

# Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes

Held on September 7 2023, 2023

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

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**Council Members present:**

Karen Nelson

Matt Jeppsen

Mayor Terry Nelson

Jared Jeppsen

Shayla HammerStone – Recorder

**Audience present:**

Janis Johnson

Jennifer Gardner

Bryce Lofthouse

Tim Miles

Harper Johnson

Mark Whitworth

Don Ruhl

Keith Johnson

Jennifer Mickelsen

Jared Whitworth

**Meeting opened by Mayor Nelson and the invocation offered by Karen Nelson.**

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

**Mayor Terry Nelson approved the minutes for the meeting held on August 17, 2023 as printed.**

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

Karen Nelson-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES

**Public Comments:** None

**Action Items**

**General Plan Bids**

The council received four bids for the TPA grant that would go through the town's General Plan and codify the town's ordinances. They discussed what the different companies offered, the pricing and what other towns and cities used them. Karen's opinion was to take the one that had the certified codifier and that works with Box Elder County as they were familiar with the area. They also offered one year free of website use. The council discussed if they wanted to wait another two weeks or decide now. Sunrise and Rural were the main two that they liked but decided to go with Rural Community.

**Karen Nelson made a motion to accept Rural Community Consultants as the TPA grant bidders, Jared Jeppsen seconded.**

Karen Nelson-YES Jared Jeppsen-YES Matt Jeppsen-YES Terry Nelson-YES

MOTION PASSES

## **Discussion Items:**

### **Sewer Ordinance Amendment**

The mayor and Harper had met and discussed the town's sewer ordinance and they wanted to add an amendment to include letting people hook into the sewer system with lift stations. The council discussed the difference between a private and public pump, which ones would have to be approved and that the engineer would be involved in approving the pumps. Jennifer Mickelsen talked about the other things that should be in the sewer ordinance and said that she found an agreement that states there can't be any septic tanks and that she'd send it to the Town. Bryce Lofthouse also talked about the requirement for passing an ordinance for the sewer and what the town would have to do.

### **Sewer – Jennifer Mickelsen**

Jennifer is the pretreatment coordinator for Brigham City and she came up to offer her help with the sewer ordinance. She invited the council to visit the sewage plant to see how they operate. She wanted to help define something and suggested that they would need to rewrite the sewer use ordinance. Harper said he would like to meet with her and Bryce to talk more but the Public Works will be busy the following week and Jennifer will be out of town but she'll get with Harper when she gets back.

### **Beehive Broadband**

Rachel Dillg was invited to talk about the grant that was awarded to Beehive to run fiber line. She also talked about the fiber itself, saying that right now there isn't a cost to run the line to people's homes. The council discussed pricing, speed, and the contracts that were available. Harper and Matt said they'd like to have internet at the Fire Department. Harper also explained what happened to the internet the past week.

### **Soliciting Contributions**

For the grants for the Mantua parks, there needs to be a match of funds and Keith said they are struggling to come up with those funds. He wanted to ask people for donations and that they would put up plaques with their names on them. He presented some verbiage that he would like to give out to people. Karen talked about a Sponsorship Naming Ordinance from a different city.

### **State of Utah Preferred Vendors**

Keith talked about the State of Utah having a Preferred Vendor list that they could go through for products without having to go through the bidding process. They also discussed the Blaine's funeral being on the same day as the Day of Service and how they were going to work around it.

### **Emergency Communications**

Karen wanted to start the conversation of looking into different ways of communicating during an emergency. The Town staff use the official website and official Facebook page to get information out as soon as they receive it. Karen used Code Red for the water issue but Harper wanted to use something more local as Code Red is used all over the state. Using the siren was

mentioned as well as the Text My Gov program that is coming to the next meeting. Using Code Red and Text My Gov do require the residents to sign up for the alerts.

**Planning and Zoning:** Nothing.

**Fire Department:** Nothing.

**Public Works:** Harper said they were cleaning the sewer lines in town and talked about the flyers he sent out. He said they have the sanitary survey that is coming up, He's also had the old well water system assessed and it came back with a clean bill of health and is now in an active status.

**Grants:** Karen said they've gotten bids for the Corridor grant that will take care of the odd intersection at the South end of town. Chris White, the town engineer, is checking the bids and they will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Council and Mayor Comments:**

Jared Jeppsen wanted to thank the community extraordinary rallying for the Blaine family. Karen Nelson echoed what Jared said and added that she was thankful for all the volunteering.

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

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