

MINUTES
MANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Natasha R. Madsen in chair and presiding. Roll call showed Councilmembers Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Alan Justesen, Galen Christiansen and Kent Barton present.

Mayor Madsen stated that a quorum was present. She led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor Madsen recognized Miss Manti Chairman Ellen Aste and complimented her on a very successful pageant.

Ellen reported that she was extremely pleased with the outcome of the pageant and noted the girls had done an exceptional job. She reported that the Manti City float is in a state of disrepair and plans should be underway to replace the float in the near future as it is extremely old. She also noted that the float paper should be replaced this year which would cost approximately \$200.00.

Councilmember Thompson recommended that the money that would normally go to Miss Utah be used to upgrade the float. Some discussion ensued relative to the use of the Miss Utah franchise fee.

Ellen noted that each contestant brings a service project to the pageant which will benefit the community. She then introduced the new Miss Manti Carli Sorensen, who would receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship, first attendant Jenalyn Olsen and second attendant Angie Layton each receiving a \$650.00 in scholarship. Other participants would receive a \$200.00 scholarship. Ellen stressed that the City should try to use these girls during the year for special projects, public appearance, etc.

Carli Sorensen reported on her theme of "Believe You Can Achieve" and stated this would be used as part of a musical to be performed at both the elementary and the middle school. Mayor Madsen inquired if the program is now put together and Carli reported it would be in place by fall. She also stressed that anyone musically inclined could assist with the program.

Mayor Madsen stated that she would very much like to have the kids understand that vandalism of city property ends up costing everybody as it is paid for by taxes and this vandalism takes away from other programs.

Mayor Madsen expressed her personal appreciation to Ellen and each of the contestants of the Miss Manti Pageant for an outstanding production in 2008.

2. Mayor Madsen recognized Don Hill, South Sanpete School District Superintendent.

Superintendent Hill was present to address the proposed bond issue by the South Sanpete School District and provided a handout to the Mayor and Council concerning the bond issue. He was particularly interested in making sure the people understood the basics for the bond issue and noted that considerable advertising through KMTI and through the Manti Messenger was being undertaken.

He then carefully reviewed the proposed project bond, the repayment method and the absolute need for passing the bond in order to complete the new schools that are needed to replace the inadequate facilities and to accommodate new growth.

Superintendent Hill also noted that the longer these projects are delayed the greater the cost becomes and these projects are looking at a 20 year bond retirement. This could be very advantageous to the tax payer and to the students.

He noted that the tax dollars received locally make up approximately 10 percent of the budget and the balance comes from state and federal levels. He expressed his concern that the legally required tax language shows that a higher tax rate would result in spite of the facts of the matter being that the bond rate would essentially remain unchanged. Don noted that the November tax notice may see a tax raise due to assessed value but the District has no plans to increase property taxes at this time.

Councilmember Justesen inquired if the language for the advertising for the bond was cast in concrete and Mr. Hill reported that State law requires this action.

He then noted the bond election is scheduled for June 24, 2008 and requested endorsement in the form of a resolution of support from the Mayor and City Council.

Councilmember Thompson inquired as to what if the schools continue to have high cost would the project then move into the 30 million dollar bond limit. Superintendent Hill said the amount to be planned right now is 24 million, however, the bond documents do give authority to issue up to 30 million dollars but the tax rates are set to pay back the actual bonded amount.

He reported the need is great and all projections show that the tax rate will stay the same. Councilmember Thompson made note of the tax rate raise last year and Mr. Hill said this increase had been specifically noted to fund the soccer and music programs within the District.

Superintendent Hill noted that the projected growth planned for Sanpete is an additional 15,000 people in 10 years. He then thanked the Mayor and Council for the time they had allowed and stated it was the District's intent to be proactive in addressing requirements.

Mayor Madsen Thanked Superintendent Hill for his comments.

3. Mayor Madsen directed the matter of the large animal ordinance be addressed.

Councilmember Justesen provided a rewrite of the ordinance that he had prepared and the Mayor directed that Councilmembers review this revision and mark it up as they saw fit.

Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor directed the large animal ordinance be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

4. The Mayor directed the matter of engine brakes, commonly referred to as jake brakes, be addressed.

Following some discussion Councilmember Thompson moved that Manti City draft an ordinance relative to engine brakes in town and same be submitted to the City Council for their consideration at a subsequent meeting, seconded by Councilmember Barton. Councilmembers voting "aye": Loren Thompson, Kent Barton, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The Mayor directed that the proposed ordinance be put on the agenda for the next council meeting.

5. Councilmember Barton reported that he had talked with Esther Thorsen regarding the restaurant. She said that they had talked with at least two interested parties but no firm arrangements have been made. He noted that the Thorsen's would be very much in favor of selling that property to someone who would like to develop a restaurant but they would also be willing to lease to the right party.

Some discussion ensued and it was the consensus that it could be a successful restaurant if the right person operated it. The lease would be approximately \$2,500.00 per month.

Councilmember Barton reported that in regard to the lumber building located on the south end of town that Stock Builders lease will be complete in a couple of days and that Alvey Lumber will be reopening their store in Manti and was very excited about same.

Mayor Madsen inquired as to the Central Utah Heritage Project on the north end of town. Councilmember Barton said the organization is still raising funds to do the development. He reported that he had talked with Bill Mickelson at the city offices regarding utility locations and rerouting and had received the information he had requested. He noted that discussion at this time makes it appear there will be no grass in place by the Mormon Miracle Pageant.

Councilmember Barton noted the playground equipment in the vicinity of the old city hall is receiving a considerable amount of use. He also requested the minutes reflect a special thanks to Shannon Miller for her work in getting the playground equipment here.

6. Councilmember Christiansen made note of the recycling area maintained by Manti City and said that he has one individual who is willing to supervise on a Thursday through Saturday schedule working with salvage rights and \$7.00 per hour.

Mayor Madsen asked if he had applied to work. As he had not she directed this matter be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting and that the position be advertised.

Councilmember Justesen inquired if Manti city would be running a landfill operation. Councilmember Christiansen said that the restrictions, as based on ordinance, must be in place and well advertised and that whoever operates the recycling area would be responsible for enforcing the restrictions so it does not become a landfill.

Mayor Madsen said that action must be taken at some point as Public Works Director Dale Nielson had given an estimate of the clean up cost on this particular operation and someone watching that operation would definitely free up a considerable amount of foot time for employees.

7. Councilmember Soper reported that the fire station work is continuing. The walls are going up and the project is moving forward. He did note that if any spare time develops, they would appreciate the city crew hauling fill into the area for the fire station.

Councilmember Soper reported that he received notification from Shannon Miller indicating she was resigning from the fire station project and that will leave work to be done on the financial reporting aspects. He noted that with Shannon leaving midstream some close coordination with the funding agencies would need to take place.

Councilmember Soper reported he had attended the Aquatic Board meeting and that resurfacing of the floors in the dressing rooms would take place. He also noted that the information most recently received on the slide was extremely disappointing and he felt it was time to pull the trigger and get someone else to complete the project.

The Mayor reported that Bill Mickelson had talked with Mike Barclay concerning this project and Mike will look at the slide in Bountiful and advise his feelings on construction. The Mayor also noted that Bill had received a phone call from Pro Parks who said they had found a new fabricator but they needed up front money and Bill had said no money would be furnished except through the escrow account which would assure delivery prior to payment.

Councilmember Soper felt Manti City should definitely find someone else to do the steel fabrication.

Councilmember Thompson recommended that Manti City check with Oberg and with Sanpete Steel.

Councilmember Soper made note of the drinking fountain and recommended that Danny Bown be called to get the fountain underway.

8. Councilmember Justesen noted that the fence has been severely bent at the Pageant Park and that Public Works Director Dale Nielson should be instructed to review and coordinate necessary repairs.

Councilmember Justesen noted there is graffiti in the vicinity of the commissary on the school district building and it should be cleaned.

Considerable discussion ensued relative to the vandalism that is occurring in the bathrooms in the vicinity of the old city hall and some discussion as to turning off the heat to this building.

Councilmember Justesen made note that at the swimming pool the manufacturer said that the boiler need not be covered. It has been reported that the boiler is designed for outside placement and this should not present a problem.

Deputy Recorder JoAnn Otten said that it had been necessary for propane heaters to be placed in the boiler room and that Dale had checked these heaters everyday, including Saturday and Sunday, during the winter months to prevent freezing.

Some discussion ensued relative to the swimming pool equipment building and the Mayor recommended CEM look at the situation and advise.

Councilmember Justesen reported on the UMPA Board meeting and noted there is a major using coming into Nephi and into Spanish Fork and this results in a significant load increase, much more than the City has available and it does create an imbalance of the system. He noted that these are major issues as they would eat up our capacity to sell

off system and discussion is underway on how to handle large point loads and how to be equitable to all members.

Councilmember Christiansen noted that relative to infrastructure for extension the City usually has to come up with the cost of those items. Councilmember Justesen concurred noting what is being addressed is the quantity of the new load which tends to put all planning out of whack.

Councilmember Justesen said that he attended the Airport Board meeting and that Ted Hoddap was also present. He then briefly reviewed the proposed airport master plans as to runway extensions.

Councilmember Justesen reported that the Mayor had been featured as receiving the Women of Achievement Award at the Miss Manti Pageant and congratulated her and requested the minutes reflect that she had received this award.

9. Councilmember Thompson said that he had been in contact with Larry Lund who had inquired if Manti City had contacted Mr. Seth McArthur of State Parks regarding grant money for restrooms at the City Park.

Deputy Recorder Otten said that she understood that Bill Mickelson and Larry Lund had been in contact with Mr. McArthur and Mr. McArthur had said that he would contact Manti City when money is available. She also noted that construction should not begin until the money is in hand.

Councilmember Thompson reported that the Fourth of July celebration is going forward. He also noted that he had been contacted regarding an Eagle Scout Project of marking the ATV routes on the streets.

10. Mayor Madsen made note of the following . . .

- a. Reported that she had met with Gary Keddington and Bill Mickelson regarding the audit review and in order to comply with the audit report a separation of court clerk and treasurer would need to take place. It was the recommendation of Judge Ivo Peterson that Tammy Larsen be hired as the Manti Justice Court Clerk with Michelle Francks being the Deputy Court Clerk and this be in effect as of May 22, 2008. The Council concurred with this appointment and action.
- b. Provided names for pool concessions and lifeguard applicants and indicated that based on interviews to date that most would be hired. The Council concurred. She also reported that concerning the toys at the pool

that Pam and Larry Lund were working on purchasing a basketball hoop in lieu of a separate toy.

Also noted that in regard to the crypto sporidium concerns that the Board has decided to not invest in a separate treatment program but has decided on extensive signing, the use of swim diapers and tight plastic pants on children not toilet trained, etc. in order to keep the pool safe. This may require hyper chlorination.

- c. A letter had been received from Hal Stott in Baghdad stating that the Manti Unit will be released from Camp Williams and will probably scatter from that point. Some of the Unit will be home on the Fourth of July others as late as August 9th. Neil Mellor will be in touch with City Recorder Bill Mickelson to address options in this area.

10. Mayor Madsen recognized Judge Ivo Peterson.

Judge Peterson apologized for being late to the meeting as he had been at the prison and a lock down had occurred.

Judge Peterson said the first item to be addressed was legislative action noting that the State is not going to take over justice courts. Justice court judges will now serve out a four year term and at the end actually stand for retention election. All county citizens will vote for each of the city judges.

Secondly, the determination that cities will pay a percentage (between 50 to 90 percent) of the amount paid a district court judge for their justice court judges. Further information will be available in July of 2009.

He noted that all cities will be required to be on the same computer program within in the next two years (2010). The hiring of a justice court judge will change as a committee will be appointed with Sanpete County having two votes and the rest be legislatures. The committee will chose two individuals of which the Mayor will choose one individual.

He advised that the justice court will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. beginning August of 2008.

Judge Peterson said that he has applied for a grant through the AOC for a metal detector for the Manti Justice Court.

Mayor Madsen thanked Judge Peterson.

11. Mayor Madsen presented a draft letter for consideration by the Council. This particular letter was a welcome home to be posted on the lot of the Armory.

Councilmember Justesen recommended an addition to the letter which was then made.

12. Deputy Recorder JoAnn Otten reported that Gene Rogers father had died and that Gene was attending the service.

Councilmember Barton noted that he had one item for executive session.

13. The minutes of the previous council meeting were present and following review Councilmember Christiansen moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Councilmembers voting "aye": Galen Christiansen, Loren Thompson, Korry Soper, Kent Barton and Alan Justesen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

14. Councilmember Justesen moved that the regular session of the Manti City Council adjourn to executive session to discuss property items, seconded by Councilmembers Soper. Councilmembers voting "aye": Alan Justesen, Korry Soper, Loren Thompson, Kent Barton and Galen Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Regular session resumed following executive session.

15. The bills were presented for payment and following review Councilmember Thompson moved the bills be paid as money becomes available, seconded by Councilmember Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Loren Thompson, Galen Christiansen, Alan Justesen, Kent Barton and Korry Soper. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

General Account

Utah Retirement Systems	\$8446.95
JoAnn Otten	482.60
Utah Municipal Power Agency	760.00
Utah Dept of Human Resources	43747.44
Gene Rogers	97.15
Diamond Glass	340.00
Manti Post Office	233.86
Bob Grzesik	385.36
Budget Inn & Suites	254.35
Jeanette Sanderson	171.55
Dan Corcoran	1000.00
Utah State Treasurer	370.44

Natasha R. Madsen, Mayor

William A. Mickelson, Recorder/Administrator