

# Manti City Council Public Hearing & Regular Council Meeting

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 28, 2023  
6:30 PM

MANTI CITY BUILDING  
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET

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

ITEM 1	<p><b>Public Hearing - regarding the possibility of applying for a Community Development Block Grant for a project to benefit the community.</b></p> <p>Mayor Bigelow welcomed all present and read the following statement:</p> <p><i>The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible applications for the 2024 funding cycle.</i></p> <p><i>The grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate income persons. The Six County Region, in which Manti City is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$850,000 in this new program year. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time.</i></p> <p><i>Examples of eligible projects include construction of public works and facilities, such as, water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters.</i></p>
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Mayor Bigelow indicated that in the past, Manti City received CDBG funding for the installation of the elevator at the Historic Manti City Hall. Manti City has submitted its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community.

He then requested that anyone with questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing, approach the podium and state their name prior to speaking.

Mary Pipes- 404 West 500 North

Ms. Pipes suggested the CDBG funding be used for a walking path or an all ability playground.

David Cox - 90 West Union

Mr. Cox felt that the CDBG funding should be used for the water treatment plant.

As there were no additional comments, Mayor Bigelow closed the public hearing.

**ACTION**

Mayor Bigelow then discussed different options for the possible use of CDBG funding after which Councilmember Jeff Killian moved to apply for the CDBG funding to help with upgrades at the Senior Citizens Center, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester.

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

**ITEM 2**

**Alecia Olsen - request to address Mayor & Council concerning sidewalks.**

Ms. Olsen was not in attendance.

**ITEM 3**

**Joy Merriam - request to address Council regarding residential use of trailer on her property.**

Ms. Merriam was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Bigelow did note the letter from Ms. Merriam that was in the packet requesting consideration in letting her son and daughter-in-law continue living in a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer in Ms. Merriam's backyard.

Councilmember Killian stated that the ordinance is clear and no exceptions should be made to allow a trailer to be used as living quarters on a property. He also suggested that a letter be sent to Six County Association of Governments and request a possible solution that would help the Merriam's find a place to live.

**CONCLUSION**

Councilmember Jeff Killian then moved to deny Joy Merriam's request to allow a trailer to be used as a residence on her property, as it is not allowed by our ordinance, and that city staff contact Six-County Association of Governments and request a possible solution that would help the Merriam's find a place to live. Councilmember Mary Wintch seconded the motion.

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

**ITEM 4**

**Discussion concerning top tier culinary water billing and possibility of a one-time discount for the past billing cycle for residential users.**

Mayor Bigelow stated that there were several concerns raised by heavy residential culinary water users after the October water bills were sent out. Heavy residential users were caught off-guard due to the recent raise in water utility rates.

Councilmember Killian stated that he would abstain from any discussion or vote, as he was one of the citizens that had a high water usage.

Mayor Bigelow noted that City Manager Barton had provided a spreadsheet showing the top tier water users over the last billing period. He then asked if there were any questions or discussion relative to providing a one-time discount for the past billing cycle for high residential water users. He noted the three scenarios which were included on the report for consideration of a one-time discount of either 25%, 50% or 75%.

Some discussion ensued after which Mayor Bigelow called for a motion.

**ACTION**

Councilmember Darren Dyreng moved to apply a 50% discount for top tier (over 125K) high water user bills for the billing cycle ending on October 25<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester.

Councilmembers voting "aye": Darren Dyreng, Gary Chidester and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Abstain: Councilmember Jeff Killian.

<b>ITEM 5</b>	<b>Discussion and consideration of Resolution #2023-05, a resolution requesting the recertification of the Manti City Justice Court.</b>
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Mayor Bigelow said that Manti City is required to re-certify the Justice Court periodically and one of the requirements is passage of a resolution by the City Council supporting the recertification.

He then read Resolution #2023-5 Recertification of the Justice Court and called for a motion to adopt same after which some discussion ensued.

<b>ACTION</b>	
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Councilmember Jeff Killian moved to adopt Resolution #2023-5 Recertification of the Justice Court, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jeff Killian, Gary Chidester, Mary Wintch and Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

<b>ITEM 6</b>	<b>Kent Barton - monthly financial report: October 2023 statements.</b>
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City Manager Barton presented the October 2023 Financial Statement, which is attached to and made part of the minutes.

He reported that 33% of the budget year is complete with total budgeted revenues realized at 35.2% and total budgeted expenses coming in at 35.4%. He then reviewed the Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds with water revenue at 39.9% of budget and expenses at 15.9%, sewer department budgeted revenues at 35.6% and expenses at 21.5% and electric fund budgeted revenues at 32.1% and expenses 26.9%.

<b>CONCLUSION</b>	
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Some discussion ensued after which Mayor Bigelow thanked Barton for the report.

<b>ITEM 7</b>	<b>Continuing Business.</b>
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**Discussion concerning nuisance ordinance and enforcement.**

Mayor Bigelow reminded the Councilmembers to drive around Manti City and see how many places would be considered a nuisance, as this will be placed on the agenda and discussed at the meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Dogs running at large.**

Mayor Bigelow inquired if there was any discussion relative to the dogs running at large and suggested that increasing fees may be needed at this time.

Some discussion ensued with it being the consensus of the Mayor and City Council that the fee schedule not be adjusted at this time but requested that City Manager Barton check with the city attorney regarding court appearance for subsequent dogs running at large offenders.

**ITEM 8**

**Councilmembers reports.**

Councilmember Killian said he had an item for closed session dealing with the Airport and Mayor Bigelow requested this be held off until the first meeting in January when the newly elected councilmembers are sworn in and seated.

**ITEM 9**

**Public Comment.**

David Cox - 90 West Union

Mr. Cox stated that there is grant money available for water projects that should be taken advantage of.

Kathy Cox - 90 West Union

Ms. Cox said that the Patten House windows have been installed and look great.

Kade Penny - Six County Association of Governments

Mr. Penny reported on three available grants those being Subdivision Ordinance, Thriving Community Grant and UDOT Technical Planning.

**ITEM 10**

**Mayor Bigelow.**

Mayor Bigelow reported on the following:

- The Six County "IT" professional branding.
- Thanked the Christmas committee for the fantastic Light Parade.

**ITEM 11**

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

The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes of the council meeting of November 1, 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 Mary Wintch made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 1, 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.

**ITEM 12**

**City Manager Kent Barton**

City Manager Barton made note of the following:

- Recent meeting with Jones & DeMille Engineering regarding application for development of application for UDOT "Safe Routes to School Grant".
- On-site work for financial audit completed. The audit will be ready for review and report to Council in January of next year.
- A public hearing has been scheduled for the proposed separation of the Industrial Zone into 2 zones, elimination of conditional uses and definition of permitted uses in the proposed zones. The hearing is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The Planning Commission held a hearing on the matter earlier in the month and has forwarded it to the Council with their recommendation to accept the proposal.
- Referenced the patrol report from the county sheriff, a copy of which is in the packet.
- Indicated that he had matters dealing with property negotiation and litigation for discussion in closed session.

**ACTION TAKEN**

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

Adjourned from closed session into regular session.

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

ADJOURNED	8:15 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Canvas of Election – December 6, 2023

General Account

Susan Hatch	\$ 51.67
Scholzen Products	462.00
AJ Mower	33.06
Luke Rowley	131.00
Utah State Treasurer	1,353.62
Anjolee Jones	1,000.00
Luke Rowley	103.49
Denise Hagemeister	150.00
Dale Christensen	150.00
Annette Allred	150.00
Russell Lund	75.00
Rockin M Hay	3,500.00
Zions Bank	3,654.79
Utah Municipal Power Agency	53,299.78
John Eliason	100.00
Ryan Anderson	100.00
Bonnie Nordell	75.00

  
 Alfred Bigelow, Mayor

  
 JoAnn Otten, City Recorder