

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main, Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Ted Munford.

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

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2020: *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2020. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Munford, Allan, Porter and Clark voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2020: *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Munford, Allan, Porter and Clark voting in favor.*

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FURNITURE BID FOR THE INNOVATION CENTER: Quinn Bennion explained that the City received four bids to provide furniture for the innovation hub and the lowest responsive bid was received from Northeastern Office Supply. Mr. Bennion recommended the Council award the contract to Northeastern Office Supply. He noted that the City has experience with them in the past as they provided the furniture for City Hall. Councilmember Dave Everett stated they have a beautiful color scheme. Quinn Bennion stated the grant funds will be used for this purchase. Councilmember Bert Clark stated there is quite a difference in bid prices. Quinn Bennion acknowledged that the differences are probably for the quality of the furniture. After further discussion, *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the bid from Northeastern Office Supply. Councilmember Nicholas Porter 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 FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROSECUTOR LEGAL SERVICES: Quinn Bennion explained that the City needed to renew the contracts for legal services. He noted that Mike Harrington, City prosecutor, recognizes there are lower cases for

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this year and he is recommending his contract be reduced by \$1383 per month. His new monthly rate will be \$5000 for the first year of the contract, and the second year he will charge the \$1383 plus an average of case load for 2020 at \$100 per case for the second year of the contract.

Mayor Doug Hammond stated that when the justice courts combine, those numbers may change. Quinn Bennion stated that each entity would keep their indigent defense and prosecutor, and Naples City will need to provide their own attorneys. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the agreement with Mike Harrington for 2 years as presented. 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.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES:

Quinn Bennion explained that the contract with Dennis Judd will remain the same except he would like the ability to bill monthly instead of every 3 months. Councilmember Ted Munford asked what his case load is like. Quinn Bennion stated that the City keeps him busy. *Councilmember Nicholas Porter moved to approve the agreement with Dennis Judd for legal services. 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.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES:

Allen Parker explained that the City contracts with Jordan Van Oosstendorp for indigent legal services, under the direction of Lance Dean who works for Uintah County and administers indigent defense services for this area. The fee the last few years has been \$3100 a month, which Mr. Van Oosstendorp believes is slightly under based on case load, however, he understands there is no additional money to offer and has agreed to that same cost. Councilmember Travis Allan thought that was the opposite of what Attorney Mike Harrington is saying. Allen Parker stated he is expecting his case load to be way up trying to get caught up once the courts open. Quinn Bennion explained that the State really wants a hands-off approach for the indigent defense *process so the defendant does not feel like they get a bad attorney. After further*

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discussion, Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the contract with Jordan Van Oostendorp for indigent defense services. 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.*

PUBLIC HEARING: VERNAL CITY GENERAL PLAN (FIRST READING): Allen Parker explained that the City adopted a trails master plan which needs to be incorporated into the City’s general plan, which governs the City’s long range plans for development. The City hired a consultant to help do a few updates using City funds and grant funds. The trails plan amends the City’s street program so that entire section is being updated. There was some discussion regarding the size of roads. Mr. Parker suggested the Council look over the draft of the updates for the general plan as this is the 1st reading with a public hearing. Councilmember Ted Munford stated he appreciates the work going into this document and would like time to review it. Mayor Doug Hammond opened the public hearing. He asked if the City has any open land areas. Allen Parker stated that the general plan actually incorporates areas beyond the City boundaries in case those areas are annexed into the City so they will have a general idea how those parcels should be developed. There were no public comments and Mayor Hammond closed the public hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Voluntary Separation Package:

Councilmember Bert Clark noted that the City is losing a lot of years of experience with employees taking the incentive package. Quinn Bennion agreed.

Airport:

Quinn Bennion stated that the City will be posting the airport managers job within the next few days. The employees seem happy moving to the City.

Small business grant:

Quinn Bennion stated that the local small business grant application is available on-line and so far 37 businesses have applied. Over 700 businesses were notified of the grant opportunity.

Freedom Festival:

Quinn Bennion reminded the Council of the Freedom Festival scheduled for the 4th of July. There will be a 5 k run, parade, live music, food trucks, beer garden and fireworks at 10. The field of flags is up for people to enjoy.

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ADJOURN: There being no further business; *Councilmember Nicholas Porter 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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