

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
APRIL 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main, Vernal,
Utah 84078.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ted Munford, Dave Everett, Bert Clark and Samantha Scott and Mayor Doug Hammond. Councilmember Travis Allan was excused.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Dave Everett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Samantha Scott.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2019: *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Everett, Scott and Clark voting in favor.*

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP OF GRAD NIGHT: Shauna Siddoway explained that they are working on grad night for seniors as in the past so they have a safe, fun environment to celebrate their graduation. She asked the Council to consider sponsoring this event again this year. Quinn Bennion stated that the City has budgeted \$1875 for this event. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve sponsorship funding in the amount of \$1875. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BASIN BASH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT: Quinn Bennion asked the Council to excuse Kam Pope from presenting this item as he is needed at the baseball park. He stated that this annual Basin Bash includes 50 teams from the Tri-State region which helps fill up hotels and restaurants. Night games will be held this year at the new high school field. Councilmember Dave Everett stated he saw the opening game last week on that field and it was worth the cost. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve sponsorship of the Basin Baseball Bash in the amount of \$1875. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE 2019 WATER METER CHANGE-OUT PROGRAM: Mike Davis, Vernal City water superintendent, reminded the Council that during

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the workshop in March he brought their attention to the high water loss the City is experiencing. He explained that he sent off 11 water meters of different sizes to see if they would pass testing and seven out of eight of the smaller meters failed and the three 1” meters all passed. He suggested the City replace 1000 residential meters as the cost is going up July 1st. Councilmember Ted Munford stated this is important for the community and it should be handled as soon as possible if funding can be found to cover the cost. Quinn Bennion stated that the the installation and meter purchase cost will have to come out of the utility fund reserve. Councilmember Ted Munford stated the residents need to be notified so they are not surprised when their water bill changes. Mike Davis stated a letter can be sent out once the 1000 properties are pinpointed. Quinn Bennion stated this will replace the oldest 1/3 of water meters on the system. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to move forward with this project, ask for prices and take care of the cost in the budget reopener. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF VERNAL CITY EXCISE TAX ROAD REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS: Quinn Bennion explained that this item relates to the downtown drainage project which will be administered by UDOT. The City has to provide a local funding match and these bonds will cover the remainder of that cost. In summary, UDOT will provide \$1.2 million dollars, the City received a grant in the amount of \$1.2 million dollars and this loan in the amount of \$200,000 for a total of \$2.6 million dolalrs for this project. The City will use road funds to pay the bonds over 7 years. Councilmember Bert Clark asked when this project will commence. Quinn Bennion stated that he has met with UDOT and the engineers and they are moving forward with the bid documents to start construction this summer. Councilmember Clark asked when the first payment will be due. Jeanette Johnson with the bond attorney stated the interest starts to accrue next year with the first payment due February 1, 2021. Mayor Doug Hammond opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE \$200,000 EXCISE TAX ROAD REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2019, FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS - RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07: Quinn Bennion explained that this Resolution authorizes the revenue bonds as just discussed. *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-07. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

UPDATE OF BTA BENCH AND SHELTER PROJECT AND POSSIBLE CITY PARTICIPATION: Quinn Bennion explained that a member of the community, Bobby Oosteven, saw a need and took the initiative to start a community effort to get benches build for the bus stops. There are currently 28 stops in Vernal for the BTA bus and only a few have benches and two have shelters. Mr. Bennion displayed a picture of the bench that has been fabricated by Kyle Bentley. The bench has a dinosaur for the back and dinosaur bones for the arms. They will be powder coated in different colors and cost \$1000 each. There is currently money committed to purchase 14 benches and UBAG has committed to add four more shelters. Endeavor is willing to install the benches as a company project and a boy scout will do five as his eagle scout project. Councilmember Dave Everett asked if there is any guarantee that the BTA will still function after this year. Quinn Bennion stated that the County Commissioners committed to passing the transportation tax. He suggested the City consider purchasing one bench. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve funding for one bench in the amount of \$1000. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

Administrative Reports

Birds & Butterflies: Councilmember Samantha Scott explained that the Birds and Butterflies Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has surveyed areas for milkweed and there is also a student doing an internship gathering data. One thought is to have this as part of the Passport for summer event where the kids earn their stamps for outdoor activities.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION: *Councilmember Samantha Scott moved to convene into closed session to hold a strategy session to discuss the sale of real property including any form of water right or water shares, hold a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and reconvene into open session after the discussion is concluded. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;

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Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark..... aye.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: The meeting reconvened into open session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business; *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ted Munford 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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