

Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on October 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	Don Ruhl	Ronald Wallace
Kurt Spiers	Cindy Gibbons	

Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and the invocation offered by Terry Nelson.

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

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

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

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES
Terry Nelson-YES
MOTION PASSES

Public Comment: None

Finances

Mayor Nelson moved the Finances section up in order to allow Ronald to leave earlier.

Ronald presented the quarterly review of the current budget as of the beginning of the fiscal year, July 2023.

Action Items:

Spiers Annexation

Mayor Nelson moved this action item to be before the emergency communications.

Terry wanted to table this so they would have time to do more research with the purchase contract that Kurt had brought in. Kurt expressed his concern about the costs of having to redo all the submissions for subdividing and the engineering, if they do decide to annex his property. The council discussed the contracts agreements and if certain things were still enforceable after the parcels get sold. They asked how they would document which parcel would get the promised free water hookups and who would be running that waterline. Kurt said that the town paid

\$10,000 for the acre that the water tank is on. Kurt applied with the county two years ago to subdivide but the county tabled it last year before moving forward. They discussed what would need to be put in place before selling the lots. Cindy Gibbons with Planning and Zoning, asked if there were any issues with people parking and unloading their snowmobiles along that road and Kurt said that they haven't had any issues. Karen noted that the county is planning on putting up a parking lot up that road. The mayor said that there was more research that needed to be done before deciding and was tabled.

Town Emergency and Emergency Communications

Justin talked about a way to send emails through SquareSpace, the program the town uses for it's website, and that it could be used to send the newsletters. Karen went over the pricing from TextMyGov and said there was another government application that is free to use but has more restrictions on what can be sent out. Justin also talked about the program, DHHS. The differences would be that TextMyGov would take care of all the setup and training whereas the other program would have to be done manually. They discussed what would be sent out through the texts and what would be emailed as well as how to gather the resident's info. They talked about using the information from the billing system but Janis and Shayla both said that the information is for billing only and cannot be used for any other purpose. The residents will have to sign up individually. They talked about what each council member preferred with the SquareSpace, DHHS, and TextMyGov.

Justin Brown made a motion to move forward with SquareSpace email marketing with the current SquareSpace, then use the DHHS Communications for text messaging, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES

Discussion Items:

Council Calendar, City Planning Open House 10/26

Santa coming to town will be on November 27th at the Town Hall at 6 pm. Monday December 25 there will be the Christmas Party at the LDS Church starting at either 10 or 11 am. They talked about canceling the last meeting in December, but Shayla told them to wait because she was sure they've already canceled their allotted two meetings this year. They talked about when to have the employee appreciation dinner and if the Fire Department was invited or if they have their own. Heidi Ropper is going to be in charge of Easter this upcoming year and Karen said that if they use the LDS Church parking lot again, they'd need to fill out a form. There will be a public open house at Town Hall on October 26th for input on the General Plan and there are surveys on the Town's website.

Reservoir

There is no more warnings for the reservoir and it was explained that the 300 fish that died was because they filled the reservoir too soon after the treatment and that the trout couldn't handle the low oxygen.

Planning and Zoning

Nothing.

Fire Department

Karen said there was a grant to certify the fire department for hazmat and asked if they would be interested. Matt said he would ask Dave and the others and let her know.

Public Works

Nothing

Grants

Nothing

Council and Mayor Comments:

Justin asked if the others would express their opinions on the Spiers situation. Terry and Karen both said no, that there was a lot of history in that property. Matt originally had wanted to annex but he's starting to change his opinion. Jared was worried that if they didn't, they're would be no control over the property. There wouldn't be a financial benefit if they annexed and they'd have to rebuild the road before they subdivided and ran sewer.

Terry thanked Don Ruhl for his continued support.

Karen Nelson made a motion to adjourn, Justin Brown seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES