

Manti City Council Work Meeting

MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2024

3:30 PM

MANTI CITY BUILDING

50 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MEETING CALLED BY	Mayor Alfred C Bigelow
TYPE OF MEETING	Work Meeting
ATTENDEES	Councilmembers: AJ Mower, Jennifer Christiansen, Jeff Killian, Mary Pipes and Mary Wintch City Manager: Kent Barton City Recorder: JoAnn Otten Public Works Director: Cory Hatch
ABSENT	
WELCOME	Mayor Bigelow

ITEM 1	Discussion relative to the nuisance ordinance.
<p>Mayor Bigelow stated that this meeting is to address the draft changes and additional language to the nuisance ordinance.</p> <p>Mayor Bigelow reviewed ordinance <i>8.28.140 Nuisances on Property #A</i> and questioned if there is any discussion regarding the proposed change.</p> <p>Some discussion ensued with the following changes made in <i>Section 8.28.140 Nuisances on Property</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A - "<i>or an attractive nuisance likely to cause damage to small children</i>" - no decision was made to add or delete.• C - "<i>dismantled, wrecked or inoperable motor vehicles</i>" - keep in the ordinance. Strike - "<i>A vehicle shall be considered inoperable if it is not currently registered and licensed in this state or another state; up to two non-registered vehicles are allowed if they can be shown to be operable.</i>" <p>Mayor Bigelow noted that the entire City Council will need to be on board in supporting the enforcement of the nuisance ordinance.</p>	

Councilmember Pipes questioned how many cars on a lot is too many, as it is someone else's property and she supported individual property rights.

Councilmember Killian said that if they have 40 cars on a piece of property, then it becomes a wrecking yard which is not allowed in the residential zone.

Councilmember Wintch stated that they either enforce the ordinance or get rid of it. The question once again arose "how many is too many unregistered cars" in a residential zone. She also pointed out that current city code does not permit a nuisance that causes a diminution of neighboring properties.

Councilmember Killian said that there are citizen groups that are willing to help those citizens in need of cleaning up their yards.

Discussion ensued with the following changes made in *Section 8.28.010 Nuisance Defined - Violation - Classification of Offense*:

- Proposed changes to 8.28.010 be accepted as presented other than criminal.
- Proposed changes to 8.28.120 be accepted as presented.
- Proposed changes to 8.32.050 be accepted as presented.
- Proposed changes to 8.32.090 be accepted as presented with the exception of the daily fine, which is proposed to be reduced to \$50.00 for each and every day the nuisance remains unaddressed.

Some discussion ensued regarding payment and collection options and what a reasonable amount of time should be allowed for the cleanup. It was the consensus that 30 days be allowed prior to any fine being assessed. It was noted that collecting the fine is going to be difficult.

It was also noted that the city nuisance ordinance is required to be in compliance with Utah State Code.

There was discussion regarding the cost of enforcement noting that there is not money budgeted or available for a full-time enforcement officer.

City Manager Barton said that a public hearing is not required but the Mayor and Council may schedule one, if desired. It was the consensus to hold a public hearing regarding the nuisance ordinance prior to adoption of changes.

Barton then said that he would make the changes to the draft ordinances and send to the city attorney for review. The fee schedule will be adopted with the next year's budget.

ADJOURNED	5:00 P.M.
NEXT MEETING DATE	Regular Council Meeting - March 13, 2024



Alfred Bigelow, Mayor



JoAnn Otten, City Recorder