

Manti City Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2024
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 Wintch, Jeff Killian, Jennifer Christiansen and Mary Pipes City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten
ABSENT	
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Councilmember Christiansen

ITEM 1	Daniel Stewart, Vice President of Regional Project Area Development for the Inland Port Authority.
<p>Mr. Stewart thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to discuss regional project areas and how communities may benefit from being designated as an Inland Port Project.</p> <p>He said that the Inland Port Authority was created in 2018 by the Utah Legislature and provides tools to communities to achieve economic development opportunities. The Project Area is a hub for collaborating innovation and growth designated to facilitate global connectivity and streamline business operations.</p> <p>He continued by stating that a Project Area fits the City's economic development vision by encouraging the retention and expansion of existing companies and the recruitment of new companies to create employment opportunities for residents. This project would bring primary employment opportunities to the City and would provide enhanced logistics to local and regional companies.</p>	
CONCLUSION	
<p>Some discussion ensued after which the Mayor thanked Mr. Stewart for his presentation.</p>	

ITEM 2	Gary Keddington - Financial audit report for FY 2022-23.
<p>Financial Advisor Gary Keddington distributed copies of the independent audit report and accompanying financial statements FY 2022/2023 to the Mayor and City Council. Keddington then explained procedures and standards relating to the city's reporting requirements and financial filings. He explained that the audit covers not just financial reporting but also internal controls and safeguards that should be put in place to guard the city's finances and make sure that it is in compliance with both state and federal laws that govern municipal governments.</p>	

ITEM 3	Discussion and consideration of Resolution 2024-1, a resolution supporting the creation of a Utah Inland Port Authority project area in Manti City.
<p>Mayor Bigelow presented Resolution 2024-1, A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Utah Inland Port Authority Project Area in AAA County.</p> <p>As there was no discussion, Mayor Bigelow called for a motion to adopt same.</p>	
CONCLUSION	
<p>Councilmember Mary Wintch made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-1, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "aye": Mary Wintch, Jeff Killian, AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen and Mary Pipes. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.</p> <p>The Resolution is attached to and made part of the minutes.</p>	

ITEM 4	Brandon Pehrson - Submission of Final Plat for Manti Temple View Estates Subdivision.
<p>Mr. Chad Allred, owner and developer of Temple View Estates Subdivision, stated that he is very excited to begin this new subdivision, as it will be a beautiful gateway entrance into Manti City. He continued by stating the subdivision will provide different size lots and will be built in three phases.</p> <p>Mr. Allred also thanked Manti City for their support and stated he is confident this will be beneficial to the community.</p> <p>After some discussion Mayor Bigelow called for a motion to accept the final plat map of Temple View Estates Subdivision.</p>	

ACTION	
<p>Councilmember Jeff Killian then moved to accept the final plat map for the Temple View Estates Subdivision, seconded by Councilmember AJ Mower. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Jeff Killian, AJ Mower, Mary Pipes, Jennifer Christiansen and Mary Wintch. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.</p>	

ITEM 5	<p>Roger and Charlene Fjerstad - Concerns with burning at city’s green waste facility.</p>
<p>Mrs. Fjerstad provided a handout to the Mayor and City Council and expressed her thoughts that the green-waste facility north of the ballfields is causing great discomfort when burning occurs. She said the smoke is getting in their home and they are concerned that it is contributing to their illnesses. She said that this is also affecting the high school, temple, youth home and family search center.</p> <p>She said the large pile keeps smoldering and reigniting causing more smoke to burn hotter, which has the possibility of exploding as in many of the wildfires that have occurred. She pointed out that this is not a responsible controlled burn.</p> <p>Mrs. Fjerstad requested that Manti City stop burning the large pile of miscellaneous debris and no longer provide the service of branch disposal at the green-waste area. She then provided eight ideas for residents to dispose of tree branches.</p> <p>Mr. Wayne Cox stated that he has tried to be patient with the burning, but this has become a big problem with an abundance of smoke getting in homes. He said that the new Temple View Estates Subdivision will also be highly affected by the burning.</p> <p>Mr. Cox said he understands that the green-waste area is a benefit to the community but hopes a solution can be found so residents do not have to put up with the heavy smoke problem.</p>	

CONCLUSION	
<p>Mayor Bigelow said that the Council will discuss this and hopefully provide a solution to the burn problem.</p>	

ITEM 6	<p>Review, prioritization and discussion of “Projects List” for the Planning Commission recommendation.</p>
<p>Mayor Bigelow referenced the 2023 projects list that has been updated to show which items were completed during the year. He also referenced the newly proposed projects list for 2024 and asked if there was any discussion.</p>	

CONCLUSION

It was the consensus of the City Council to accept the 2024 Projects list as presented.

ITEM 7

Continuing business.

Discussion concerning nuisance ordinance and enforcement.

Mayor Bigelow said that there is a consensus of the City Council of properties inside the city limits that are considered a nuisance. He said that he would speak with the county sheriff and see if an officer would be available to accompany city staff when enforcing the ordinance.

Councilmember Killian referenced the draft changes to the nuisance ordinance, which would provide additional tools, noting that this has been discussed for quite some time. He stated that he felt notification by mail should be the starting contact for property owners.

City Manager Barton said he would construct a priority list, which would be communicated back to the city council prior to any action taking place.

Councilmember Christiansen inquired if the original nuisance ordinance would govern the process, and it was confirmed that no changes have been made to the nuisance ordinance at this time.

Councilmember Pipes stated that the newly elected officials should have the opportunity to review the draft changes to the draft nuisance ordinance prior to any changes in the ordinance taking place.

She then said that the phrase "attractive nuisance" would include 90 percent of the homes in Manti including those that have treehouses, lumber, rocks, pool, etc. She felt the Council should begin enforcement and see what could be accomplished using the current nuisance ordinance before making any changes.

Councilmember Christiansen agreed with these statements and said that she felt that automobiles that are not registered should not be targeted nor considered a nuisance.

Councilmember Killian said that he and Councilmember Wintch have been trying to update the nuisance ordinance for six-years because what is on the books now is not working. He said that with a few changes this would make it more approachable and easier to enforce.

City Manager Barton stated that there must be a consensus of the City council in order for staff to enforce the nuisance ordinance and this has not happened in the past.

Dogs running at large.

Mayor Bigelow noted the changes to the dog ordinance and said a draft ordinance will be available at the next meeting for council review and possible adoption.

ITEM 8

Councilmember reports..

Councilmember Killian requested closed session to discuss property negotiations.

He also inquired if there has been any feedback from the quarterly newsletter. Mayor Bigelow said he had many comments from citizens who appreciated the information the newsletter provides to them.

Councilmember Christiansen reported that she had attended the Sanpete County Chamber of Commerce meeting and was very impressed. She said it was well attended and felt it will be a benefit to all communities in Sanpete County.

Councilmember Pipes reported that the Securities and Exchange Commission have withdrawn their proposal to list natural asset companies on the stock exchange, as a result of all the negative comments received. This would have allowed natural asset companies the locking of both public and private lands and their resources. She said this proves that every voice matters and makes a difference in decisions that are made.

Councilmember Killian inquired if there is a franchise agreement in place with Centracom and some discussion ensued.

Councilmember Wintch reported that she had attended the ULCT Board meeting and it was reported that the Utah Legislature already has 37 proposed bills regarding affordable housing in the State of Utah with more to come.

ITEM 9

Public comment.

Susan Manning – 294 South 400 West

Ms. Manning suggested that the letters that are sent out regarding nuisances provide Mr. David Puett's name and phone number for assistance to citizens, if needed.

She also requested that Manti City continue to accept cash for utility payments.

Ms. Manning referenced mudbots.com, which is 3d housing plans for up to 75 percent less than regular built homes.

Paul Cox – 390 West 200 North

Mr. Cox said that the right-of-way behind Candies on Main is being closed for the new courthouse and wondered how this happened. He said he needs that access for deliveries to his store.

Mr. Cox also said that Manti City is not maintaining the 15-foot right-of-way to access telephone and power poles in the middle of the block. This will prohibit work to be accomplished by the city, phone company and irrigation company.

ITEM 10	Mayor Bigelow.
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Mayor Bigelow reported on the following items:

- Water is 100 percent above normal at this time.

ITEM 11	Consideration of approval for minutes of January 3rd.
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The Mayor directed Councilmembers to draft minutes of public hearing and regular council meeting of January 3rd. 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 Pipes made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 4th public hearing and regular council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Jennifer Christiansen. Councilmembers voting “aye”: Mary Pipes, Jennifer Christiansen, Jeff Killian, Mary Wintch and AJ Mower. Councilmembers voting “nay”: none.

ITEM 12	City Manager Kent Barton
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City Manager Barton reported on the following items:

- Met with Sheriff Buchanan and the LDS Church regarding the temple open house, which is estimated to bring 200,000 – 300,000 people into the community.

- A copy of the survey for the city owned surplus property that the City has agreed to sell to Mr. Richard Gardner is in the packet.
- Made note of the agreement with Division of Drinking Water for \$100,000 to design the water treatment plant.
- The lead and copper inventory will soon be complete which covers all water connections.
- The December patrol report is in the packet and will now include categorizing and incident reporting.
- Referenced an article in the Standard Examiner regarding local ATV rides.
- City Manager and Mayor will meet with Six-County to review the current projects list.

ACTION TAKEN

Councilmember Jennifer Christiansen moved to adjourn from regular session into closed session to discuss property negotiations, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "aye": Jennifer Christiansen, Jeff Killian, AJ Mower, Mary Pipes and Mary Wintch. 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 Wintch. Councilmembers voting "aye": AJ Mower, Mary Wintch, Mary Pipes, Jennifer Christiansen and Jeff Killian. Councilmembers voting "nay": none.

ADJOURNED

8:45 P.M.

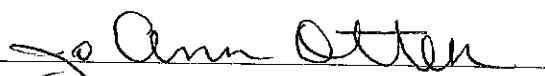
NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular Council Meeting - February 7, 2024

General Account

Utah Local Governments Trust	\$1,381.28
Utah State Treasurer	757.07


 Alfred Bigelow, Mayor


 JoAnn Otten, City Recorder