

# Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on August 17, 2023

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

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<b>Council Members present:</b>	Matt Jeppsen	Justin Brown	
	Jared Jeppsen	Shayla HammerStone – Recorder	
<b>Audience present:</b>	Jason Munns	Tera Franks	
	Darla and Ken Jones	Kevin Nelson	Don Ruhl
	Jen and Keith Gardner	Keith Johnson	Janis and Harper Johnson

**Meeting opened by Matt Jeppsen and the invocation offered by Matt Jeppsen.**

**Pledge of allegiance – led by Matt Jeppsen followed by all in attendance.**

**Matt Jeppsen approved the minutes for the meetings held on July 6, 2023 and July 20, 2023 as printed.**

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

Justin Brown-YES    Jared Jeppsen-YES    Matt Jeppsen-YES

MOTION PASSES

## **Public Comments:**

Kevin Nelson commented that he appreciates the mayor and council for all their work for the town. He also thanked all the people who volunteer their time. He announced that the Mantua Court times will change from Tuesday evenings, 6-8 PM to Tuesday mornings, 10 AM-12 PM. This change will happen the first of October and they are in the process of hiring another court clerk.

## **Discussion Items:**

### **Parks and Day of Service – Keith Johnson**

Keith Johnson presented an update with the goings on of Maple Springs Parks and the grants that go along with it. A sign has been put up that shows all the sponsors and there will be more signs put up in the future. They have started on the bathrooms and are planning on getting the footings in the next week. They are working on lights, the bike path, and a snow track. Those are all included in the UORG grant. Keith said the LWCF grant is still pending but went over what that grand would cover. He wants to use Kenneth Cannon to provide a cultural resources survey to check the surrounding area for indigenous artifacts. He shared a video of Maple Springs Park that was filmed and edited by Will Hodgins. He then showed pictures of the maintenance shed with the mini excavator, the trailer, and the ground where they are starting the bathrooms. They are planning on expanding the South parking lot and landscaping the back side of the sledding hill. Harper expressed his concerns about kids playing at the top of the hill, making the rocks

slide to the bottom. They discussed some ways to prevent that, including having bigger sized rocks. Keith showed where he wants to plant trees and add big rocks to the blank areas around the parking lot. Jason Munns gave some input about the slag that would potentially cause the trees not to grow. They discussed different types of rocks and ground cover that they could use their, including the color, size, and pricing. Keith showed where he wanted to put in a bridge across a culvert for kids to use instead of them walking or riding bikes through the ditch. Matt voiced a concern that if it was too big, someone might drive a vehicle across. They discussed some options to prevent that. Keith then showed the plans for the pump tracks, getting a lighting consultant, and the cement walkway and the financial overview as of August 17, 2023, including the in-kind donations.

The Town is sponsoring a Day of Service on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Matt made sure to clarify the project is sponsored by the Town and the LDS Church is providing volunteers through multiple Stakes. The Town event coincides with the National Day of Service in remembrance of 9/11. Keith showed the individual projects they are planning, who is helping, and what help is still needed. Jason Munns was planning on working on the bike trails that are behind the reservoir, he said he will report back to Keith with the hours. Hopefully they will have more than 200 volunteers and get the adequate equipment. Matt told Keith to ensure they are heavy on safety.

### **Bike Race – Jason Munns and Tera Frank**

Jason announced the two dates they will be having their bike races, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be running it the same as they did the year prior. He gave a handout with information and wanted to touch base with the town council. They expect about 3000 people, and they said there are more kids from Mantua this year. Jason asked if someone would be available to cut the ribbon, but the council members will all be out of town. He will get a hold of Karen Nelson to have the radios broadcasting the information.

**Planning and Zoning:** No comments.

**Fire Department:** No comments.

### **Public Works:**

Harper explained that the primary pump for the water well didn't turn on Wednesday morning but they were able to get the secondary/back up well running. He is working with the water department and Ben Harker from the Bear River Health Department. Harper caught the issue in time to be able to allow the town to have enough water for normal indoor use. He said they will be getting the replacement part tomorrow and that the water levels should be back to normal by the end of the day. He requests that not everyone turn their sprinklers on at that time. Turn the timers back on and proceed as normal. It has been a challenging month and will be a challenging fall and winter with all the projects they have going on. The Beehive Communications have their fiber crew in town and they've gotten a massive influx of Blue Stakes, 118 requests as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Doing the Blue Stakes has taken a lot of time and effort from the public works employees. He expects the fiber to be done in mid-October as it'll take some time. There was some concern about fire suppression but Harper assured that they are in a good enough spot and that it

shouldn't be a problem if a fire should break out. Justing asked about preventing the water problem down the road if it should happen again. Harper discussed some ways to possibly help mitigate the issue should it arise again.

**Grants:** No comments.

**Council and Mayor Comments:**

Justin Brown said he was still working on the parking ordinance. He also promoted the Code Red that Mark Millet used in the water emergency

Jared Jeppsen thanked the people getting the information out.

Matt Jeppsen appreciated all the hard work that Harper and his team has done.

**Jared Jeppsen made a motion to adjourn, Justin Brown seconded.**

Justin Brown-YES    Jared Jeppsen-YES    Matt Jeppsen-YES

MOTION PASSES

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED