

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
JUNE 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main, Vernal,
Utah 84078.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Nicholas Porter, Dave Everett, Robin O’Driscoll and Corey Foley and Mayor Doug Hammond. Councilmember Ted Munford was excused.

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Dave Everett.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2022: *Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Workshop Meeting held May 11, 2022. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Foley and Porter voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2022: *Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Workshop Meeting held May 18, 2022. Councilmember Nick Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Foley and Porter voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2022: *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 18, 2022. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Foley and Porter voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2022: *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve the minutes of the special May 24, 2022 meeting. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Foley and Porter voting in favor.*

INTRODUCTION OF FACILITIES TECHNICIAN COLBY KEEL- WAYNE SMITH: Wayne Smith introduced Colby Keel to the Council and noted that the City is really glad to have him on board. The Council welcomed Colby to the City.

REVIEW OF BIDS AND REQUEST APPROVAL OF CDBG SIDEWALK AWARD OF CONTRACT: Quinn Bennion asked the Council to consider awarding the contract for the sidewalk installation for the CDBG project to Stearns Construction. A grant was submitted a year and a half ago for CDBG funds to install sidewalk in the neighborhood by Western Park. A survey had to be conducted of those living in this area to make sure they qualified for low to

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moderate income funding. With the supply shortage and inflation the bid came in \$61,000 higher than the estimate for the project. Only one bid was received with the total bid being \$239,234 to install curb, gutter and sidewalk. The recommendation is to move forward with this project and the City cover the additional cost. Councilmember Nick Porter asked what the cost is per foot and how much will be installed. Craig Nebeker, engineer wit CRS for this project, answered that there will be 1400 linear feet of sidewalk that calculates out to \$400 per foot. Councilmember Corey Foley asked if he thought that bid was comparable to other projects. Craig Nebeker stated that bid is better than expected based on the overall high costs for that industry right now. *Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the bid from Stearns Construction and award the contract. Councilmember Nick Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed with the roll call vote:*

Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Foley..... aye.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPER AGREEMENT WITH ZIONS BANCORPORATION: Quinn Bennion explained this agreement is related to the downtown project and was requested by Zions Bank to capture the items discussed for the parking and purchase of property. The Bank has agreed to sell an acre of property to the City for \$100, knowing it will be used for public parking. The bank will have around 24 parking stalls for the bank and 17 stalls for the old Oak House building. Those spaces will count toward the parking counted in the special assessment area for Zions Bank who will not be charged for any parking. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll asked for confirmation that the future owner of the Oak House building will contribute. Quinn Bennion answered yes, although they will get credit for the 17 stalls. *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve the development agreement with Zions Bank. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Foley..... aye.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY2023 BUDGET INCLUDING THE GENERAL FUND, WATER FUND, SEWER FUND, AND SOLID WASTE FUND, MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY FUND, STRIKE FORCE FUND, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS IN THE CITY AND ALL SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULES: Carl Morton reported that the budget work sessions are now complete and the good news is the tax revenue is going up. A few changes were made to the tentative budget based on the discussions from the workshops and a capital improvement budget will be formed to pay for items on the capital improvement plan. The employee compensation increase has also been added to this budget

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along with another building inspector. There are plans to replace vehicles and debt reduction in the amount of \$300,000 to pay off three interest bearing loans. In the utility funds, it is anticipated to increase the water fees by \$1 a month to cover the costs of that fund. Overall, this is a good budget year for the City with a total general fund budget of \$14,408,408.00. Mayor Doug Hammond opened the public hearing to receive public comment. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SUNRISE ENGINEERING FOR DISCOVERY TRAIL DESIGN: Quinn Bennion explained that the City has been working for years to obtain an easement to install a pathway from 1500 South Street to Discovery School. That easement has been obtained and the project is called the Discovery trail. The trail will be approximately ½ mile long and will alleviate some of the traffic for those walking from the south neighborhoods. A fence is required to protect the kids and livestock. The City has received a grant from UDOT for 60% of this project and there is the possibility of obtaining another grant to complete the project. Sunrise Engineering has presented a proposal to complete the design work. Councilmember Corey Foley asked what the construction timeline is for this project. Quinn Bennion stated the hope is to bid this summer with construction completed this fall. This will depend on the availability of contractors. Councilmember Nick Porter stated this is a fantastic project and he likes the idea of urban trails. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll stated the goal is to get a lot of cars off the streets in this neighborhood and more kids will walk and ride bikes to school if there is a safe route. Quinn Bennion stated part of the cross walk and curb is in Uintah County. *Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the contract with Sunrise Engineering for the Discovery Trail design work. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

- Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Porteraye;*
- Councilmember Foley.....aye.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Update on utility service line warranty program: Allen Parker reminded the Council of the agreement with Home Serve to provide a home warranty program for water and sewer lateral lines that connect people’s homes to the main lines. The program is fully up and running now and so far 91 properties for a total of 182 policies have been issued. Home Serve has paid one claim so far in the amount of \$10,014 dollars. The staff has received little feedback so far. Councilmember Corey Foley asked if they were doing an extensive marketing plan. Allen Parker stated Home Serve is doing the marketing although the City can add it to the Facebook page.

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Property Purchase: Quinn Bennion reported that the City closed on one of the airport properties and it will be a good addition to provide more hanger space.

ATV Jamboree: Quinn Bennion reported that the ATV Jamboree is sold out with over 700 riders attending this weekend.

ADJOURN: There being no further business; *Councilmember Nick Porter 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, City Recorder

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