

# Manti City Council Regular Meeting

## MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2026  
6:30 PM

MANTI CITY BUILDING  
50 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MEETING CALLED BY	Mayor Mary Wintch
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Council Meeting
ATTENDEES	Councilmembers: Meagan Johnson, Mary Pipes, AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen, and Brian Francois City Manager: Jason Brown City Recorder: Matt Gray
ABSENT	None
WELCOME	Mayor Wintch
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember Jennifer Christiansen

### Regular Meeting

ITEM 1	<b>Declaration of Conflicts of Personal Interest</b>
<p>The meeting began by Mayor Wintch asking the council if there were any agenda items that needed to be disclosed concerning conflicts of interest. Councilmember Brian Francois stated that he is currently the Vice President of the Senior Board in Manti, since there is an agenda item involving the Senior Citizen Center.</p>	

ITEM 2	<b>Approval of Recent Council Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2026</b>
<p>Mayor Wintch spoke regarding the minutes for the Council meeting on February 4, 2026. She asked if there were any corrections needed for the regular City Council meeting minutes. No corrections were noted. The mayor called for a motion to approve the minutes for February 4, 2026. Councilmember Mary Pipes made the motion and Councilmember Brian Francois seconded the motion. Council members voting Aye: Meagan Johnson, Mary Pipes, AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen, and Brian Francois. Council members voting Nay: None.</p>	

ACTION TAKEN	
<p>Approval of the City Council minutes from the February 4, 2026, meeting.</p>	

**ITEM 3****Monthly Financial Report: January 2026**

City Manager Jason Brown presented the January 2026 Financial Statement, which is attached to and made part of the minutes. City Manager Brown reported that 58% of the budget year is complete with total budgeted revenues realized at 48% and total budgeted expenses coming in at 48%. He then reviewed the Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds with water revenue at 7.0% of budget and expenses at 4.3%, sewer department budgeted revenues at 61.5% and expenses at 33.7% and electric fund budgeted revenues at 53.1% and expenses 39.9%.

**ITEM 4****Senior Center Improvement Project Update**

Mayor Wintch initiated the fourth item and again turned the time to City Manager Brown for this topic. Manager Brown stated that there was a meeting held on February 13, 2026, with Rick Christensen, Manager Brown and staff. Manager Brown asked Rick to provide an updated cost with the revised work for the Senior Center. The previous bid was dated January 2024. During the meeting many items were discussed to improve the facility. These included the kitchen, refrigerators, flooring, electrical, and front bathrooms. Manti City has decided to use city employees to finish the electrical to mitigate project costs. The construction timeline was discussed, and Rick Christensen anticipates the project to take about 4 months. The actual start date will still need to be determined due to a requirement from the CDBG regarding pre-construction meetings.

**ITEM 5****March City Council Meetings Schedule Discussion**

Mayor Wintch opened this item stating that the second council meeting in March conflicts with the UMPA conference held the same week. After stating several options for the council to consider, a short discussion and decision was made to cancel the City Council Meeting on March 18, 2026. Mayor Wintch then requested a motion to cancel the second council meeting in March. The motion was set forth by Councilmember Brian Francois and seconded by Councilmember Meagan Johnson. Council members voting Aye: Meagan Johnson, Mary Pipes, AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen, and Brian Francois. Council members voting Nay: None.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Cancellation of City Council meeting on March 18, 2026.

**ITEM 6****Payment Approval Report (Bills)**

A short discussion occurred regarding the procedure and timing of paying the city bills. Mayor Wintch then called for a motion to approve the city bills and sign them after the meeting adjourns. The motion was set forth by Councilmember AJ Mower and seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Christiansen. Council members voting

Aye: Meagan Johnson, Mary Pipes, AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen, and Brian Francois. Council members voting Nay: None.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Approval of the bills from February 4, 2026.

**ITEM 7**

**Continuing Business**

**a. Short Term Rentals Moratorium**

On hold for administrative work.

**b. Annexation/Subdivision Moratorium**

On hold for administrative work.

**c. Cemetery Ordinance**

On hold for administrative work.

**d. Proposed Veterans Memorial**

Nothing to report.

**e. Andy Adamson - Quarry Hills Trail Development**

Nothing to report.

**f. America 250**

July 4<sup>th</sup> planning has begun. Ideas for a two-day celebration being suggested because July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday. Many people may have the Friday off before the holiday.

Friday events are being planned to celebrate for two days.

**g. Request to ease square footage and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restrictions in "Accessory Dwelling Unit" Code (17.40.040)**

Further discussion in the Planning Commission meeting on February 10, 2026.

**h. Economic Development**

Manti City is currently working on projects.

**ITEM 8**

**Council Member Reports**

**Council Member Johnson**

- Commented on the Youth City Council and it is exciting to see this group move forward. Councilmember Johnson then moved to discuss the Easter Egg Hunt and the budget for the event. There was some discussion regarding the Easter Egg hunt budget and cost inflation with City Manager Jason Brown.

**Council Member Pipes**

- Related that there were over 963 bills introduced at the current legislative session. She appreciates the Utah League of Cities and Towns keeping an eye on current legislation.

**Council Member Mower**

- The Miss Manti pageant now has five solid contestants. The contestants have started their workshops. Councilmember Mower identified that the budget has been passed along and that items will need to be ordered. Councilmember Mower changed topics

and stated that the Utah League of Cities and Towns does a good job keeping up on legislative items. He appreciates information being forwarded to the council to keep them aware of items that may affect Manti City.

**Council Member Christiansen**

- Recognized that the first Youth City Council meeting took place in the previous week. Council member Christiansen stated that there was a total of six students that attended and several more that were committed for future meetings. It was mentioned that there was a good diversity of youth in attendance, including some home-schooled children. She confirmed that the regular schedule for meetings will be the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Councilmember Christiansen then switched topics. She stated that the legislative session is in week five and that there are two hundred bills being tracked and discussed. She said that many of the bills cover land use, water use, and property taxes.

**Council Member Francois**

- Detailed that he had attended his first library board meeting this past week. He mentioned that the library catalog system is being upgraded to a new system. Councilmember Francois also relayed that many other libraries in Sanpete are upgrading at the same time. He went on to add that the summer reading program at the Manti Library will be "Blind Date with a Book." The program director has chosen several books and wrapped them up like Christmas Presents so the chooser has no idea the topic of the book. Councilmember Francois said that this is a clever way to introduce people to books that they normally wouldn't choose. He also stated that there will be a way to rate the book and give feedback.

**ITEM 9**

**Administration Reports: City Manager Jason Brown**

City Manager Jason Brown quickly discussed the Senior Citizen center remodeling project. He listed many of the upgrades to the building including the new kitchen, office, and fixtures. Manager Brown then changed to the topic of the new water treatment plant being designed by Sunrise Engineering. He stated that the new filtration system will need to be ordered in mid-March and that the construction should take 8 to 10 months to complete. The new SCADA system will allow Manti City employees to monitor and control the water tank levels, stream flows, and the filtration equipment. Manager Brown went on to say that the location of the filtration building was moved to allow room for a new water tank in the future.

**ITEM 10**

**Public Comment**

**Sam Blatter**

- Commented regarding the Senior Citizen Center project and is happy that the project is moving forward. He questioned if anyone had been in the basement of the building and wondered if Manti City was throwing good money after a bad deal. He

also suggested that the council put in place an oversight committee to watch the use of the funds for the project.

**Sheriff Jared Buchanan**

- Stated that he was there because he tries to check in with each city each quarter. He appreciated visiting with Manager Brown in his office. Sheriff Buchanan offered to work on specific concerns if they arise from citizen comments. He went on to discuss the new speed trailer and how it influences drivers to slow down. He is excited to gather data from the trailer and hopes to use the data for future projects. Sheriff Buchanan then listed several statistics. He stated that in 2024 Sanpete County dispatch had 8,735 calls compared to the 22,094 calls in 2025. Even though the dispatch has seen a significant increase in calls over the past year many of the drug, DUI, and burglary calls are going down. He stated that all the crime statistics, in general, have dropped in the past several years.

**Stacey Carlisle**

- She is the new Deputy County Senior Nutrition Manager and oversees several communities in Sanpete County. She also introduced a couple of employees that are helping in the Manti operation. She felt that the Senior Citizen Center bid was a bit excessive and didn't want it to feel like a surgical center. She wanted to see the money go places where she felt it would be important and more beneficial for the seniors.

**ITEM 11**

**Mayor Comments: Mayor Wintch**

Mayor Wintch initiated her comments regarding involvement in the American Public Power Association meetings with the UMPA. She stated that UMPA receives 20% of its power supply from the Federal Colorado River Storage Project. This is down 5% from previous years. Mayor Wintch then listed several of the hydroelectric production facilities from which UMPA draws power. The multi-year drought has placed some challenges on the UMPA in finding replacement power opportunities at reasonable rates. Even with these challenges the UMPA has done a good job in keeping the rates level. Mayor Wintch continued by stating that if the drought continues this unfortunately could start to negatively affect the power rates.

**ITEM 12**

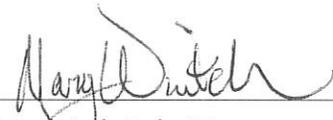
**Closed Session - for discussion**

Mayor Wintch called for a motion to adjourn from regular session and move into closed session to discuss current litigation and personnel issues. Councilmember Jennifer Christiansen set forth the motion and Councilmember Meagan Johnson seconded the motion. Council members voting Aye: Meagan Johnson, Mary Pipes, AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen, and Brian Francois. Council members voting Nay: None

Adjourned from the regular session into the closed session.

Signing of bills and payroll occurred after adjournment.

ADJOURNED	7:32 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting - March 4, 2026

  
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Mary Wintch, Mayor

  
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Matt Gray, City Recorder