

Manti City Council Meeting

MINUTES

MAY 18, 2022
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 Mayor Bigelow

Regular Council Meeting

ITEM 1	Elliott Anderson - Manti Volunteer Fire Department Report.
Fire Chief Anderson reported that the Manti Volunteer Fire Department currently has 18 active fire fighters with 2 female members. Fire Chief Anderson reported that the fire department extrication equipment is old and not capable of extricating individuals out of vehicles. A department out of Salt Lake City had a refurbished extrication kit (jaws of life) that Manti was able to purchase at a cost of \$4,000. He said that the fire department has been very busy with training exercises, and he welcomed the Mayor and Council to drop by the training center (old boys club) to observe.	

He also reported that the department is behind on their certification due to the COVID pandemic, but are working on getting everyone certified.

Fire Chief Anderson said that there have been some complaints and controversy regarding the siren, and he noted that the whole purpose of the siren is to be a warning system for citizens in case of an emergency. He stated that he felt the siren should definitely stay in place, but that the citizens should be educated as to the meaning of each tone and sound. He also iterated how important the siren is if there were a power failure and/or the pagers were malfunctioning. The siren would be able to call first responders out if needed.

Councilmember Vernon said that maybe the city website could provide information regarding the siren and the different tones used for serious situations. He also stated that some residents may not like the siren, however, it is a valuable resource for the community.

CONCLUSIONS

The Mayor and City Council thanked Fire Chief Anderson and the fire department for their commitment in keeping the community safe.

ITEM 2

Ilene Roth - Plans for 2022 Ed Roth "Big Daddy" Rat Fink Reunion.

Ilene Roth said they are very excited for the 20th Reunion of Ed Roth "Big Daddy" Rat Fink Reunion scheduled for June 2nd – 4th. She said the activities will be moved to the City Park on Saturday with an auction at 1:00 p.m. with all proceeds going back to the community. The car show awards will be at 4:00 p.m. and she invited Mayor Bigelow to pick and the winner and present the award for the "Mayors Choice Award".

Ilene reported that many artists will be returning to Manti from all over the world. She also said students from a University in Denver Colorado will be in attendance and their paintings will be auctioned off with the proceeds going back to the University in the form of a scholarship.

Ilene provided information relative to the activities throughout the Reunion and invited the Mayor and Council to serve ice cream if they so desire.

Councilmember Dyreng stated that this event is awesome and a great activity for families to attend. He said it also puts Manti City on the map.

Mayor Bigelow thanked Ilene and her family for all they do for Manti City.

Discussion concerning proposed 80' cellular tower near tank.

City Manager Barton said that AT&T is eager to pursue this project and inquired if the City Council wished to explore a lease of the pole, or continue with Manti City acquiring ownership.

Councilmember Killian said that he felt 1/3 of the community are against allowing this tower and he was undecided on whether it should be allowed or not.

Councilmember Chidester said that he is leaning towards lease of the property as there would be no maintenance nor liability risks. Councilmember Wintch inquired if it is a lease, would the city opt for a shorter tower. Councilmember Chidester said most towers are 80' with the possibility of adding 20' at a later date.

Councilmember Dyreng stated he is not opposed to the tower and felt it would be more beneficial to lease the property.

Some discussion ensued after which Mayor Bigelow inquired if the council was in agreement that a lease would be better than owning the pole. All Councilmembers concurred to negotiate a lease for the placement of a pole.

Discussion concerning conditional uses.

City Manager Barton said that a work meeting with the city council and planning commission will be held on Tuesday, May 31st at 6:00 p.m. to review draft information relative to conditional uses.

Discussion concerning possible addition of columbaria to Manti Cemetery.

Councilmember Wintch stated that she has not received a bid for the stone work on the columbaria but the actual columbaria came back much higher than anticipated. The City Manager stated that it may be beneficial to look at other options without the expense of custom work. Councilmember Wintch stated she would follow up on this project.

Urban Deer Control Program

Mayor Bigelow reported that the three-year Urban Deer Program that Manti City has participated in is expiring and in order to continue for another three-year contract, a public hearing must be held. It was reported that 15 deer have been trapped within the last three years.

Councilmember Vernon stated that he would like to see Manti continue with the program, as he feels it is important to remove some of the deer in town due to the deer population increasing each year.

Councilmember Killian also supported the Urban Deer Program.

It was the consensus of the City Council to hold a public hearing which would allow Manti City to continue the Urban Deer Program.

Sponsorship for “Movies in the Park” vs “Wi-Fi Summer”.

Mayor Bigelow stated that there had been some confusion regarding the “Movies in the Park” and the “Wi-Fi Summer” sponsorship.

Councilmember Vernon said that at the previous council meeting he made the motion to sponsor the summer Wi-Fi and not a movie. Councilmember Dyreng said that this was his understanding also and felt that there should be corporate sponsors for the movie.

ITEM 4	Councilmembers reports.
Councilmember Dyreng reported on the Six County Regional Growth Summit that had been held and how beneficial this training had been. He said that those in attendance were all rural cities with the same issues. Councilmember Killian referenced the draft newsletter and noted the cost was higher than initially estimated. He said the cost would be approximately \$2,000 per year to send the newsletter to each citizen quarterly. Councilmember Vernon thanked Councilmember Killian and said he appreciated the information being sent to the citizens. Mayor Bigelow also stated that the information sent out is very beneficial to the community. Councilmember Wintch reported that she had attended the ULCT Board Meeting and they had commented on the Six County Regional Growth Summit and the great turn out at this training. She said that the ULCT Board felt water and growth issues are very important to have discussions in all Utah cities. She also reported that the ULCT has experts available to help cities and towns with issues that may arise.	

ITEM 5	Public Comment.
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Ken Glenn, of Manti, stated that he is a member of the Miracle Theatre Group and referenced an email sent to the City Council regarding maintenance and cleanup of the Eva Beal Auditorium and also the cost for use of the auditorium.

He continued stating that they are a small group and would like to see community theatre reinstated.

Russ Hatch of Manti inquired if an 80' tower would be required to have a flashing light attached to it. Councilmember Killian said he had checked on this and a tower would have to be 200' before a flashing light would be required.

ITEM 6	Mayor Bigelow
None	

ITEM 7	Consideration of Minutes From Previous Meeting
The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes from the previous regular council meeting. 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 May 4 th Regular Council Meeting, Jeff Killian seconded. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Jeff Killian, Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng and Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.	

ITEM 8	City Manager's Report
City Manager Kent Barton reported on the following:	
• Monthly patrol report provided by Sanpete County Sheriff. • The bills for payment. • Budget hearing – June 15th at 6:00 p.m. • The city crew will be placing the flower baskets on Main Street prior to Memorial Day. • Reminder of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth Days. • Has issue for closed session dealing with property negotiation and litigation matters.	
ACTION TAKEN	
Mayor Bigelow called for a motion to adjourn into closed session to discuss property negotiations and litigation matters.	

Councilmember Gary Chidester made a motion to move out of regular session into closed session to discuss property negotiation and litigation matters, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon, Darren Dyreng, Jeff Killian and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

Adjourned from closed session into regular session.

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

ADJOURNED	8:50 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – June 1 2022

General Account

Utah State Treasurer	\$ 225.58
Jeff Killian	55.68
Tina Roberts	163.00
UGSA	65.00
UBBA	220.00
Caleb Mits Votai	410.00
Darren Dyreng	55.68
Chuck Bigelow	55.68
Alan Christensen	55.68
JoAnn Otten	55.68
Leonard Stull	239.44

Alfred Bigelow, Mayor

JoAnn Otten, City Recorder