

Manti City Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 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: Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng, Jeff Killian and Mary L. Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember Wintch

ITEM 1	Tyler Jenkin - Charlee's Comfort Kitchen.
Mr. Jenkin's was not in attendance.	

ITEM 2	Joan Shand - Plans for Manti City Halloween Festival.
<p>Ms. Shand thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support of the Halloween Festival. She said that the Festival will be held on Saturday, October 28th and the committee requested that future Festivals continue to be scheduled for the Saturday before Halloween. She also stated that it is their goal to encourage citizens, and those that have left the community, to come back and enjoy the activity.</p> <p>Ms. Shand reported that the Festival will begin with two new activities scheduled for the weekend of October 21st with a Halloween Pickleball Tournament and a Zombie Ball - Girls Softball Tournament. Additional information is available at manticity.com/recreation.</p> <p>Ms. Shand requested that Miss Manti, Molly Dyreng, and the Royalty, be in attendance to assist, and Councilmember Dyreng confirmed that Molly will be there to help with</p>	

whatever needs to be done. Ms. Shand also requested assistance from the city crew on Friday the 20th and 27th.

She then invited the Mayor and City Council to attend the Halloween Festival and also expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers that have helped with this activity.

CONCLUSION

Mayor Bigelow thanked Ms. Shand for her commitment and volunteerism in making this event a great activity for the community.

ITEM 3

Steven Lund - Request to address Mayor and City Council regarding speed limit on east 100 South.

Mr. Lund thanked the Mayor, City Council and City Manager for their service and all they do for our community.

Mr. Lund said that he was present to request a change in the speed limit on 100 South Street east towards Heritage Heights from 25 mph to 15 mph, as this is a highly used street with cars traveling at a high speed. He then said that years ago a law passed that allowed the state to determine speed limits in cities. This has now changed and is once again the responsibility of local elected officials to determine speed limits inside city limits.

Mr. Lund stated that there are many people that walk, ride bicycles and drive on this small street, and it is inevitable that something bad will happen with the high speeds vehicles drive up and down this road. He did recognize that there are other streets in Manti that also have the same problem.

Mr. Lund then introduced Mr. Brent Dickey, who lives at 424 East 100 South and requested that Mr. Dickey be allowed to address the City Council.

Mr. Dickey said that he loves Manti and then recounted two stories of incidents involving near accident misses on 100 South Street traveling east. He continued by reporting that construction workers use this street quite often and "fly by" at high speed. He supported the change from 25 mph to 15 mph.

CONCLUSION

Councilmember Killian said that this issue needs to be reviewed and traffic engineers may need to help evaluate the problem.

City Manager Barton stated that a traffic study has recently been completed as part of the city's Transportation Plan, and this study will be available for Council review at

the next meeting. He reported that a car had been clocked in at 71 mph on 600 South Street.

Councilmember Killian said he supports changing the speed limit to a lower speed and questioned if property owners on 100 South should be donating property to the city to help solve road width problems. The City Manager said that this would not help the situation, as most of the homes built on this particular street do not have correct front setbacks.

Mayor Bigelow said that several streets have the same problem and said he would talk with Sheriff Buchanan to get law enforcement involved with patrolling the area.

Councilmember Wintch inquired what the process is to change the speed limit and the City Manager said he would place this item on the next meeting agenda and have information on same.

ITEM 4	Kent Barton - review of September 2023 financial statements.
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City Manager Barton presented the September 2023 Financial Statement, which is attached to and made part of the minutes.

He reported that 25% of the budget year is complete with total budgeted revenues realized at 24.2% and total budgeted expenses coming in at 31.6%. He then reviewed the Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds with water revenue at 25.5% of budget and expenses at 10.7%, sewer department budgeted revenues at 25.3% and expenses at 14.4% and electric fund budgeted revenues at 23.2% and expenses 22.6%.

Some discussion ensued.

CONCLUSION	
Mayor Bigelow thanked City Manager Barton for the information.	

ITEM 5	Continuing Business.
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Discussion concerning nuisance ordinance and enforcement.

Mayor Bigelow inquired if there was any discussion relative to the proposed nuisance ordinance and recognized Councilmember Wintch.

Councilmember Wintch once again encouraged the City Council to study the proposed ordinance and requested that a work meeting be scheduled to review the document in depth.

Some discussion ensued after which Mayor Bigelow requested a work meeting be scheduled within the next two weeks.

Sidewalk safety for pedestrians in the downtown commercial zone.

Mayor Bigelow referenced the concerns of Linda Nielsen from the last council meeting, those being sidewalk usage in the downtown commercial zone and the risks presented by wheeled devices such as scooters, bicycles, skateboards, etc. and inquired if there was any discussion.

Councilmember Killian said that he felt merchandise and signs placed on the sidewalk in the commercial zone is a barrier and this should be looked at as a concern along with signs placed in the UDOT right-of-way.

Some discussion ensued after which Mayor Bigelow suggested that a work meeting be scheduled to look at all the safety issues involved.

Councilmember Verrion said that signage in the Downtown Commercial Zone is already covered in the current zoning ordinance, and it may be necessary to review and enforce this ordinance.

Councilmember Wintch stated that she has a concern of children being required to ride their bikes in the street, as this is more dangerous than riding on the sidewalk.

This item will be placed on the next council agenda for further discussion.

Dogs running at large.

Bonnie Nordell was present at the previous council meeting to report on dogs running at large and the problem of aggressive dogs threatening her property, her family members and other dogs.

Mayor Bigelow stated that the city employees do a great job enforcing the dog ordinance, however, it is extremely hard to do anything unless citizens are willing to file a complaint. He stated that the city can't do anything if we don't know that an incident has occurred.

Councilmember Dyreng said that educating the public is important but very hard to accomplish and questioned how to cross that gap.

Councilmember Wintch asked City Manager Barton if he had any insight on this matter.

Barton stated that a few years ago the fee for running at large and impound fee had been raised substantially, which had resulted in improvements. However, a large fee does not help in all cases. Some citizens do not want to pay the fees to get their dogs out of the pound so they turn the dog over to the city, which then creates a problem especially since Wagon train has closed their doors.

City Manager Barton suggested that the Council look at the fee structure, licensing and possibly ordinances from surrounding communities and revisit the issue.

ITEM 6

Councilmembers reports.

Councilmember Wintch reported on the ULCT Board meeting she had attended. She said that the League is soliciting comments relative to the type of training needed such as land use, how to advocate at the state legislation, and engaging new councilmembers.

She reported that there continues to be focus on the availability of housing and affordable housing in Utah with additional training being available in January of 2024.

ITEM 7

Public Comment.

Ken Glenn - 257 West 400 North

Mr. Glenn said that he has listened to the ATV and dog complaints and has come to the conclusion that the problem is people in this community. The younger generation have no concept of community or responsibility and there is a lack of knowledge and education. He felt the quarterly newsletter is a great way to help educate the public.

Michael Weiss - 435 East 100 South

Mr. Weiss expressed his support of changing the speed limit on 100 South from 25 mph to 15 mph to help slow people down while driving.

He also said that it may be helpful if dog licenses could be purchased on line and reuse the same tag year to year.

Steve Lund - 498 East 100 South

Representative Lund expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Wintch for her comments and insight concerning the Utah League of Cities and Towns. He said that Michelle Kaufusi is the current Board President of the League and has ties to Manti City, and it is very important that Manti City access what is available from ULCT.

Heather Weiss - 435 East 100 South

Ms. Weiss said that she supported lowering the speed limit on 100 South from 25 mph to 15 mph. She said that young people drive too fast and run through yield signs without slowing down.

ITEM 8

Mayor Bigelow.

Mayor Bigelow made reported on the following:

- Cameras have been installed on city owned property and will be operating very soon.
- The National Forest Service is looking at closing more trails in the Manti LaSalle, which would limit access in our mountains. Comments are being taken on the Forest Service website.
- The Sanpete County Bookmobile is closing due to cost and they are hopeful that the Manti City Library will accommodate out-of-city citizens at the same cost as residents. City Manager Barton said that he and the Librarian have discussed this. It was reported that at this time non-residents pay a \$10.00 fee for a library card. Some discussion ensued with it being noted that residents pay city taxes, which non-residents do not pay. It was also noted that non-residents pay an additional fee when they sign their children up for recreational activities.

ITEM 9

Consideration of approval for minutes of last month's meetings.

The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes of the council meeting of September 20, 2023. After brief discussion, seeing there were no errors or changes, he called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Jason Vernon made the motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2023 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mary

Wintch. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch, Jeff Killian, Darren Dyreng and Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

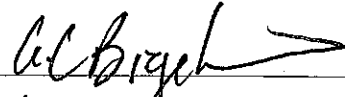
ITEM 10	City Manager Kent Barton
<p>City Manager Barton made note of the following:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions are continuing with the engineers of the Temple View Estates regarding their development proposal north of Manti City. • Crystal Springs is moving forward with their development, which will include 14 homes in Phase I. • The traffic study that is part of the Transportation Plan, is complete and information will be available at the next council meeting. • The new water treatment plant resolution is being prepared by the Bond Counsel and this must be approved and passed by the City Council. A copy of the Agreement for Engineering and Technical Services with Sunrise Engineering is included in the packet. • A purchase order has been signed for the purchase of replacement windows at the Patten House. 	
<p>Councilmember Vernon said that he felt it important to mention the Healthy Forest Act - restoration work in 12-Mile Canyon and north. Information is available on the Forest Service website with a comment page provided.</p>	
ACTION TAKEN	
<p>Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Jason Vernon, Gary Chidester, Mary Wintch and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.</p>	

ADJOURNED	8:00 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – October 18, 2023

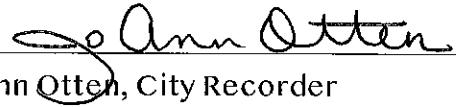
General Account

Out in Back BBQ	\$ 3,800.00
Chad Frederick	797.12
Shanna Colburn	188.75
Zions First National Bank	3,239.19
Kayden Quayle	1,534.25
Jeanette Perdue	175.65

Utah Municipal Power Agency	122,955.31
Utah State Treasurer	694.43
Cynthia Lopez	238.75
JoAnn Otten	1,604.61
Shanna Colburn	85.81



Alfred Bigelow, Mayor



JoAnn Otten, City Recorder