

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019: *Councilmember Samantha Scott moved to approve the minutes of, 2019. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Munford, Scott and Clark voting in favor.*

REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF MAYOR’S WALK AND FALL CARNIVAL – SHAUNA JO EVES: Shauna Jo Eves presented a request to the Council for funding for the upcoming Mayors Halloween Walk and fall carnival. She stated that she understands budgets are tight this year and asked the Council to consider sponsoring this event in the same amount as last year which was \$750. Shauna Jo stated she also spoke with the Youth City Council to help with the carnival. Councilmember Samantha Scott stated the youth council does plan on volunteering their time for the carnival. After discussion, *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the same sponsorship as last year. Councilmember Samantha Scott noted that the City only budgeted \$500 for this event. Quinn Bennion stated there is a miscellaneous item that could cover more. Councilmember Ted Munford amended his motion to sponsor the Halloween Mayors Walk in the amount of \$650. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

Shauna Jo invited the Council to come to the event in costume.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INDIGENT SERVICES: Allen Parker explained that the term indigent services means lawyers who are appointed to represent people who cannot afford an attorney for their criminal charges and the local government has to pay the attorney for these services. Utah State is providing a grant to help communities pay these cost and Vernal City has been awarded a \$10,000 grant. The attorney over indigent defense services for Uintah County is Lance Dean and he will oversee this grant. Also, if there is a conflict with the attorney appointed by the judge, then Mr. Dean’s

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office will represent these clients pro bono. The City has budgeted \$40,000 for indigent defense services and these funds must be used first. Quinn Bennion stated the City does have conflict cases and this grant will help with those costs. After further discussion, *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the MOU for Indigent Defense Services as presented. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MOTT LAND ACQUISITION FOR AIRPORT, SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE: Quinn Bennion explained that this paperwork finalizes the purchase of the Mott property which is needed for the clear site at the bottom of the airport runway. The FAA will reimburse the County for 95% of the cost and the remaining 5% local match is being paid by the Transportation District. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the Mott Land Acquisition for the airport and have the Mayor sign the certificate of title. 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.

REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY LIST: Danny Anderson, facilities manager, gave a brief outline of how the City disposes of items that are no longer useful. He noted that it has been several years since the City declared any property surplus, and there are a lot of items lying around. In the past the City teamed up with an auction company which takes time and manpower. This time the crew would like to put the items on-line and do a bidding process. Mayor Doug Hammond asked how the public is notified. Danny Anderson answered that the IT Manager will advertise it. Councilmember Ted Munford asked if the other departments have looked through the items to make sure they cannot be used elsewhere. Danny Anderson stated they have reviewed the list with all the departments except the police department. Councilmember Bert Clark questioned selling the 200 flower pots. Danny Anderson stated they have in excess of 300 pots so they are downsizing the amount being stored. Councilmember Clark suggested contacting other local agencies to see if they are interested in them such as the Recreation District or Naples City. After further discussion, *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to declare the items on the property list presented as surplus property. 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.

Mayor Doug Hammond asked when the on-line bidding will start. Danny Anderson stated he hopes it will happen quickly before it gets too cold.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Storm Drains:

Councilmember Bert Clark asked that the drains along Main Street be cleared of debris before any heavy rain or snow storms. He noted that the City has an agreement with the irrigators to use the ditches for storm water and those drains need to be kept cleared if possible.

Assisted Living Center:

Allen Parker stated that the owners of the Land Mark Hotel behind City Hall has plans to convert that building to an assisted living facility to provide a level of care that cannot be provided by the current homes. The hope is to have the facility open by March.

Innovation Grant:

Quinn Bennion updated the Council that the City did receive a grant in the amount of \$220,000 to convert the old police station to an innovation center. The amount is not as high as requested, so the staff will have to do some of the remodel work.

Overlook:

Quinn Bennion stated that the overlook on the west side of town has been decommissioned.

Benches:

Councilmember Dave Everett expressed his appreciation to the community and entities involved with the bench project.

ADJOURN: There being no further business; *Councilmember Samantha Scott 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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