

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
JANUARY 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Dave Everett, Ted Munford, Nicholas Porter, Bert Clark and Travis Allan and Mayor Doug Hammond.

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Hammond welcomed new Councilmember Nicholas Porter.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Bert Clark.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ted Munford.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2019: *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2020. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Allan, Everett, Munford, Porter and Clark voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2020: *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020. Councilmember Travis Allan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Allan, Everett, Munford, Porter and Clark voting in favor.*

RECOGNITION OF BERT CLARK AS ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR FROM RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION: Mayor Doug Hammond explained that the City has been notified that Bert Clark has been selected as the elected official of the year by the Rural Water Association. Councilmember Clark stated the City has had several employees recognized by this organization in the past and it is an honor to be nominated. The Mayor and Council congratulated Councilmember Bert Clark.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020 - ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01: Quinn Bennion explained that the meeting schedule proposed for 2020 is that same as the previous year. *Councilmember Travis Allan moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-01 setting the Council meeting schedule for the year. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

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CITY COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENT - MAYOR DOUG HAMMOND: Mayor Hammond stated that the assignments are basically the same with Nicholas Porter taking over for Samantha Scott as the Council seems comfortable with their assignments.

PROJECT UPDATE FOR INNOVATION CENTER: Quinn Bennion updated the Council on the progress of converting the old police station into an innovation center. City and County staff have been tearing out the carpet, wall paper and wood paneling and are making great progress. Councilmember Bert Clark asked about security for the facility. Quinn Bennion stated the facility will use the west entrance and will have software for security and scheduling. There is a lot of interest from companies like Entrada. Councilmember Travis Allan asked if the school is handling the change. Quinn Bennion stated he met with the Board and they are willing to work out the parking.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CIB CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST: Quinn Bennion reminded the Council that each year the City needs to submit a project list to the Community Impact Board (CIB) which includes a one year, and two to five year lists. The important list is the one year list. If the project is not on that list it is difficult to receive funding from the Community Impact Board. The City takes the approach of generalizing projects for street improvements, storm water, water and sewer while other entities are more specific. Four projects are currently underway so those have been removed from the list. One item that needs to be on the list is the storm water project which will be a joint project with Naples City, UDOT and Central Canal to reclaim the canal system being piped by the irrigators. Also, the downtown master plan has been added to the list. Quinn noted that if the rail project progresses the downtown area may need to be revitalized. After further discussion, *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the Capital Improvement List for the CIB Board. Councilmember Travis Allan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

- Councilmember Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember Allanaye;*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Porteraye;*
- Councilmember Clark..... aye.*

REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY AT 238 WEST 200 SOUTH - COCHRAN / MILES PROPERTY HOLDING LLC: Allen Parker explained that this application to subdivide property has been pending for some time as the Council had questions regarding the existing structures. The applicant did research relocating the building and found out that was not an option. Mr. Parker recommended denying the application for now and have the applicant reapply in the future when he is ready to develop the property. Quinn Bennion asked if there was a waiting period before he could reapply. Allen Parker answered no; the code does not designate a waiting period. *Councilmember Travis Allan moved to deny the request to subdivide the property at 238 West 200 South. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion.*

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The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF JIM LINSCHOTEN TO THE VERNAL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION: Allen Parker explained that Mr. Linschoten has been on the Planning Commission for a while now and it was a simple oversight to not reappoint him when the other members were reappointed. He is willing to serve another four year term. This will leave one vacancy on the alternate list. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve reappointing Mr. Jim Linschoten to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Travis Allan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

PROJECT UPDATE FOR CDBG 2020 GRANT APPLICATION: Quinn Bennion explained that each year the City has the potential to submit an application for CDBG funds to improve items for low to moderate income residents. The project selected was to improve the sidewalk along south Vernal Avenue if the residents qualified. The property on the east side of the street does not qualify because there are too many businesses. The seven residents on the west side were contacted and asked to submit an income survey to UBAG. Five of the seven must respond, however several of them did not meet the income guidelines. He noted there is not enough time to do a survey of another area so the City will not be applying for funding this year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Water issue:

Mayor Hammond commended the staff on their quick response to fixing a water leak and getting the water back on quickly. Councilmember Dave Everett agreed stating that the water was off at his place of employment and the water crew responded within minutes.

Medical Cannabis:

Quinn Bennion stated that the City received a call from a medical cannabis pharmacy that is looking to open a store in Vernal. Allen Parker stated that a company out of New York

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received approval from the State to open a store in the Vernal area and they are currently looking at the Vernal Towne Center.

Kids Canal:

Councilmember Ted Munford asked if the movement to halt the drainage of Kids Canal is still active. Quinn Bennion stated that that is is still active although Central Canal is still moving forward.

4th of July Celebration:

Quinn Bennion explained that a committee has been formed to organize a community 4th of July celebration. The idea is to continue the parade and fireworks celebration and add a festival in the park.

CLOSED SESSION: *Councilmember Travis Allan moved to go into closed session to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares and return to open session once the discussion is concluded. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

- Councilmember Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember Allanaye;*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Porteraye;*
- Councilmember Clark..... aye.*

OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURN: Mayor Hammond declared the meeting back in open session. There being no further business; *Councilmember Travis Allan moved to adjourn. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was declared adjourned.*

Mayor Doug Hammond

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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