

Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on March 16, 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
Paul Nye Angela Madsen Cheryl Burgan
Jenn Gardner Brandon Marsh Robert Thayne
Hillary Udy Cindy Gibbons

Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and the invocation offered by Matt Jeppsen.

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

Mayor Terry Nelson approved the minutes for the meeting held on March 2, 2023 with corrections.

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

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Mayor Nelson introduced Angela Madsen as the new assistant clerk.

Ordinance Review Discussion: Tabled until there was more information.

Business License – Lillian Thompson

Lillian is starting a preschool in the fall that would have four to six children at her home. She was informed that she would need an inspection done by the Fire Chief and was given his contact information.

Justin Brown made a motion to approve the business license for Blue Bird Montessori contingent on passing the required inspection to be done on or before July 1, 2023, Jared Jeppsen seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Business License – Cindy Gibbons

Cindy had been to two previous meetings to discuss the provisions of her dog training business. The provisions were agreed on by the council and by Cindy as well.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to approve the business licenses for Lucky 7 Schnauzers, Jared Jeppsen seconded.

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

Cemetery Resolution – Jared Jeppsen:

Since there is limited space at the town’s cemetery and there has been an influx of non-residents buying plots, the sexton, office staff and Jared thought it’d be best to put a moratorium in place. The moratorium would be in place for twelve months and it would prohibit any non-resident from purchasing a plot and any resident would be limited to two plots. Transfers to non-residents would also be prohibited. In the next twelve months the council will look into expanding the current cemetery or purchasing additional property. The council discussed the prices of plots in town and other towns, other options that could be considered in the future, and what land could be used.

Jared Jeppsen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-03-16 a Resolution Authorizing a Moratorium on the Sale of Cemetery Plots with Specific Exceptions, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

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

Whitworth Ventures LLC Utility/Sewer Line – Mark Whitworth

There are a few lots on 300 East down past Rocky Dugway that Mark wants to develop but in order to do that, he will need to put in a sewer line. Mark went to the planning and zoning and got it approved through them and just needs the approval of the council. Each owner of the lot will be responsible for putting a lift station in their system, there will also be an HOA.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to accept the Whitworth Ventures LLC Utility and Sewer Line, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Discussion Items:

Parking Ordinances – Justin Brown

Justin presented the draft ordinance that was discussed at the ordinance review committee. They discussed changes suggested at the previous meeting with the ordinance review committee. They

discussed taking out the 48-hour limit on the winter parking section, the verbiage, and the reasonable steps for law enforcement.

Planning and Zoning: None

Fire Department: Chief Derricott did get estimates for the Little Valley Days fireworks. He ended up buying them from the same company as previous years.

Public Works: Harper informed everyone that there will be a pile of sand, a shovel and a garbage bin full of bags at the shop. Residents are welcome to fill up their own bags for the potential flooding. He said they have plenty of bags but may need to get more sand later on. He also asked for patience as they do their best to fill the pot holes in the roads.

Grants: Karen announced that they received the grant for the Justice Court to purchase broadcasting equipment. They may also have to postpone the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year due to the large amount of snow that is still covering the park.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Karen had received an offer to bring a puppet show for the kids to the town in June, she still has money in her budget.

Mayor Nelson thanked for the meaningful conversations that were had.

Matt thanked Karen for all her work.

Justin said the radios are coming in, they did cost more than predicted but he may get a deal on the repeater. He has a few volunteers that would be able to help with a radio group and that could get the repeater installed when there's no more snow.

Jared Jeppsen made a motion to adjourn, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES