with the Fourth of July celebration and stated he felt it had been a great success.

Councilmember Barton stated that he had been contacted by concerned citizens relative to the city watering schedule at the cemetery and city park. He also stated that a sprinkler is hitting the old city hall on the south side and advised this should be corrected.

13. Councilmember Keeler said that she had attended a Library Board meeting. Carolyn has some concerns relative to meeting ADA requirements as the State will be here in October and action must be taken prior to this.

Councilmember Keeler said that two Library Board members have completed their term. It was the recommendation of the Board that Kathy Cox and David Owens be appointed as new members to the Library Board. The Council concurred.

Councilmember Keeler reported on Library statistics which had been provided by Librarian Carolyn Bessey.

Councilmember Keeler said she had been contacted by Ruth Anderson regarding the proposed Eagle Nest Subdivision and the no-man's land. She advised Ruth to contact Ryan Savage of Savage Engineering and follow up on the no-man's land problem.

Councilmember Keeler said that a citizen reported that a garbage can was run over by a truck in the middle of the night. The Sheriff's department had been contacted regarding same.

14. Councilmember Soper reported that the fire station committee has met with Demill Contracting and things are moving forward.

Councilmember Soper said that David Hall had contacted him regarding the rental of the Liberty Hall to those individuals preparing the referendum petition and wanted it known that he is neutral in the subject.

15. Councilmember Justesen felt that the zoning ad hoc committee on the large animal section of the ordinance should report to the Mayor and Council prior to September. It was the consensus of Mayor and Council that they report in August.

Councilmember Justesen reminded the Council of the UMPA summer outing on August 17th.

Councilmember Justesen said that the airport is in need of repair of a wind sock and this would be an appropriate Eagle Scout project.

16. Councilmember Lund reported that the Aquatic Center has reached the 12,000 visitor mark and that the rental of the pool has proved to be a big success. He also reported on problems with the drainage and sprinklers and same had been addressed by Bill, Dale and himself.

Councilmember Lund stated that contractors in the area have volunteered their time and labor toward the construction of new restrooms at the City Park and felt this would be a worthwhile project.

Councilmember Lund said that he has refinished the benches at the City Park and, if possible, needs help from the city crew to replace them.

Councilmember Lund reported that there has been no news regarding the slide at the swimming pool. Mayor Madsen has e-mailed the company and is awaiting further contact.

Councilmember Lund stated that he met with Financial Advisor Gary Keddington regarding questions relative to the budget. Gary felt that the budget could be simplified and said this would make it much easier to read and understand if it is reworked. The Mayor said she would meet with Gary regarding same.

Councilmember Lund reported that a policy and procedures booklet has been supplied to each swimming pool employee.

17 Mayor Madsen directed the minutes of the previous meeting be addressed.

Following review of the minutes of the June 20, 2007 council meeting, Councilmember Justesen moved they be approved as corrected, seconded by Councilmember Lund. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Larry Lund, Diane Keeler, Kent Barton and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

18. Deputy Recorder Otten reported that the Utah League of Cities and Town annual convention will be held September 12, 13, 14 in Salt Lake City.

19. The bills were presented for payment.

Councilmember Keeler moved that the Manti City Council adjourn from regular session and reconvene into executive session to address personnel and legal matters, second by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Diane Keeler, Alan Justesen, Larry Lund, Kent Barton, and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Regular session resumed following executive session.

Councilmember Keeler moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Justesen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Councilmember Diane Keeler, Alan Justesen, Larry Lund, Korry Soper and Kent Barton. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

General Account

Gene Rogers	\$ 395.25
Sheryl Vernon	240.00
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Laura Mitsvotia	
Candies on Main	34.88
Amanda Layton	20.00
Sheryl Vernon	29.96
Mountain America Credit Union	760.00
Utah Retirement Systems	8,592.37
Ellen Aste	100.00
Utah Retirement Systems	8,592.37
Coca Cola Bottling	111.51
Donna Birk	483.99
UGSB	315.00
UBBA	380.00
Utah State Treasurer	586.46
Pam Lund	2,940.00
Sanpete Justice Court	45.00
Steve Johnson	189.47
Celeste Adams	25.00
Manti City	2,000.00
Pam Lund	236.68
UMPA	33,098.11
UVSC	1,000.00

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator