

Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on April 6, 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: Pam Eaves Scott Burton
Jenifer Gardner Jen Packer

Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and a thought offered by Mayor Nelson.

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

Mayor Terry Nelson approved the minutes for the meeting held on as printed.

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

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Public Comments: None

Action Items:

Business License – Two Trees Advisory, Scott Burton

Scott Burton had spent 23 years in accounting and switched to a consultation role for various companies. He will have a home-based office where he would be communicating with those out of town. Karen asked about the consistency of parking and Scott assured them that no clients would be coming to his home.

Justin Brown made a motion to approve the business license for Two Trees Advisory LLC, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

New Auditor Contract Bids – Child Richards, and Davis & Bott

The town solicited three bids for a new auditor contractor for the next five years. Only Child Richards sent in their official bid while Davis & Bott sent a letter saying they'd charge much more than the town has been paying for. The third firm did not return any emails. The council

looked through the packet that was submitted by Child Richards and discussed whether it was a one or a five-year contract. Shayla informed them that the original request was for a five-year contract, however the packet did not specify how long the bid was for.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to accept the proposal for audit services by Child Richards, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Parking Ordinance – Justin Brown

The changes to the new ordinance that were discussed at the previous meeting were written out on the handout to the council. Jared suggested to take out section 2 as the second paragraph of section 1 now addresses parking during snow removal. The rest of the council agreed with the suggested change and agreed for the suggested ordinance be sent to the attorney for approval on the content. Shayla asked the mayor if she should write out the ordinance as it would appear to be passed before she sends it to the attorney. The mayor asked if anyone had an issue with that and since no one did, he told Shayla that she could do that.

Justin Brown made a motion to approve the temporary ordinance number 2023-04-06 with the removal of section 2, adjusting the rest of the numbers to match accordingly, and adjustments to the whereas, to be sent to the town attorney for review, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Discussion Items:

Long-Term Disability Benefits

An amendment to the town's current contract for long-term disabilities was presented. The change would increase the time frame from two to three years of coverage for mental disabilities. The council discussed the pros and cons of opting in to the amendment and they leaned more towards opting out. They will have it added as an action item to the next meeting.

Planning and Zoning

Pam said that Whitworth is putting together their agreement for the property owners for the new sewer line. She said that he wants the council's approval to send it to the town's attorney for review. Instead of having an HOA, the owners will have a shared maintenance agreement and they would be the ones responsible for any repairs. Those who live on Rocky Dugway are all on septic tanks but they won't ever be required to hook up to the sewer line.

Fire Department

Matt said he needed to talk to Dave to find out if they could arrange to have the fire hydrants cleared out. It was said that if a hydrant was on someone's property, it is the homeowner's responsibility. Matt also said the fire station needs to get a new roof or get it repaired as its leaking onto the electrical box to the garage doors and they are having a problem opening.

Public Works

Nothing.

Grants

Karen said that Keith Johnson got a grant for \$10,000 towards the Maple Springs Park.

Council and Mayor Comments

Karen Nelson gave an update on this year's celebrations; the Easter Egg Hunt will be pushed back to April 22 due to the amount of snow.

Jared Jeppsen thanked Marcus and Jeff for keeping the roads clear these past couple snow storms. They discussed possible flooding and the canals overflowing, how tough this winter was on the roads and hopefully getting main street done this year.

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