

Manti City Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

MARCH 22, 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	Mayor: Alfred C. Bigelow Councilmembers: Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jeff Killian and Mary L. Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Jason Vernon
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember Chidester

Regular

ITEM 1	Christ Talbot, Court Facilities Director - Timeline for construction of Manti 6th District Courthouse.
Mr. Talbot joined the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Talbot presented an update on the construction and design of the Sixth District Courthouse, which will be built directly east of the old Bishop's Storehouse. He introduced Architect Brent Tippetts who has created a design that will fit very well within the community. Mr. Talbot reported that the project is set to be put out for bid in April with groundbreaking scheduled for early July and a completion date at the end of 2024, depending on material supply. He did say that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony the last week of June or early July and invited the Mayor and Council, along with the community, to attend.	

Mr. Tibbets reported that he is nearly complete with the construction documents and then presented a power point showing the building, parking lots and landscaping improvements.

Mr. Talbot disclosed that the LDS Church sold the Bishop's Storehouse along with the property surrounding the Storehouse to the State of Utah and they were also able to acquire the Dial Herbs building, which will be demolished, and the area will be developed into a plaza with a dedicated space for sculptures.

He also mentioned that the Utah Division of Arts and Museums will reach out to local, as well as Utah artists, with request for quote to create the sculptures that will be placed in the plaza area. They have invited Councilmember Wintch to be on the committee that will choose the artwork.

Mr. Talbot then thanked Manti City and expressed his hope that the community would be pleased with the plans and final outcome.

CONCLUSIONS

Mayor Bigelow thanked Mr. Talbot and Mr. Tibbets for the information presented.

ITEM 2

Bethany Jessop, Miss Sanpete Outstanding Teen - Request to address Mayor and Council regarding Radon Gas Awareness Month.

Bethany Jessop stated that her platform for Miss Sanpete's Teen is "Radon Gas Awareness" and said she is asking that May of 2023 be Radon Gas Awareness Month.

She said after her mother passed away from Stage 4 non-smoker's lung cancer, she made it her mission to educate Sanpete County residents about the dangers of Radon Gas.

Bethany then provided a handout providing information on the danger of Radon Gas and how to acquire a free radon testing kit. She said that this will help to keep homes safe from radon.

CONCLUSIONS

The Mayor and City Council thanked Bethany for the information.

ITEM 3

Rick Kiser - Request to address Mayor and Council concerning plans for Manti Readiness Expo.

Mr. Kiser stated he was at the meeting representing the LDS Church and to promote the Manti Readiness Expo, which will be held on April 29th at 4:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory building in Manti.

He said the Expo will cover eight areas including home, family, medical, gardening, food, community, emergency and games and provided a map showing the location of each booth with over 50 educational tables.

Mr. Kiser said there will be three food trucks for individuals to purchase food. He also stated that Manti City Public Works, Dominion Energy, Manti Fire Department and Sanpete County Sheriff's Department will provide information relative to their departments.

He encouraged all to come and enjoy this educational experience and be prepared for any emergency.

CONCLUSION

Councilmember Killian said that the quarterly city newsletter will have information regarding the Expo and this will be delivered to all utility users.

Mayor Bigelow thanked Mr. Kiser and urged all to attend the Emergency Readiness Expo.

ITEM 4

Russ Hatch - Request to address Mayor and Council regarding Economic Development committee.

Mr. Hatch stated that he had been looking at the city website and noticed that there had been an Economic Development Committee, which is no longer active.

He then said that he is part of the "Vibrant Valley" group and they would like to resurrect the economic development committee and help bring businesses to Manti to try and build Manti's economic stability.

Joe Marsh said that the "Vibrant Valley" would also like to provide a welcome basket to people that move into Manti.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Bigelow agreed that an Economic Development Committee is a good idea, but he stated that the committee would be driven and approved by the City Council.

He thanked Mr. Hatch for his input and ideas and said they would discuss Mr. Hatch's request further.

ITEM 5	Continuing Business.
Discussion concerning proposed Family Dollar store and commercial development. Mayor Bigelow reported that the appraisal of the land north of the cemetery, that is being sold to LTD, came back at \$75,000 per acre which is quite a bit less than some citizens felt it should be. He continued by adding that that the developer will be required to bring in all the infrastructure at their cost and that the purchase price for the property will remain at the initial price of \$50,000 per acre. Lamar & Colleen Rogers - request for consideration of ordinance change. City Manager Barton reported that he had spoken with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and they have decided not to pursue the request for a second water utility hook up nor the change of the current ordinance. Nuisance Ordinance. Mayor Bigelow said that a public hearing will be held on April 12th at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comment relative to citizen thoughts on the current ordinance and provide input on enforcement of the ordinance.	

ITEM 6	Councilmembers reports.
Councilmember Killian reported that he had attended the Manti/Ephraim Airport Board meeting and a proposal has come before the Board to provide a camping facility at the airport. There were concerns relative to the increased maintenance and water supply that would be required for this type of activity. He then asked the City Manager to contact the city attorney regarding the airport budget and who approves same. Barton stated that the airport is 50/50 owned by Manti City and Ephraim City with both parties approving the budget. Councilmember Killian reported that the Board has been very happy with the maintenance and snow removal and they are looking into purchasing equipment to help in this area. Councilmember Wintch reported on the Library Board meeting she had attended. She said that the Library will now provide books and services for the blind. She said that Librarian Cynthia Tibbs obtained a grant for the purchase of two new computers. There are also library backpacks and family financial tote bags available for checkout.	

Councilmember Wintch attended the ULCT Board meeting via Zoom and they offered assistance to communities in the event of flooding this spring.

She reported that the League has tracked 45 percent more bills this year than in the previously year. They have requested that if there are any issues that the League could help with or be aware of, they should be notified by mid-April as their priority list will be developed at that time.

Councilmember Wintch said that the sales tax on food bill will go into place, if there is support for the constitutional amendment, in 2024.

She stated that the Columbarium will be placed at the cemetery at the end of April, depending on weather. She reported that she has been working on a draft price list for the purchase of a Columbarium niche' and a flyer with information regarding the options and purchase availability of cemetery lots or a niche'.

ITEM 7

Public Comment - two minutes per each comment.

Barry Gardner - County

Mr. Gardner made inquiry regarding the Patten House and the issues and repairs that need to be addressed, as he would be interested in helping.

Mayor Bigelow provided a bit of history noting that Manti City owns the Patten House and the DUP oversees the museum. He then mentioned the list of repairs needed and also stated that funding of the repairs is also needed.

Mr. Gardner then stated that the Vibrant Valley Group would like to be of help to the DUP and also to the City in working on the Patten House.

Ben Kishpaugh - 463 West 500 North

Mr. Kishpaugh inquired if the citizens would have a say in whether Manti City signs a contract with the Sanpete County Sheriff's Department or forms a new police department.

Mayor Bigelow said that no decision has been made regarding law enforcement and the city is looking at options.

Mr. Kishpaugh then said he would like to revive the Neighborhood Watch program and would also appreciate it if the citizens could have input on the decision to stay with the law enforcement contract with Sanpete County or develop a police force. He felt that the Sheriff follows the constitution and police forces are not required to.

Susan Manning - 294 South 400 West

Ms. Manning said that she was concerned that the new Courthouse will require Dial Herbs to relocate and it was her hope that the Storehouse will continue to allow retail to be housed in the building.

Betty Garlock - 298 East Union

Ms. Garlock said that she was very disappointed in the previous meetings discussion on the survey regarding the Dollar Store. She stated there had been no thank you and only critical and negative comments from the Mayor and City Council regarding the survey. She encouraged them to remember "if you can't say something nice, then don't say anything at all".

Amanda Kishpaugh - 463 West 500 North

Ms. Kishpaugh said she had heard that Moroni City dissolved their police department and had signed a law enforcement contract with the Sanpete County Sheriff's Department and inquired what Manti is going to do.

Mayor Bigelow said that Manti City has not received a finalized proposal from the Sheriff's Department so they are investigating all options.

Ms. Kishpaugh encouraged the Mayor and Council to continue under contract with the Sheriff's Department.

ITEM 8

Mayor Bigelow

Mayor Bigelow reported on the following items:

- Reminded the City Council of the UMPA conference in St. George on March 29th.
- The next meeting will be held on April 5th.

ITEM 9

Consideration of minutes of the previous meetings.

The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes of the regular council meeting of March 8, 2023. After brief discussion, seeing there were no errors or changes noted, he called for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

ACTION

Councilmember Gary Chidester made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 8th regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mary Wintch.

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

ITEM 10	City Manager - Kent Barton.
City Manager Kent Barton reported on the following: • The library received the CLEF grant. • The Sheriff's Patrol Report for February 2023 is in the packet for review. • Mr. Luke Rowley has been hired as the Sports and Recreation Director. • Soccer has been pushed back three weeks due to the weather. • The tournament scheduled for April 1st has been canceled. • Referenced the Snow Tel report as of May 22nd. • He and the Water/Sewer Superintendent will meet with Sunrise Engineering to review the proposed water treatment plant plans and funding. • The Summer ATV ride was featured in the Ogden Examiner. • The budget hearings for fiscal year 2023/2024 will be held in June. • The property exchange between Mayfield Irrigation, Sanpete County and Manti City is complete. • AT&T have completed core samples for the building of the tower. • Requested closed session to discussion property negotiations and personnel issues.	
ACTION TAKEN	
Councilmember Gary Chidester then moved to adjourn from regular session into closed session to discuss property negotiations and personnel matters, seconded by Councilmember Darren Dyreng. Councilmembers voting "aye": Gary Chidester, Darren Dyreng, Jeff Killian and Mary Wintch. Members voting "nay": none. RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION. Councilmember Mary Wintch moved to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester, Jeff Killian and Darren Dyreng. Members voting "nay": none.	

ADJOURNED	8:30 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting – April 5, 2023

General Account

Rasmussen Excavating	\$ 2,800.00
J Mower	1,192.72
Pam Lund	200.00
Utah Municipal Power Agency	133,750.11
Zions Bank	10,402.69
Michelle Francks	75.00



Alfred Bigelow, Mayor



JoAnn Otten, City Recorder