

# Manti City Council Regular Meeting

## MINUTES

MAY 17, 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: Jason Vernon, Gary Chidester, Jeff Killian and Mary L. Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	Councilmember Darren Dyreng
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember Chidester

### Regular Meeting

ITEM 1	<b>Gary Keddington, Compliance Advisor, Manti City Fraud Risk Policy Assessment.</b>
<p>Mr. Keddington reported that a Fraud Risk Policy Assessment is required by the state every year to make sure there has been no fraud committed in each city.</p> <p>This assessment includes looking at internal control and city policies that are in place or that may need to be adopted.</p> <p>Some discussion ensued and Mayor Bigelow thanked Mr. Keddington for his help.</p>	

ITEM 2	<b>Consideration of Resolution 2023-01, a resolution to settle a fence line dispute with an adjoining property owner at the Manti Ephraim Airport.</b>
<p>Mayor Bigelow referenced draft Resolution #2023-01 regarding a fence line dispute with an adjoining property owner at the Manti/Ephraim Airport.</p>	

Councilmember Vernon asked if this resolution provides the Manti/Ephraim Airport the ability to purchase property, which would solve the fence line problem and the City Manager confirmed same. Barton also stated that the resolution would need both Manti City's and Ephraim City's name on the resolution and also on the deed.

Councilmember Vernon did note that the purchase agreement should have both Manti City and Ephraim City on the document as "owners" and also that both Mayor Bigelow and Mayor Scott should be signers on the document.

Mayor Bigelow then called for a motion.

**CONCLUSION**

Councilmember Jeff Killian moved to accept the resolution and the purchase agreement with Manti City being added to the document as "owner" and Mayor Bigelow's signature also added to the document, seconded by Councilmember Jason Vernon. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jeff Killian, Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch and Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

**ITEM 3**

**Jeff Killian, request to discuss extended parking and possible restrictions for large commercial vehicles and trailers along city streets.**

Councilmember Killian said that east of Main Street on 400 North Street there is a diesel truck that parks on the north side of the road abutting LDS Church property and when driving north, it blocks the view of the temple. He said that there are 24 temples in Utah and no other would allow a diesel to be parked near temple property.

He then said that there is an ordinance in place dealing with parking on city property and also proposed that an overnight parking sign be placed on 400 North Street between Main and 200 East Street.

Councilmember Vernon relayed his concerns of placing restrictions on parking large trucks on city streets unless the city is willing to enforce it across the board, as the city cannot target one person. He also felt that if there is a safety and health concern for the public with trucks being parked on city property, then the city should provide a solution.

Councilmember Chidester stated that he also felt a solution should be provided prior to taking any action.

**CONCLUSION**

Mayor Bigelow requested that Councilmember Killian study any possible solutions to this problem.

**ITEM 4**                      **Continuing Business.**

**Steve Pyper request to allow subdivision with no city street frontage.**

Mayor Bigelow said that there are three possible options for Mr. Pyper and reviewed same.

Councilmember Killian said that the Planning Commission had reviewed this issue and had recommended the road grid remain and Mr. Pyper be required to use 700 East Street as street frontage for the subdivision.

Councilmember Chidester also stated that he felt inclined to support the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Additional discussion ensued with Mayor Bigelow suggesting they review this issue with the city attorney prior to making any decision.

**Purchase contract for sale of derelict lot.**

City Manager Barton said that a land purchase agreement will be developed for the sale of property at approximately 300 East and 350 South. The bid was awarded to Mr. Richard Gardner and the agreement will state that the price will be lowered from \$15,000 to \$13,500 providing the debris is removed from the property by a specific date.

**Discussion concerning nuisance ordinance and enforcement.**

Councilmember Killian said that the citizens gave their thoughts at the public hearing regarding the enforcement of the nuisance ordinance and there now needs to be clear and concise direction.

Mayor Bigelow said he felt that volunteers need to be utilized along with an incentive program prior to direction of any enforcement.

Some discussion ensued with Councilmember Killian stating that issuing a citation followed by court does not solve any nuisance problems and suggested a fine schedule be developed and the fines be attached to the utility billing, if left unpaid.

There was additional discussion relative to imposing a fine and turning utilities off if these fines are unpaid, and the Mayor said that utilities cannot be shut off for unpaid fines.

City Manager Barton stated that it is not a good idea to turn utilities off and other options should be discussed. Mayor Bigelow said that any action should be clarified with legal prior to action being taken.

Councilmember Wintch said that there needs to be a plan of action to clean properties in Manti City and she would work on a plan.

**Columbarium installation.**

City Manager Barton reported that they are ready to pour cement and installation of the Columbarium is planned in approximately 3 weeks.

<b>ITEM 5</b>	<b>Councilmembers reports.</b>
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Councilmember Vernon reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee is preparing for the annual event and has solicited donations for a "Movie in the Park" on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are also planning a pickleball tournament and have requested brighter lights in the court.

Councilmember Killian reported that the Manti/Ephraim Airport Board has requested a donation from the Sanpete County Commissioners from the economic development tax for the Manti/Ephraim Airport.

Councilmember Killian also reported that he had attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference in St. George.

Councilmember Wintch reported that she had attended the Library Board meeting and Librarian Cynthia Lopez is continuing to pursue grants for the library. They have also scheduled their Water Festival at the Park in July.

She said that ULCT is requesting any major legislative issues be funneled to them.

Councilmember Wintch reminded the Mayor and Council of the Six County training in Richfield on Tuesday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

<b>ITEM 6</b>	<b>Public Comment - two minutes per each comment.</b>
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**Steve Pyper - Sanpete County**

Mr. Pyper said that Manti City has set a precedence and he would like the same consideration as others in the community have had. He continued stating that 700 East Street will never be a connecting street and that if the council would develop a minor subdivision ordinance, this would clarify decisions that need to be made.

**Mary Pipes - 404 West 500 North**

Ms. Pipes said that Sanpete County has a minor subdivision ordinance and wondered if this would be a good thing for the Planning Commission to review.

She also thanked the Mayor and Council for the discussion on large trucks parked on city property and said that this has previously been discussed at council level with no solution.

**Ben Butler - 374 South 100 West**

Mr. Butler encouraged the Council to look at a small subdivision ordinance as most developers cannot afford to develop a larger subdivision.

**Ben Bramwell - 210 North 300 East**

Mr. Bramwell said that the trailer park on 400 North and east (Temple Trailer Park) has not been used for some time and encouraged Manti City to make contact with the property owner for large trucks to park in that area.

**Nannette Bramwell - 210 North 300 East**

Reminded everyone present that the Library sponsored Water Festival is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> and this is a great experience that helps bring the community together.

**Steve Pyper - Sanpete County**

Wondered if Manti City will be providing security and liability for trucks being parked at other locations.

**Bonnie Nordell - 95 North 200 West**

Ms. Nordell stated that it was very interesting that Councilmember Killian is interested in having the diesel truck moved away from the LDS Temple but not concerned about shutting citizens power off for non-compliance with the nuisance ordinance. She felt the truck parked by the temple was a beautiful sight and did not feel it should be required to be moved.

**Colleen Puett - Sanpete County**

Ms. Puett felt it was not a problem for a person to park the big truck near the temple on 400 North Street.

**Ken Glenn - 257 West 400 North**

Mr. Glenn stated that the large trucks parked on city streets does not bother him. He also cautioned the Mayor and City Council that they could open a can of worms by moving on the nuisance ordinance and urged them to take serious consideration of dealing with public policies.

**David Puett - Sanpete County**

Mr. Puett encouraged the Mayor and Council to develop a plan to help those with junky yards.

**Barry Gardner - Sanpete County**

Mr. Gardner said for everyone to be better neighbors and help each other. He also encouraged the Mayor and Council to look for a better solution regarding the messy yards.

**ITEM 7**

**Mayor Bigelow.**

Mayor Bigelow reported on the following:

- He and City Manager Barton had met with the Division of Drinking Water Board regarding a proposal for financing of a new water treatment plan. They were able to secure a zero percent interest loan for 40 years.
- The dumpsters are available to Manti citizens but reminded all that certain items, such as mattresses and tires, are not allowed for dumping.
- The water runoff is currently over 115 CFS but is expected to be at 400 – 500 CFS in the near future. He reminded all to keep children away from the flood channel.
- The annual ULCT essay contest will present the first place award to a fourth grade student at Manti Elementary and that student will be recognized at the ULCT conference in September.

**ITEM 8**

**Consideration of approval for minutes of last month's meeting. (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes of the council meeting of May 3, 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 Jason Vernon made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jason Vernon, Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

**ITEM 9**

**City Manager Barton.**

City Manager Barton reported on the following:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> committee should come in early June to report on activities planned.

- Met with the DUP to review plans for the repair of windows and leaking roof of the Patten House. They would also like to have lights installed in part of the building.
- The Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding conditional uses in zone R-2 and R-3, changes to the accessory dwelling ordinance and also design standards and construction.
- The Sanpete County Sheriff's patrol report is in the packet.
- There is a grant available through Six County Association of Governments for installation of a charging station for electric vehicles.
- Requested closed session to discuss property negotiations.

**ACTION TAKEN**

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

Adjourned from closed session into regular session.

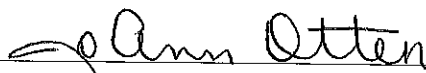
Councilmember Mary Wintch moved to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Gary Chidester. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Gary Chidester, Jason Vernon and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

ADJOURNED	8:25 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting - June 7, 2023

**General Account**

Will Barton	\$ 296.00
Western United Electric	88,434.65
Utah State Treasurer	814.37
Luke Rowley	97.32
UBBA	220.00
UGSA	140.00
Manti City Creek Water Users	118,840.98
Sharon Gilbert	100.00

  
 Alfred Bigelow, Mayor

  
 JoAnn Otten, City Recorder