

Manti City Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

MAY 3, 2023
6:30 PM

MANTI CITY BUILDING
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MEETING CALLED BY	Mayor Alfred C. Bigelow
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Council Meeting
ATTENDEES	Mayor: Alfred C. Bigelow Councilmembers: Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng, Jeff Killian and Mary L. Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Gary Chidester
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember Dyreng

Regular Meeting

Mayor Bigelow stated that he had recently attended a training session where it was said that comments from the public should only be allowed during the public comment period and not during any of the agenda discussions. He asked that all in attendance hold their thoughts and questions until the public comment agenda item.

He also said that Sheriff Buchanan is at the meeting to present the draft contract between the County Sheriff's Department and Manti City for law enforcement. He said that this will not be debated nor is it up for public vote, as some citizens had voiced their thought that it would be an item that the public would vote on. He affirmed that any vote on the issue would be action by the City Council.

ITEM 1	Sheriff Jared Buchanan - Request to address Mayor and Council regarding contract for law enforcement services.
Sheriff Buchanan said that he had delivered an updated law enforcement contract to the City Manager Barton, and that there has not been an increase in the contract	

amount since February of 2011. He said that this will be a three year contract, beginning on July 1, 2023, with yearly review and the option to raise the cost on an annual basis, if needed.

Sheriff Buchanan then reviewed the context of the contract noting the number of officers and hours that will be furnished to Manti City. He said their goal is to provide a good service to all of the citizens in Manti.

Mayor Bigelow then inquired if there was any discussion from the City Council, and seeing none he asked for a motion to accept the law enforcement contract from the Sanpete County Sheriff's Department.

ACTION

Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the three year law enforcement contract, as presented, with the Sanpete County Sheriff's Department, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Killian.

Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Jeff Killian, Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

ITEM 2

Steve Pyper - Request to address Mayor and Council regarding proposed subdivision.

Mr. Pyper thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him the opportunity to speak and provided information sheets relative to his request of subdividing a 1.5 acre lot into 3 lots. He said that he has applied to the city to use a private, county road on the east side of the property as frontage for this proposed 3-lot subdivision, which would allow the homes to face east.

It was noted that the current adopted road grid shows 750 East Street being extended from Union Street north to terminate at 300 North, which would run along the west side of the property in question. It was also noted that the current ordinance requires an 80-foot street frontage for each building lot.

Mr. Pyper said that he had studied other cities and found most of them have a minor subdivision and major subdivision ordinance and felt Manti needs to update and develop both types of subdivisions. He did not feel that his three lot subdivision should be required to complete the improvements that the Manti City subdivision ordinance requires.

He then pointed out three examples of property being split that were not been required to make improvements to the road or curb and gutter -those being on the north side of 100 South directly below Heritage Heights, a one-acre lot on the

southeast corner of 500 South and 300 west and two building lots on 450 South and 550 East.

Councilmember Wintch said that in terms of the splits that Mr. Pyper is referencing, she would like to know when the splits occurred. She also stated that before she makes any decision, she would like to do some research.

Mayor Bigelow stated he had concerns relative to this development and agreed that additional study should take place.

Councilmember Killian inquired if the Planning Commission had made a recommendation regarding Mr. Pyper's request and the City Manager said they had voted to stay with the existing road grid plan with the 80-foot frontage on a city street.

CONCLUSION

It was the consensus of the Mayor and City Council to take Mr. Pyper's request under advisement and review same.

ITEM 3

JoAnn Otten, City Recorder - Report to Council on procedures for 2023 city elections.

JoAnn stated that she had recently attended a meeting with the Sanpete County Clerk and all the recorders from Sanpete County communities concerning the upcoming 2023 municipal elections. She said that the County will be administering the elections for 2023 and 2025 for both primary and general municipal elections. The cost associated with this will be \$2.25 per ballot with 1,986 registered voters, which may change before elections.

JoAnn said that Manti City will continue to oversee many of the election requirements, but felt very comfortable working with Sanpete County Clerk Linda Christiansen in making sure the elections run successfully.

CONCLUSION

The mayor and Council concurred with using Sanpete County to run the 2023 and 2025 municipal elections.

ITEM 4

Cory Hatch, Public Works Director - Update concerning preparations for spring run-off.

Public Works Director Hatch provided an update on the "flood watch 2023". He said that there has been no run off yet, but the city has plenty of sandbags, if needed. He said that they are making daily checks on the weather along with the 10-day forecast

and the water levels every morning and evening in order to be prepared for whatever may come.

Cory said that the crew had been working on the excavator to rebuild some banks that may be of concern but felt that Manti City is in good condition regarding water flow. He assured that the crew is ready, if a problem does arise, and they will be available to help those who may need it.

Cory reported that he the opportunity to host a booth for Manti City regarding water at the preparedness event at the Manti Armory. He said it was a great event which provided ample information to the community.

CONCLUSION

The Mayor and Council thanked Cory and the city crew for all the work they have completed regarding water runoff.

ITEM 5

Discussion concerning proposed sale of city-owned derelict lot.

Mayor Bigelow reported that Manti City owns a .27 acre parcel along 300 East that was offered to adjacent property owners to purchase at a starting bid of \$15,000. He explained that this piece of property does not have enough frontage for a building lot. He then said that there had only been one bid received with a counter offer of \$13,500.

City Manager Barton said that the bidder had concerns about the rubbish that is on the property and was hoping the city would consider the lower bid if he removes and cleans the property.

Councilmember Wintch questioned if requiring the cleanup of the property could be part of the contract, and the Mayor said they would check with the city attorney.

He then called for a motion to accept the lower bid.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to accept the bid of \$13,500 from Richard Gardner for the purchase of a .27 acre parcel located on 300 East and approximately 310 South, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon.

Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon, Jeff Killian and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

ITEM 6	Kent Barton, City Manager - monthly financial report - review of April 2023 statements and submission of tentative budget for FY 2023-24.
<p>City Manager Barton presented the April 2023 Financial Statement, which is attached to and made part of the minutes.</p> <p>He reported that 83% of the budget year is complete with total budgeted revenues realized at 89.9% and total budgeted expenses coming in at 76.6%. He then reviewed the Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds with water revenue at 87.8% of budget and expenses at 93.3%, sewer department budgeted revenues at 85.6% and expenses at 74.9% and electric fund budgeted revenues at 80.4% and expenses 74.1%.</p> <p>Barton also stated that is it a state requirement that a tentative budget be presented and suggested a work meeting be held to review same. He said that revenues are up 9% and expenses up 8% compared to the current year.</p>	

ITEM 7	Continuing Business.
<p>Discussion concerning nuisance ordinance and enforcement.</p> <p>Councilmember Killian stated that he felt there had been a general support at the public hearing for enforcement of the nuisance ordinance. He felt the ordinance should be reviewed and clarification made and that the city should take advantage of volunteers to assist those in need. He stated that “if we don’t do anything it won’t get better, but only get worse.”</p> <p>Councilmember Wintch reiterated what Mary Pipes had stated at the hearing – “the nuisance ordinance is law. The question is do you enforce it or not.” She felt that the ordinance should be reviewed and if need be, change what needs to be fixed. She also felt that volunteers to assist is a good avenue to begin with.</p> <p>Mayor Bigelow felt that those that have volunteered to help should be utilized to help those that are in need. He felt that positive incentives could be used and encourage citizens to take responsibility for their yards.</p> <p>Councilmember Vernon stated that the ordinance needs to be clear and concise and that he feels this is a health and safety issue. He felt that most people comply and some don’t have the capacity to do so and this is where volunteerism should come into play.</p>	

Cemetery fees for columbarium interment.

Mayor Bigelow referenced the columbarium rates that Councilmember Wintch had presented last council meeting and inquired if there was any discussion.

Councilmember Wintch then reviewed the proposed rates and said that the fees may be adjusted if necessary.

Councilmember Vernon inquired if the fee includes the engraving for two urns and Councilmember Wintch confirmed that it does.

Mayor Bigelow thanked Councilmember Wintch for her work and research on the columbarium and then called for a motion to accept the price listing for the purchase of a columbarium niche.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Killian moved to accept the proposed rate schedule for the purchase of a columbarium niche at the Manti Cemetery, seconded by Councilmember Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jeff Killian, Darren Dyreng, Mary Wintch and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

ITEM 8

Councilmember reports.

None

ITEM 9

Public comment - two minutes per each comment.

Megan Butler - 374 South 100 West

Ms. Butler stated that she would have liked to see the handouts that Mr. Pyper provided to the City Council so that the public knew what was being discussed. City Manager Barton said that he had not received the information electronically so he was unable to place them on the video monitors.

Joe Marsh - 402 East 200 South

Ms. Marsh suggested that a "Dirt and Dog" type of clean up event be sponsored during spring cleanup. This would allow the entire community to help one another clean up their yards.

Ben Bramwell - 210 North 300 East

Mr. Bramwell suggested that Manti City look into building a smaller nuclear power plant.

Ken Glenn - 257 West 400 North

Mr. Glenn thanked the Sanpete County Sheriff's Department for all they do for our community and said they deserve high pay and respect from the community. He also

said that cleaning our own home and getting it in order would help with the nuisance problem in Manti.

Cheri Gunderson - 734 East 100 South

Ms. Gunderson expressed her concern as to why the City would not follow the grid plan as implemented and the ordinance should be followed. She felt strongly that the grid plan should continue as adopted. She also thanked the Mayor and Council for working through the nuisance ordinance as this makes the community feel loved.

Carolyn Curtis - 366 South 300 East

Thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing the public to connect with them. She said it has been a joy learning the process and getting to know the Mayor and City Council.

Linda Mount - 212 South 300 West

Thanked Councilmember Vernon on his comments regarding the nuisance ordinance.

ITEM 10	Mayor Bigelow.
Mayor made note of the following items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referenced the Six-County Regional Growth Summit training in Richfield on Tuesday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m.• Thanked all those present for attending the council meeting.	

ITEM 11	Consideration of approval for minutes of last month's meetings.
The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes of the council meeting of April 5, 2023 and the public hearing on April 12, 2023. After brief discussion, seeing there were no errors or changes noted, he called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.	
ACTION TAKEN	
Councilmember Darren Dyreng made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 5 th regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch, and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.	
Councilmember Jason Vernon made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 12 th public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng, Jeff Killian and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.	

ITEM 12**City Manager Kent Barton**

City Manager Barton made note of the following:

- The baseball and softball season has begun and will last approximately four weeks along with the adult co-ed league. Soccer is late finishing up due to spring weather conditions. Overall the recreation facility is getting good use.
- Manti High School is proceeding with improving the parking lot north of the football field and the Manti City crew has assisted in moving rocks and electrical work at a cost of \$12,000. The question was asked if the Mayor and City Council would like to entertain a discount of \$4,600, as the balance will be costs from the Spanish Fork electric department for their equipment and labor.

Some discussion ensued after which Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to waive \$4,600 for the work Manti City completed at the football field parking lot, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jeff Killian, Mary Wintch and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

- The application for the new water treatment plant (The Division of Drinking Water) will be asking for a loan verses a grant for the project. This would be a 0% interest loan, which would make up for the loss of a grant. The project cost is 7.7 million dollars.
- The Temple View Estates is waiting for a Development Agreement from Manti City and then will approach the Planning Commission and Mayor and Council with their subdivision plans.
- The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 8th regarding elimination of conditional uses in the R-2 and R-3 zones, defining an accessory building and construction standards. They will forward their final recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.
- Requested closed session to discussion property negotiations and litigation issues.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to adjourn from regular session into closed session to discuss property negotiations and litigation, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Adjourned from closed session into regular session.

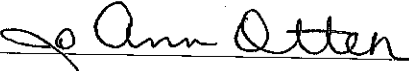
Councilmember Mary Wintch moved to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

ADJOURNED	9:00 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting - May 17, 2023

General Account

Shelley Lund	\$ 72.20
LewAnn Jorgensen	104.87
Kevin Daniels	900.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	125,721.32
Michelle Francks	75.00
Kent Barton	1,055.92
Sanpete Sanitary Landfill	4,550.40
Channing Hallows	50.00
Candies on Main	105.00
McKenna Edwards	50.00
Natalie Thompson	50.00
Alfred Bigelow	330.00
Jason Vernon	289.80
Mary Wintch	289.80
Jeff Killian	289.80
Kent Barton	668.32
Zions Bank	2,479.51
Kent Barton	10.65
Lenard Stull	1,200.00
AJ Mower	82.25
Utah State Treasurer	313.41
Pam Lund	100.00
Jason Vernon	319.76
FERC	243.88
Department of the Treasury	243.88
Luke Rowley	56.26
JoAnn Otten	40.18


 Alfred Bigelow, Mayor


 JoAnn Otten, City Recorder