

Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on May 18, 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	Jen Packer	
Don Ruhl	Jeff Soelberg	Jenn Gardner	Jason Barber
Pam Eaves	Ronald Wallace	Keith Johnson	

Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and the invocation 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 May 4, 2023 as printed with the changes discussed.

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

Action Items:

Increase Sewer Rate:

This was discussed at a previous meeting to increase the sewer rate from \$38 to \$43. Brigham had over charged Mantua for the sewer services so the town was able to cover the bill for the past year. Now that the extra money is gone, the town is raising the rate. The new rate will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to increase the sewer rate from \$38 to \$43 a month, starting on July 1st of 2023, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Jeff Giving a Hand

Jeff Soelberg presented his foundation that does fundraisers for hand prosthetics. He had rented the bowery and then applied for a Special Event permit. He said he'd be having a comedian, band, food trucks and some vendors at the event. Karen said that there might be some requirements needed from the food vendors and that she'd find out and let him know. Matt asked if there were any requirements on what can be sold in town. Jeff said he wouldn't be gathering any revenue from the booths and that it is all donations, the medical providers would just be giving out information.

Karen Nelson made a motion to approve the first annual Jeff Giving a Hand Foundation Fundraiser for June 10th at the bowery, Jared Jeppsen seconded.

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

Camera System Upgrade

This was talked about at the last meeting, now with the correct amount on the proposed bill from Golden Spike Automation. This would be getting an upgraded system and two additional cameras.

Karen Nelson made a motion to accept the camera system upgrade as outlined in the proposed bill, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

Karen Nelson-YES Justin Brown-NO Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES
Terry Nelson-Yes
MOTION PASSES

Parks – Keith Johnson

Keith Johnson presented pictures of the sod that was laid down the previous Saturday morning at both Maple Springs and Danes Parks. He then presented a Sany brand mini excavator that he would like to purchase for \$26,000. It does have the capabilities of having attachments. He corrected his comment about being able to sell the mini ex after two years, under the grant, it must be kept for ten years or the life of the mini ex. It was also discovered that the Town's liability will cover either Keith or Don Wallentine to operate the mini ex.

Justin Brown made a motion to purchase the Sany SY16C for any price under \$30,000, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Keith then presented a trailer for the mini ex that was around \$7,000. Although he wasn't sold on that particular trailer, he wanted to move forward with purchasing a trailer for that amount or less. Harper noticed that the one presented was only one axel, and he recommended that a dual axel trailer would be needed to carry the mini ex.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to approve the purchase of a trailer for the excavator not to exceed \$8,000, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Next, he said that they had purchased the maintenance shed and just need the approval for the concrete base. He wasn't able to reach out for other bids as was requested of him at the last meeting, his only bid was from RYCA at \$7 per foot. He still needs one more verbal bid. Karen asked if there was a way to approve the item like they have others, with parameters such as up to a certain amount. They discussed setting a limit that could be put in place.

Matt Jeppsen made a motion to approve the concrete for the shed not to exceed \$7 a square-foot and not to exceed \$9,000 with two bids submitted, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Keith had a couple more things to go over. He said that after the previous meeting, he looked into the percentage of the parking lot that could be paved over the culvert and instead of 30%, the Town's Land Use Code said no more than 35% which he is within at 33%. He also is under the amount to be required to ask for bids on that project so he went ahead and is having Heavy Iron do the work. He hasn't found a lighting consultant yet but is still working on that. He ended by showing the in-kind donations that have been received up to date.

Parking within the Town Limits Ordinance

The town's attorney sent back the ordinance with his recommended changes and Shayla added them to the ordinance presented. The council discussed the changes and some of the wording that didn't make sense. The mayor asked the council members to look over the recommendations from the attorney and they would revisit the ordinance at another meeting.

Closing the Lake – Jason Barber

Jason owns the Mantua Waterfront RV Park and he wanted to know if there was a way the town would allow his customers access to the reservoir during the Little Valley Days Celebration. The reservoir is usually closed on that Saturday due to there being events on the reservoir and the fireworks are shot off the banks. They discussed maybe giving out wristbands or having it closed

to only motorized vehicles and having a hard cut off at a certain time. The town could work with Jason to have signs made and they discussed what time for a hard closure. Chief Midkiff recommended talking to those who are in charge of the skiing. Justin suggested getting with DNR to help enforce.

Justin Brown made a motion to allow non-motorized watercraft on Mantua Reservoir during Little Valley Days with the stipulation that they not interfere with Little Valley Days events and exemption for motorized watercraft associated with Little Valley Days events, and a hard closure at 7PM, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

Planning and Zoning: No comments.

Fire Department: No comments.

Public Works: Harper said he's getting bids for the roof for the fire station and has one bid for a new boiler. They are also doing the engineering for the corridor grant.

Grants: The final webinar on the environmental was done so she will be able to put together exemptions for the Main Street grant.

Council and Mayor Comments:

Karen announced a Memorial Day celebration on Memorial Day at the Cemetery at 9AM. She also asked the council members to volunteer for Little Valley Days.

Karen Nelson made a motion to adjourn the open meeting, and open the closed meeting to discuss the deployment of security devices, Jared Jeppsen seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-Yes

MOTION PASSES

MEETING ADJORNED