

Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on March 2, 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
 Hillary Udy Cindy Gibbons Keith and Jenn Gardner
 Danna Packer

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

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

Mayor Terry Nelson approved the minutes for the meeting held on January 19, 2023 as printed.

Jared 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

Public Comment:

Harper Johnson read out a statement he wrote about his concerns regarding the ordinance review committee. He expressed his concerns on the term committee and the fact that the next meeting would be held at someone's home.

Action Items

Business License – Danna Packer

Danna Packer is applying for a business license to have piano lessons in her home. She only has two students and there wouldn't be any issues with parking or noise.

Justin Brown made a motion to approve the business license for Danna's Piano Lessons, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Radios and Repeater – Justin Brown

Justin said that he was working with the Mark Millet with the Emergency Management to get different radios for the town. He wanted to get the kind of radio that would go along with a repeater that could be put up on Mount Pisgah. The town would have to purchase a GMR license and Justin thought they could get about 5 radios. Karen asked about the emergency backpacks that have yet to be distributed, and if they would use the radios they currently have, or different ones. He said the ones they currently have would most likely be used, but probably won't be able to reach the repeater. They further discussed cost, what and who, the radios would be used for. Justin said there wouldn't be a monthly fee for using the tower and the only fees associated with it would be the initial \$550 for the repeater, \$35 for the license and around \$30-\$40 for each radio. He wasn't sure exactly how much was in the emergency management budget but he thinks that there's enough to purchase the repeater, license and about 8 radios.

Justin Brown made a motion to purchase a GMR repeater to put on Mt. Pisgah and an undetermined amount of radios that falls within the emergency management allocated budget for this fiscal year, likely six to ten radios, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Conducting a Meeting Resolution – Terry Nelson

Terry presented the resolution for conducting a meeting that included the provisions for an electronic meeting. The council discussed the number of meetings that can be missed, one a quarter, as well as how many electronic meetings one could request, two in a calendar year. Council members are allowed to vote via electronic means and count towards a quorum.

Karen Nelson made a motion to adopt Resolution number 2023-03-02, a resolution for conducting council meetings, electronic meetings and establishing agendas, Jared Jeppsen seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Golf Cart Ordinance – Matt Jeppsen

There was only one thing added to the proposed ordinance since the last the council looked at it. The addition being that the operators of a golf cart must abide by all traffic laws.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03-02, an ordinance adopting regulations for the operation of golf carts on the streets and roads of Mantua Town, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes
MOTION PASSES

Discussion Items:

Puppy Training Business – Cindy Gibbons

Terry wanted to give Cindy a business license but put stipulations in place. He listed the stipulations as; the puppies had to be out of the house by 4 months old, an inspection of the operation can be made with notice to make sure there is no more than three adult dogs in the home, and that she only train twice a year. Karen had done research and requested that she keep a ledger of when she receives and gives away the puppies. Cindy said she does as she has to keep track of their vaccines. There was some discussion among the council about going to the home to do an inspection and if there would be a notice before hand.

Farming Under the Fire Department – John Hurd

John wasn't at the meeting but the mayor discussed asking for bids to cut the grass that's behind the fire department. Terry himself had paid the town in the past to cut the grass and last year Brian cut it just to keep it down. Matt said to just put it out there and see who would like to cut it. They'd take the highest bidder.

Little Valley Day Fireworks – Karen Nelson

Karen gave a quick update on buying fireworks for the Little Valley Days celebration this year. She can spend from \$8,000 to \$9,000 this year out of the celebrations fund. They discussed what they thought of the show last year and if they wanted to spend more this year. Matt and Dave Derricott could go to different vendors to get different bids. They said they should spend the full \$9,000 as well as looking at bids.

Planning and Zoning: Nothing.

Fire Department: There was nothing from Matt but Karen let everyone know that the Salt Lake City College were going to open up the EMT class again this summer. It would be free of cost and the goal is to have rural areas have trained EMTs.

Public Works: Nothing.

Grants: Karen has been working day and night to get grants submitted. She announced that \$1,500 was given by Rocky Mountain Power and an additional \$1,500 was given by someone to go towards Easter and Christmas. Karen didn't give a name because she wanted to ensure the donator was comfortable with it first.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Karen Nelson reminded that there will be a budget work meeting after the regular council meeting on the 16th of March.

Justin Brown said he followed up with Esther Hatch about the address problem but there hadn't been much done yet.

Terry Nelson said that he spoke with the Postmaster about residents receiving notices about having their mailboxes at the wrong height and that it shouldn't be worried about until the spring.

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

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

APPROVED