

Manti City Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2025
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: AJ Mower, Mary Pipes, Jeff Killian and Jennifer Christiansen City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Mary Wintch
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember: Mayor Bigelow

Public Hearing

ITEM 1	Public Hearing – concerning Main Street striping proposal.
<p>Mayor Bigelow welcomed all to the meeting. He said that Manti City is not required to hold a public hearing regarding the possible changing of Main Street from a four-lane road to a three-lane road, which would include a turning lane. He said that the City Council chose to hear citizens thoughts and views prior to making a decision on this issue.</p> <p>He then raised concerns relative to pedestrians crossing Main Street and the speed of cars entering Manti at both the north and south entrances. He said the City Council had requested that UDOT conduct a study to see if a second crosswalk could be placed on 400 North Main Street.</p> <p>He then introduced Jarod Beard, UDOT Director of Region 4, Cody Marchant, Traffic Engineer and Devon Monroe, District Engineer.</p> <p>Mr. Beard discussed the problem of high speeds on both the north and south ends of town noting observations such as vehicles traveling at 35 mph with multiple cars overtaking and the dangers posed to pedestrians. There was emphasis on how road design, including crossing distances, could impact safety.</p>	

Mr. Beard presented the upcoming chip seal project for Manti Main Street, which is scheduled to occur within a few weeks and noted that the lines will need to be repainted at that time. He said if the Mayor and City Council choose to convert from a four-lane to a three-lane road, this would be the time to do it. He also said that UDOT was not present at the meeting to dictate what should happen but wanted to present options and recommendations for a safer, zero fatality and injury free highway.

Mr. Beard said that UDOT has conducted a current traffic volume study noting that 6,000 to 6,500 vehicles per day are using Highway 89 in Manti City. He said that moving to a three-lane highway would significantly enhance pedestrian safety near intersections, including suggestions for a marked crosswalk at 400 North Main and improved crossing. This would also help focus on traffic flow and help regulate speed.

Mayor Bigelow then invited any who desire to come forward, state their name and make comment.

Darcie Dickinson – 337 South 100 West

Felt that the car count study is inaccurate due to the location that the study took place. She also said that Ephraim had gone to three-lanes and didn't like it and went back to a four-lane highway. She said that there has been talk of a state-wide bike lane, which would be built along Manti Main Street, and she was opposed to the lane being on Main. She said that turning left on 400 North Main would be a major concern with two lanes and she opposed the proposed three-lane highway.

Jill Colby – 465 East 300 North

Has lived here for 15 years and loves Manti. If three lanes will slow traffic down and make it safer for pedestrians and drivers, then she supports this action.

Kate Riley – Unknown

Felt that a pedestrian bridge would be the safest option and possibly looking into lights that display the speed. She also suggested that an empty patrol car park on the side of the road so people will slow down as they enter Manti.

Heather Weiss – 435 East 100 South

Did not like the idea of a three-lane highway and would rather see options such as a painted crosswalk or lights that you push a button, and it helps you cross the street.

Pete Mancuso – 475 East 500 South

Has concerns that when you bottle up slower traffic, you end up with a rush of people trying to pass each other and it creates a frenzy in those two lanes. He is a first responder with the Manti Ambulance Association and feels that this will impact response time. He did not support moving to a three-lane highway.

Hal Carlson – 557 South 600 East

Get law enforcement involved to help alleviate speeding cars. People will learn to slow down without going to a three-lane highway.

Tim Hall – 340 West 400 South

Is an EMT driver and has a concern that a three-lane highway will slow down first responders when trying to get to the ambulance shed and back on the highway with the ambulance.

Gerald Christiansen – 289 North 600 West

Is a resident and a business owner, which is located on Main Street. He drives oversized trucks and said that trying to make a left-hand turn on Main Street with four-lanes is hard and will be a nightmare if it changes to three-lanes. He agrees with the first responders, as he owns a towing company that becomes a second responder, and a three-lane highway will make it difficult to make a left-hand turn in an oversized truck.

Katrina Hall – 340 West 400 South

Has concerns about reducing the traffic lanes and doesn't understand why flashing lights that people may push a button for a sidewalk or crosswalk can't be installed or something to alert traffic that a pedestrian is trying to cross. With all the new development, Manti will grow, and it is a bad idea to take away four lanes just to create a turning lane.

Barbara Wintch – 466 South Main

Resides on south Main Street and even with four lanes it is difficult to back out onto Main Street. Would it be possible to have flashing sign that displays how fast cars are traveling. She feels this helps people be aware of the speed they are traveling, and they tend to slow down.

Linda Mount – 212 South 300 West

Moving to a three-lane highway is a catastrophe waiting to happen. Need to enforce existing laws.

Sonja DeMill – 565 West 200 South

Is a first responder and moving to three lanes will make it more congested and harder to get to the ambulance shed. Wondered why they are not trying to enforce the laws for those that will not stop for pedestrians. Did not support a three-lane highway.

Mike Weiss – 435 East 100 South

Questioned what the crash data included and if this includes pedestrian accidents. He felt that instead of changing the number of lanes it would be better to change the speed limit signs to digital.

Addam Brouillette – 635 East 70 South

Drives big trucks and was in support of moving to a three-lane highway.

Russ Hatch – 511 South 600 West

Had concerns regarding access and said that Manti is going to get more populated and didn't feel this was the answer.

Steve Thorsen – 395 North 500 West

Questioned if it would make it easier to turn on Main Street by increasing the traffic to one lane. He had concerns this was not this answer to slowing traffic down.

John Mount – 212 South 300 West

Stated that the north entrance near the cemetery is a nightmare, as people drive too fast and won't slow down.

Rose Imlay – 529 South 600 West

Questioned what happens when you get behind a car that is driving 15 mph and you can't get around them. Also, what happens when you have the post office and IHC Clinic across from one another and two cars are trying to turn into the businesses. This would become very difficult and how would we prevent head on collisions.

Goldie Carlson – 557 South 600 West

Was a victim of an accident with a turning lane.

Tom Marsh – 402 East 200 South

Asked what other cities on Highway 89 have one lane going north and one lane going south.	
CONCLUSION	
Mayor Bigelow thanked all present for their comments and thanked UDOT for taking their time to be present at the meeting.	

Regular Meeting

ITEM 2	Discussion concerning proposed Resolution 2025-3, Cash Receipting and Deposit Policy.
Mayor Bigelow referenced Resolution 2025-3, Cash Receipting and Deposit Policy which is part of the Fraud Risk Assessment. He asked if there was any discussion and seeing none, he called for a motion to adopt same.	
CONCLUSION	
Councilmember Mary Pipes moved to adopt Resolution 2025-3, Cash Receipting and Deposit Policy, seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Pipes, Jennifer Christiansen, AJ Mower and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.	

ITEM 3	Continuing business.
Review yard setbacks in the residential zones. Planning Commission has a public hearing scheduled for June 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.	
Request to ease square footage and 2nd floor restrictions in "Accessory Dwelling Unit" code (17.40.040). Planning Commission reviewing.	
Historic Preservation Commission. None	
Short-term rental ordinance. Planning Commission has a public hearing scheduled for June 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.	
Inland Port project. None.	

ITEM 4	Councilmembers reports.
Councilmember Christiansen said that Chairs Chans and Jennifer Lund will be at the next council meeting to report on the upcoming Fourth of July events.	

ITEM 5	Public Comment - two minutes per each comment.
None	

ITEM 6	Mayor Bigelow.
Mayor Bigelow reported on the following items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be attending APPA meetings in New Orleans with UMPA. • Reminded all of Rat Fink on June 5th – 7th and requested Councilmember Mary Pipes award the “Mayors Choice” award at the car show. 	

ITEM 7	Consideration of approval for minutes of prior meeting. (May 21st public hearing, May 21st regular meeting)
Mayor directed Councilmembers to review the draft minutes of the public hearing and regular council meeting of May 21, 2025. After brief discussion, he called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.	
ACTION TAKEN	
Councilmember Jeff Killian made the motion to accept the public hearing minutes of the May 21, 2025, seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jeff Killian, Jennifer Christiansen, Mary Pipes and AJ Mower. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.	
Councilmember Mary Pipes made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2025, regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember AJ Mower. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Pipes, AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen and Jeff Kilian. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.	

ITEM 8	City Manager Kent Barton.
City Manager Barton reported on the following items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMPA proposed power rates for 2025 is in the packet. • ULGT renewal notice showing an increase of 2% is in the packet. • The water treatment plant is moving along with the first pay request for engineering design services received. • Has one item for closed session dealing with personnel. 	
ACTION TAKEN	
Councilmember Jeff Killian moved to adjourn from regular session into closed session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Councilmember AJ Mower. Councilmembers voting	

"aye": Jeff Killian, AJ Mower, Mary Pipes and Jennifer Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

Adjourned from closed session into regular session.

Councilmember AJ Mower moved to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mary Pipes. Councilmembers voting "aye": AJ Mower, Mary Pipes, Jeff Killian and Jennifer Christiansen. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

ADJOURNED	8:20 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2025

General Account

Michelle Francs	\$ 305.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	112,035.51
Holly Mounteer	90.00


Alfred Bigelow, Mayor


JoAnn Otten, City Recorder