

Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on January 19, 2023

6:30 at Town Hall 409 North Main Mantua, Utah

Council Members present: Mayor Terry Nelson
Karen Nelson Justin Brown
Jared Jeppsen Matt Jeppsen
Shayla HammerStone – Recorder

Audience present: Janis Johnson
Harper Johnson John Hurd Esther Hatch
Ken & Darla Jones Craig & ShirRae Nelson Jenise Jarrett
Pam Eaves Morgan & Holden Florence Cindy Facer
Kevin Nelson Jen Gardner

Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and the invocation offered by Justin Brown.

Pledge of allegiance-led by mayor Nelson followed by all in attendance.

Mayor Terry Nelson approved the minutes for the meeting held on January 5, 2023 as printed.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to accept the town bills, Jared Jeppsen seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Public Comment:

Esther Hatch asked about why the comments were at the beginning and want them to be moved to the end of the meeting.

Action Items:

Ken & Darla Jones – Business License

They had a diesel repair business in Ogden and they wanted to start up their online sales later this year. Ken said that their warehouse was in Salt Lake and they wouldn't be storing anything at their house it would all be online. Karen asked if there would be anything delivered and Ken said they would get UPS briefly.

Karen Nelson made a motion to accept the business license for Wild Diesel Performance, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Florence Final Plat Approval and Signing

Holden Florence went through the planning and zoning to get his property subdivided into two lots. Planning and zoning had approved the plat at their previous meeting with some provisions that they have met. They now just need to get the town council's approval and the mayor's signature.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to approve the Florence's final plat approval as presented, Justin Brown seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Mayor Nelson signed the mylar followed by Shayla Hammer as the recorder. Shayla then, acting as a notary, checked Holden and Morgan Florence's identification, watched them sign the mylar and notarized it. Pam Eaves signed as the chairperson for the planning and zoning commission.

Subdivision Fees

Pam Eaves presented an updated version of fees associated with lot line adjustments, subdivision and development review.

Jared Jeppsen made a motion to approve the lot line alteration/lot line adjustment, subdivision and development review fees, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Handbook Changes – HSA

This was discussed before in previous meetings to make changes to the employee handbook regarding employee's HSA accounts. Karen read a statement from Brenda that; although it was a auditor from a state agency that was doing a payroll audit, it was not the State Auditor. Karen went on to say that the State Auditor has gotten numerous phone calls regarding this and it wasn't from them. Justin said that he was one of those calls as he wanted to do more research on the matter. The council members discussed what the state and different municipalities do for their employees.

Karen Nelson made a motion to amend the employee handbook, insurance page 77 under section 3-A-2 to the suggested change that had been notated before the council, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-NO Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Electronic Meeting

Mayor Nelson wanted to look into this more and asked to table it. Jared wanted clarification on the term 'public body.' Terry and Karen agreed they would like clarification. Karen read off the State's Code saying that if a member of the public body were to take any vote through an electronic meeting, it would have to be put in the town's resolution regarding the meetings.

Cancel February 2nd Meeting

Mayor Nelson suggested to cancel the February second meeting as he, Karen and Shayla would all be gone that day. Terry asked if any council members had any issue with that and no one did.

Terry Nelson made a motion to cancel the February second meeting, Karen Nelson seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-ABSTAINED Jared Jeppsen-YES

Matt Jeppsen-YES Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Golf Cart Ordinance

Matt Jeppsen invited Cheryl up to speak as the chairperson of the ordinance review committee. Karen interjected with apologies, that she was going to apply for a grant for the Justice Court to install a broadcasting system. Having that could also be used for electronic meetings or for emergency broadcasting. Terry asked Judge Nelson to tell the council what could happen.

Kevin Nelson said that the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission has been directed to have all small courts broadcast their sessions in order to evaluate those courts. Mantua included. He said that the town would be required to have both camera and audio broadcasting every session. The grant would be for the equipment in order to do this and the town could possibly use it for their meetings as well. Terry turned the time back over to Cheryl.

Matt said that he and Cheryl met with some others to write up the golf cart ordinance. Terry was still uneasy about there still being a lack of an age. Matt explained why they had it written that way. It was a concern that if golf carts went by the bicycle laws, they wouldn't have to stop at stop signs. There was discussion about those provisions and if there was a way to pass the ordinance that night with adding one or two things to the ordinance. Cheryl and Matt wanted to take another look at the ordinance and bring it up at the next meeting. Shayla read the State Code that involves the provisions for a bicycle being about to drive through a stop sign.