

Manti City Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 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	Councilmembers: Mary Wintch, Jeff Killian, Darren Dyreng and Gary Chidester City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Jason Vernon
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember Dyreng

ITEM 1	Garrick Willden, Jones & DeMille Engineering - Update on traffic study and transportation plan.
<p>Mr. Willden introduced Project Manager Micklane Farmer and Matthew Lenhart. He said that the Transportation Plan includes a traffic study that has recently been completed, which measured the volumes and speed of vehicular traffic along key streets in Manti.</p> <p>Mr. Lenhart displayed an example map, which provides an idea of traffic flow and how to proceed. He reported on the master plan that will also provide access to planning and an overview of data that has been gathered.</p> <p>Mr. Willden stated that the study will help to determine which streets may qualify for UDOT funding for improvements due to traffic volume such as collector streets. He also reported that there is funding available for the "Safe Routes to School," for which Manti will be applying.</p> <p>Mr. Willden requested input from the Mayor and City Council of their ideas concerning transportation needs going forward so that these concepts may be discussed, developed and formulated into the transportation plan.</p>	

Councilmember Killian inquired if the joint Highway 89 trail project would be a part of this project and if it would include walking trails.

Mayor Bigelow said that he would like to see the walking path around the Sports Park paved and completed.

Mr. Willden said that if their ideas are placed on the map and included in the master plan, this shows discussion and thought has gone in to the project and it helps acquire funding from other agencies. He stated that this project will be 90 percent funded by UDOT with Manti City contributing \$5,000.

Councilmember Killian said he would also like to see trails surrounding the city, possibly on the east foothills. He then questioned if it would be possible to include intersections where vegetation has grown, and Mr. Willden said this could be addressed.

Mr. Lenhart said that the transportation plan will include mapping, reporting and guidelines including municipal code.

CONCLUSION

Mayor Bigelow thanked Jones & DeMille for their work on the transportation plan and encouraged the City Council to think about their input regarding transportation needs.

ITEM 2 Joy Merriam - request to address Council regrading residential use of trailer on her property.

Ms. Merriam was unable to attend the meeting.

ITEM 3 Cory Hatch - Update on the automated water meter installation project.

Public Works Director Hatch reported that the crew has been working on the installation of automated water meters with approximately 350 completed. However, due to some unforeseen problems such as a large water leak on the mountain, new connections, etc. they have had to switch gears and take care of these problems.

He said that the programming and communications for the automated meters have been installed and come spring the crew will be able to continue to install and get this project completed. They are also considering a location for placement of the communication relay pole.

ITEM 4	Proposed amendment to “Agreement for Engineering & Technical Services” for the planned water treatment plant project.
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Ben Coray, of Sunrise Engineering, said that the proposed amendment to the Agreement for Engineering & Technical Services for the water treatment plant project has been presented and must be accepted by the Mayor and Council. He said that funding has been secured with a zero percent interest loan and they are now gearing up for the design phase of the project.

Mr. Coray explained the process of completing the water treatment plant and said that their goal is to have the project completed by the end of 2024.

Mayor Bigelow then asked for a motion to accept the amendment to the Agreement for Engineering and Technical Service for the Water Treatment Plant.

CONCLUSION	
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Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to accept the amendment as presented, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Darren Dyreng, Gary Chidester, Jeff Killian and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ITEM 5	Todd Ballard - Safety concerns with electronic power meters.
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Mr. Ballard was unable to attend the meeting.

ITEM 6	Blake DeMill - Update on KV interconnect switch.
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Electrical Superintendent DeMill reported on the KV interconnect switch installation near 600 West and 200 North. He said that this project began two years ago, but getting parts and having time to complete the project has been problematic. He felt that the project will be back on track in the spring.

Mr. DeMill said that the cost of the project is \$400,000 and UMPA has obtained a 70/30 match grant to be used.

Mr. DeMill reported that they have completed the replacement of digital meters to the new electronic meters and said that approximately 42 residents have opted out of the program. He stated the meters have been tested and approved to be safe.

Discussion concerning nuisance ordinance and enforcement.

Mayor Bigelow stated it was his feeling that the draft nuisance ordinance should be put on hold until the new year. He said that it is important that the city councilmembers drive around Manti and see how many nuisance violations they see and also suggested that a public hearing be delayed until they are 100 percent ready and are able to answer questions that will be asked at a public hearing.

Mayor Bigelow suggested that this be tabled until the new council is seated, as they will be the ones that have to deal with, and support, the ordinance. He also recommended that the 4th quarter newsletter announce that a public hearing will be scheduled for the beginning of the new year. The Mayor stated that he wanted to be as transparent as possible.

Councilmember Killian stated that there is a consensus as to what the ordinance should say, and he did not understand what the problem is with going ahead with the public hearing and adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Bigelow said that this will give them time to have a consensus as to what the nuisance problems are and will let staff know what is expected of them.

Councilmember Wintch inquired if there was any input regarding the language of the draft ordinance.

Councilmember Killian mentioned that Nibley City does not have their nuisance officer approach potential violators personally. They send a letter and notify the individual of the violation prior to meeting person to person. The City Recorder said that this has been done by Manti City several times in the past.

The council concurred with tabling discussion and action on the draft nuisance ordinance until the first of the new year.

Sidewalk safety for pedestrians in the downtown commercial zone.

Mayor Bigelow inquired if there is any discussion relative to the sidewalk safety issue that Linda Nielsen had brought to the attention of the City Council at a previous council meeting.

Councilmember Killian said that he was more concerned with individuals riding their bicycle or scooter in the road than on the sidewalk. He also stated that he has never

heard any type of complaint or any accident occurring that would give reason to take action.

Dogs running at large.

Councilmember Dyreng said that Manti City takes dog issues seriously and if a dog is running at large, Manti City catches it and places fines to get it out of the dog pound. However, when citizens do not call and report incidents, there is not much we can do. It is hard to fix something that we don't know happened.

Some discussion ensued after which City Manager Barton said that the Council may want to think about tools that may improve the dog situation such as reviewing the fee structure or the issuance of a ticket, which is a misdemeanor, to repeat offenders.

Mayor Bigelow requested that Barton provide additional information relative to same and place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Speed limit on east 100 South.

Mayor Bigelow said that he had contacted Sheriff Buchanan and requested patrolling in the area of 100 South and 300 East. He then inquired of the City Council if they wanted to change the speed limit in this area from 25 mph to 15 mph.

Some discussion ensued after which Councilmember Dyreng said he supported this change and felt there were other streets that may also necessitate a change to 15 mph.

Councilmember Chidester agreed with changing the speed limit and said that other streets need to have the same change to help slow traffic down.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to change the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph on 100 South from 350 East to 600 East, seconded by Councilmember Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Mary Wintch, Jeff Killian and Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Garrick Willden of Jones & DeMille Engineering then provided information from the traffic study that showed 377 cars traveling on the above noted road in one day with the average speed being 24 mph and one car traveling at 53 mph.

ITEM 8**Councilmembers reports.**

Councilmember Wintch reported that she had attended the ULCT Board meeting and affordable housing was discussed with it being mentioned that the state legislature is looking at an incentive for starter homes of up to \$450,000. She said that it was mentioned that many developers/contractors are building rentals and not homes to sell. It was also noted that if cities do not become proactive in providing high density housing, the state will step in.

Representative Steve Lund said that each city should take a liberal view on building standards because if they don't, it will be taken out of their hands and the state will control the standards. He did state that he, as a state representative, was not interested in having the state control any more than they already do.

Councilmember Killian reported that he had attended the Highway Committee for Cities and Counties and they provided a website for various grants available to cities.

Councilmember Chidester referenced an email he had received from "Only in Utah" where they were featuring the beautiful drive down Highway 89 and the picture associated with the article was of Manti City's Main Street.

ITEM 9**Public Comment - two minutes per each comment.****Susan Manning - 294 South 400 East**

Ms. Manning recommended that the Vibrant Valley, and other local groups, would be more than willing to help individuals clean up their yard and requested this be placed in the quarterly newsletter.

She also suggested a program where individuals make donations, as a public service, to help those who are unable to get their dogs out of the pound when caught running at large.

Ms. Manning stated that she had helped design a high density multifamily house, which was very attractive and would house three separate units. She felt this would be a good idea for developers to check into.

Steve Lund - 498 East 100 South

Mr. Lund stated that we should all be very concerned with the Manti LaSal Management Plan 50121 proposal, which will take hundreds and hundreds of acres. He

said that this will heavily affect Sanpete County - no hunting, no bikes, no hiking. He encouraged all to let their voices be heard and oppose this proposal.

Ben Kishpaugh - 463 West 500 North #B

Mr. Kishpaugh said that the site to comment on Management Plan 50121 can be found on the Manti Matters Facebook page.

Gerald Christiansen - 289 North 600 West

Mr. Christiansen said that he has recently sold his business, Big G Automotive, and invited the public to an open house on November 1st to meet the new owners and have lunch. This will be from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Bigelow thanked Gerald and Jennifer Christiansen for their contribution to Manti City throughout the years. He also expressed his appreciation to all the businesses in Manti.

Tyson Omer - 440 West 500 North

Mr. Omer said that regarding the problem on the sidewalks with bicycles and scooters and also the speeding of young people, he would suggest that an assembly be provided in the school system to teach students respect and the laws pertaining to same.

Tom Marsh - 402 East 200 South

Mr. Marsh asked if the change in election day for the General Election had been advertised. It was noted this change was generated by the State of Utah and has been advertised on manticity.com and other governmental websites.

ITEM 10

Mayor Bigelow.

Mayor Bigelow reported on the following:

- Sanpete County Commissioners issued a letter opposing the Manti LaSal Management Plan 50121 and proposed that Manti City also adopt a resolution opposing the plan but insert "the necessity for water shed" in the document. The Council concurred.
- Attended the Six-County Association of Governments Board meeting where they discussed the driving force behind growth in Utah.

- The Six-County Ag or Business Park is moving along with water under contract at this time.
- Met with the Manti Ambulance Association and noted that the Utah Legislature is pushing all EMS groups to be under the umbrella of the city. The Ambulance Association is in need of volunteers and they will be offering a student program to high school students to encourage interest in becoming an EMT.

ITEM 11	Consideration of approval for minutes of last month's meetings.
<p>The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes of the council meeting of October 4th and the work meeting of October 11th.</p> <p>Councilmember Killian requested that the draft nuisance ordinance be attached to the work meeting of October 11th. Mayor Bigelow then called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.</p>	
ACTION TAKEN	
<p>Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2023 regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.</p> <p>Councilmember Jeff Killian then made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2023 work meeting with the addition of adding the draft nuisance ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jeff Killian, Gary Chidester, Mary Wintch and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.</p>	

ITEM 12	City Manager Kent Barton
<p>City Manager Barton made note of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Springs Subdivision is moving forward and has completed the paving of the road. This development will include 14 homes in Phase I. • The Planning Commission is continuing to work on eliminating conditional uses in the industrial with a public hearing scheduled for November 14th. They are proposing the split of the industrial zone into two zones those being Industrial 1 and Industrial 2. • The installation of windows in the Patten House has been scheduled for November 14th. 	

- There has been vandalism in the restrooms at the Manti City Park and the newly installed cameras helped identify the perpetrators, which has now been turned over to the Juvenile Court system.
- The Workforce Services lease for offices in the City Complex has been extended through 2028.
- Requested closed session to discuss property negotiation.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Jeff Killian moved to adjourn from regular session into closed session to discuss property negotiations, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jeff Killian, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Adjourned from closed session into regular session.

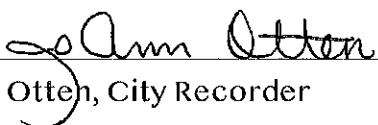
Councilmember Mary Wintch moved to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Wintch, Jeff Killian, Darren Dyreng and Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ADJOURNED	8:40 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – November 1, 2023

General Account

McArthur Landscaping	\$ 2,000.00
Luke Rowley	288.97
Utah State Treasurer	302.91
Department of Environmental Quality	633.00
Mike Warren	1,050.00


 Alfred Bigelow, Mayor


 JoAnn Otten, City Recorder