

Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on July 6, 2023

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

Council Members present:

Karen Nelson

Jared Jeppsen

Shayla HammerStone – Recorder

Mayor Terry Nelson

Justin Brown

Matt Jeppsen

Audience present:

Don Ruhl

Virginia Newman

Marcus Abel

Karen-Ann Rhoads

Jen Gardner

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

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

Mayor Terry Nelson approved the minutes for the meetings held on June 15th and June 12th as printed.

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

Presentation: Text My Gov – Spencer Frandsen, Trey Riser

Spencer presented the Text My Gov program which would allow residents to sign up for automatic text messages from the town. They would receive information and are able to text questions and receive basic answers. He explained that the pricing he gave out is based on the town's population and a set number of texts. Karen asked if this program could be used to send out the newsletter and he explained that it could send out a link every month. He also said he'd send a list of contacts the town could use for references.

Action Items:

Interlocal Agreement – Address Authority *Resolution No. 2023-07-06*

The council was sent an agreement from Box Elder County that would make them in charge of creating addresses for Mantua. Currently they are being created by the developers. They discussed if this agreement would only apply to the addresses going forward and fixing those that have had issues, or if it would be able to change all the addresses in town. Shayla left momentarily to print the Resolution to be voted on and signed.

DNR

Tracy Swenson and Dusty Richards with the DNR came up to discuss the renewal of the agreement that provides the city with state resources to combat wildfires within the town of Mantua. If the town wants to be a part of this agreement, they will receive state support in certain circumstances that would be outlined in the agreement. They would also help with mitigating fire prevention. Willard and Brigham City have both opted in on this agreement. The council discussed different projects that would count towards mitigating fire prevention and what the town would need to do moving forward. The council wanted to discuss the agreement further and they would vote on it at the next meeting as they would also need the correct contract in front of them to vote on.

Shayla had given the council a copy of the Interlocal Agreement Resolution to read over.

Karen Nelson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-07-06, a Resolution to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Box Elder County and Town of Mantua Utah to act as addressing authority, Justin Brown seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES

Folder Machine for Office

Terry explained that the paper folding machine used in the office has broken and they are looking for a new one. Shayla said that the machines her and Janis have been looking to purchase are about \$1,000.00 and anything over \$500.00 would need to be approved by the council. After a brief discussion they agreed to allow the office staff to purchase a new folding machine not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Karen Nelson made a motion to authorize the office staff to buy a folding machine for the office not to exceed \$1,500.00, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

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

Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES

Temporary Business License for Little Valley Days

A list of all temporary business license applicants was given to the council that needed to be approved for Little Valley Days, on July 15, 2023. A copy of all their applications was sent to their emails prior to the meeting. Karen said that they have a table for kids under 18 and even though they do not have to pay the fee they still had to fill out an application.

Justin Brown made a motion to approve the temporary business licenses provided on the list from Shayla for Little Valley Days, Karen Nelson seconded.

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

Special Event Permit

Karen-Ann Rhoads was at the meeting on behalf of Cinnamon Nash regarding the bicycle parade they want to have with the children of their church. The council had discussed this at a previous meeting and they all had the same thoughts regarding the issue.

Justin Brown made a motion to not require them to fill out a special event permit for kids to ride bikes on the side of the roads, Matt Jeppsen seconded.

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

Planning and Zoning

Terry wanted to ask Pam Eaves about Rob Lindsey's pioneering agreement. Who is responsible for collecting the fees.

Fire Department

Karen asked if there were any fire restrictions in town. Matt answered that Dave didn't think any needed to be put in place. He also said he would ask him about the fireworks for Little Valley Days and thinks that having Isaiah Carr paint the fire hydrants counted towards the fire mitigation.

Public Works

Marcus said they are starting to run the fiber line at the North end of town and will probably take the rest of the year to finish. He reported that public works are working on the new parks, patching the roads, they've fixed a broken water valve and they are getting things set up for Little Valley Days.

Grants

Karen was informed that they got the approval for the scope of work for the Land Use and Ordinance grant they just need to put together a bid. She said she'd know by the end of July if they received the Cyber Security Grant.

Council and Mayor Comments

Mayor Nelson said that Little Valley Days is here and hopes that the council members will attend. There is a lot of work and people that are going towards this activity. Nelson and Karen will be riding in the parade. They will most likely cancel the August 3rd meeting as Terry and Karen will be out of town.

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

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

Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES

APPROVED