

# Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on July 20, 2023

6:30 at Town Hall 409 North Main Mantua, Utah

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**Council Members present:**  
Mayor Terry Nelson  
Karen Nelson  
Justin Brown  
Jared Jeppsen  
Matt Jeppsen  
Shayla HammerStone – Recorder

**Audience present:**  
Carson Andersen Don Ruhl  
Pam Eaves Jen Gardner Keith Gardner

**Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and he shared a thought about the people who settled the town, the invocation offered by Matt Jeppsen.**

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

**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

**Public Comment:** None

## Action Items

### Business License – Tenor & Cassie Teichert

They were not present.

### Business License – Carson Andersen

Carson presented his insect type pest control business. He would be focusing on insects and not doing any kind of rodent control. He would be using organic chemicals that is safe around kids and pets. He is planning on getting insurance before he starts and is going to be the only employee for the time being.

**Justin Brown made a motion to approve the business license for Bees Knees Pest Control, Karen Nelson seconded.**

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

Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES

### **Bowery Rental – Bear River Health Department**

The Bear River Health Department is hosting a training at the Mantua Bowery. Terry and Justin disclosed that Terry's sister and Justin work for the Department. There will be a training and a catered dinner. Karen wanted to waive the \$125 as they waive the Mass Gathering fee for the town for Little Valley Days.

**Jared Jeppsen made a motion to waive the Bowery Rental fee for the Bear River Health Department, Matt Jeppsen seconded.**

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

### **Fire Mitigation**

This was discussed at the last meeting. Karen talked about the specifications that could count towards the amount of work that would go towards the money amount. A quarter of the time needs to go towards training, and they need to have a prepared plan. The next step would be to find someone to do the community work. October is fire prevention month. Someone is going to need to track all that's being done. Matt will talk to the chief to have him assign someone to be in charge of the training. They want it to be done by December. It wouldn't be directly paid but through service.

**Justin Brown made a motion to accept the Cooperative Agreement Between the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands and the Town of Mantua, Karen Nelson seconded.**

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

### **Business License – Tenor & Cassie Teichert**

Cassie presented her horse products business. It's all online and they sell horse products. Karen asked if they would be receiving their products at home as well as making some. They would only be receiving basic packages and using sewing machines.

**Karen Nelson made a motion to approve the business license for ProRate Equine LLC, Justin Brown seconded.**

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

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Little Valley Days 2024**

Since the year of 2024 is a leave year causing Pioneer Day to fall on a Wednesday the council wanted to discuss the date they would have Little Valley Days. It would either be on the 13<sup>th</sup> or on the 20<sup>th</sup>. After they discussed the pros and cons of each, they decided on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **August 3, 2023, Meeting Canceled.**

Terry announced that the meeting will be canceled on August 3<sup>rd</sup> but they will still have the meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Pam said that they would be pushing their meeting to August 3<sup>rd</sup> since there won't be a council meeting and Pam will be gone when they would normally have their meeting. They will be discussion Whitworth's sewer project, possible rezoning maps. They've talked about the property that is West of the Church and what they would need to do to make it into three buildable lots.

### **Fire Department**

Dave will put someone in charge of the fire mitigations.

### **Public Works**

Justin said talked with Harper and they would need to get a part of the service building re-roofed after part of it came off during a windstorm.

### **Grants**

Karen said that \$1,500.00 came in for the Land Use and Ordinance grant and she will be sending out bids to find out who will be running the project.

### **Council and Mayor Comments**

Karen talked about Little Valley Days and that it was a record year. The grass got burnt up from the water slide/bubble party.

Jared thanked the Loosi and Jeppsen family for all they did.

Matt said he appreciated all the effort.

Justin said the same, adding that they had Willard's Police Department assisting. He also wanted to add the parking ordinance onto the next agenda and that he'd put some things together for it.

### **Matt Jeppsen made a motion to adjourn, Karen seconded.**

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

Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES