

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
JULY 20, 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, Ted Munford and Corey Foley and Mayor Doug Hammond.

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Corey Foley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2022:
Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022. Councilmember Nick Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Munford, Foley and Porter voting in favor.

PRESENT PUBLIC TREASURERS ACHIEVEMENT PLAQUE TO CARL MORTON:
Quinn explained that the City encourages employees to learn and advance in their careers to help the City. Carl Morton recently wanted to continue his education so he took a course and passed the test for a certified public funds investment manager. The City needs to recognize his achievement. The Council congratulated Carl Morton.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE BRENDA ALLEN: Carl Morton introduced new employee Brenda Allen who has been hired as the administrative clerk for the finance department. She comes to the City after working for Strata and Spectrum and expects to be for a long time. The Council and Mayor welcomed Brenda Allen to the City.

CONSIDER FUNDING OF VICTIM ADVOCATE CONFERENCE (TABLED FROM LAST MEETING) – CASSIE OBRIEN: Cassie Obrien thanked the Council for listening to her presentation at the last meeting. She clarified a few points and listed the national statistics regarding domestic violence. On the State level it is important to have a non-profit handling victim services and the Basin has a lot of cases. The City does donate to the Friends Against Family Violence and they are grateful for it. The initial request from the Uintah Basin Domestic Violence Coalition was to have the City help fund the upcoming domestic violence conference. Since that meeting, the Coalition has raised \$11,000 for the conference and does not need any funding from the City anymore. Any extra funds will be used as seed money for next year’s conference. Cassie requested that the Council consider attending the conference and help create a shift in the community where domestic violence is not tolerated, and incentivize City law enforcement to attend. Councilmember Ted Munford thanked Cassie and the victim advocates for what they do for the community as it is very difficult and is a personal sacrifice. Mayor Doug Hammond thanked her for the report.

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PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST APPROVAL OF MINOR SUBDIVISION, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1350 EAST MAIN STREET - JIMMY & JULIE JUSTICE:

Allen Parker explained that this request is to divide an existing 7.5 acre parcel of land into two parcels. He displayed the plat for the parcel split and indicated there are structures on one of the parcels. The request meets all setbacks and complies with City code. Councilmember Ted Munford verified that they are not requesting a zone change. Allen Parker answered no, they simply want to sell a portion of the property which is zoned industrial. The Planning Commission held a public hearing for this request and there were no public comments. Therefore, the Planning Commission is forwarding a positive recommendation. Mayor Doug Hammond opened the public hearing. There being no public comments, Mayor Hammond closed the public hearing. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve this minor subdivision off property located at 1350 East Main Street as presented. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER “A” FOR ARMSTRONG ENGINEERING TO DESIGN AND FOR BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR THE PAINTING MAINTENANCE PROJECT:

Ken Campbell, airport manager, explained that an application for funding was presented to the FAA to help recover and close all tracks and repaint the airfield. Armstrong Engineering will complete the specifications for this project. The cost to resurface the entire runway and repaint all the lines on the airfield is \$768,000. The engineering portion is \$97,250 for design, bidding and construction management. Councilmember Ted Munford asked if the local match is still 5%. Ken Campbell answered yes except for the portion that is in front of the hangers as the federal funds will not cover those sections. That cost is \$27,000. Dave Everett asked what the life span is for the runway. Ken Campbell answered it is based on care, although it usually is about 4 years. The City purchased a paint stripe machine at a cost of \$13,000 which will cover the gap. Usually the cost to paint the airfield is \$170,000 a year. Councilmember Nick Porter stated the airport funding is complicated and asked what fund will pay for the City’s match of this project. Ken Campbell stated it will come out of the local funding. *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve Task Order A with Armstrong Engineering. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GOOGLE WORKPLACE LICENSE: Carl Morton reminded the Council that funding was placed in the budget to change the email system. After research, it was decided to go with Google who proposed a much better rate than expected. The total annual price is. \$9,785.60. The current email is Zimbra that has hidden costs and has to have additional security. Councilmember Ted Munford stated this would be a very good move and save money by not needing more equipment for storage. Quinn Bennion agreed that part of the cost is maintaining the server which will not be needed with Google. *Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll moved to approve the Google Workplace License. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPING MATCHING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF UTAH OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY: Quinn Bennion requested the Council’s approval of a grant agreement with the State in the amount of \$1.13 million dollars. Part of the criteria for the grant is providing housing development in an 8 acre parcel or greater and the one going in on 100 West 100 South meets that criteria. One difficult part is the funds must be spent or obligate by the end of December. Also the funds are restricted to water, sewer, broadband or storm water projects. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll asked what will happen if the funds are not spent by then. Quinn Bennion stated they will be obligated. *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve the Redeveloping Matching Grant Agreement with the State of Utah. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

SET NEW DATES FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS: Quinn Bennion reported that State law is really cumbersome and required a 35 day notification for the Board of Equalization hearings so the dates have to be pushed back. The suggested new dates are September 6th, 7th and 8th. *Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll moved to set the new dates for the Board of Equalization hearings. Councilmember Nick Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;

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Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Foley..... aye.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Joint City / County meeting:

Quinn Bennion reported that a joint City / County meeting has been scheduled for August 8th at 4:30 pm to discuss the Central Canal project. That project has a 30 day comment period that has already started. Councilmember Corey Foley stated that he has a Sewer Board meeting that day at 5 pm and asked if this meeting could start earlier. Quinn Bennion stated he would see if 4 pm will work. The consensus of the Council was to set the time at 4 pm.

Pickleball courts:

Quinn Bennion stated the bids to build pickleball courts far exceeded the budget so the bids were rejected and the project will be restructured and rebid in the spring.

Clydesdale Horses:

Quinn Bennion reported that C & H Distributing has been a top performer and has been awarded a visit by the Clydesdales horses. It will be coordinated with the balloon fest and displayed on Main Street.

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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