

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 21, 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 Nicholas Porter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bert Clark.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2020: *Councilmember Nicholas Porter moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2020. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Munford, Allan, Porter and Clark voting in favor.*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL REPORT – JOEL BROWN: Joel Brown, director of the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, introduced the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Chamber, Wes Taylor, CEO of Ashley Regional Medical Center and Robin O’Dricoll, director of the Recreation Center. He went over several of the committees of the Chamber such as the Dinomites who are the good will ambassadors in the community, election committee and conservation committee. Mr. Brown presented the activities that were held this year, although not as many were able to be held due to COVID. He explained they post items to the “This is Vernal” calendar, and administer the Charitable Friends of Ashley Valley to help with charitable events and giving. In closing, he thanked Vernal City for their support. The Council and Mayor thanked Mr. Brown for the report. Councilmember Bert Clark asked if they were being successful recruiting more members. Joel Brown stated their marketing has slowed down with COVID, and they are now picking back up.

INTRODUCTION OF KEN CAMPBELL - AIRPORT MANAGER: Allen Parker introduced Mr. Ken Campbell to the Council who comes to the City with a long and impressive career. Mr. Parker explained he grew up in Vernal, started his career in the military then retired and was working as the head pilot for a medical evacuation company. Ken Campbell stated he is glad to be back in Vernal after being gone for a lot of years. He noted that he has already been involved with an airplane incident at the airport and encouraged the Council to contact him with any concerns regarding the airport. The Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. Campbell to the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REZONE REQUEST FROM JAMES HONERT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 67 SOUTH 200 WEST, VERNAL, UTAH FROM R-4 (RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO A CC-1 (COMMERCIAL ZONE) – ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12: Allen Parker explained that the City received a request from Mr. James Honert to change the zone on his property from split zoning to CC-1 commercial zone. The north portion of this parcel is zoned CC1 and the back portion is zoned R-4 residential. The adjoining property to the west houses the Gold Cross Ambulance building, the property to the north is zoned commercial, and to the south is medium density residential. The general plan shows this area as commercial. Mr. Parker noted that the Planning Commission heard this request and is forwarding a positive recommendation. Councilmember Ted Munford asked why Mr.

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Honert is asking for this change now. Allen Parker stated that his business is mostly on-line and he is using this property as storage. He would like to enclose this area with a fence and use it for commercial purposes. Councilmember Bert Clark commented that a fence would be required between the commercial sections and residential. Mayor Doug Hammond opened the public hearing. There being no public comments the hearing was closed. *Councilmember Travis Allan moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-12 to rezone property at 67 South 200 West from R-4 residential to CC-1 commercial. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2 WITH Uintah County to assist businesses with interruptions due to COVID-19 pandemic funded with CARES Act funds:

Mike Davis explained that the City has received the second allotment of CARES Act funding in the amount of \$306,000. Some of the funds from the first allotment were used to cover COVID related expenses. Then the City, County, Naples City and Ballard used the remaining funds to provided business grants with most businesses receiving around \$10,000. The plan is to do another round of grants with the second allotment with some of the funds being used for marketing and events. Councilmember Ted Munford declared he had a conflict with this item as he is working with the County to produce the site to handle the grant application. Councilmember Dave Everett asked if the 3rd and last round would be handled the same way. Mike Davis stated those funds will be different as the State is changing the distribution to give more money to tourist areas that have lost significant funding. After further discussion, *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve using CARES Act funds for business grants. Councilmember Nicholas Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....abstained;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST TO DECLARE OLD WATER METERS SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Mike Davis explained that normally when the City has old meters they are simply sold for scrap. There has been some interest from vendors to take and fix them for secondary water systems. If they are declared surplus property, which means the City no longer needs them, then the staff will accept bids to sell them. *Councilmember Nicholas Porter moved to declare the old water meters as surplus property. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;

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Councilmember Clark..... aye.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FIRE SUPPRESSION SSD - RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11: Allen Parker explained that in 2004 the Fire District was formed and took over all fire suppression services including necessary services at the airport. In 2016, the Transportation District took over operation of the airport and entered into an agreement with the Fire District to continue to provide services at the airport. With the City taking over management of the airport, that agreement needs to be transferred to the City to outline what services are provided and payment arrangements. After discussion, *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement Resolution No. 2020-11 with the Fire District. 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 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE VERNAL REGIONAL AIRPORT GROUND WATER MITIGATION PROJECT: Allen Parker explained that this agreement deals with the ongoing water mitigation at the airport. After the completion of the water project, additional ground water was found due to the soil conditions. The proposal is to approve this supplemental agreement to fix the ground water issue from the west. The cost for this project is \$7,000. Ken Campbell, airport manager, stated he looked at the property, and this small amount of money should fix the water issue. Allen Parker stated the FAA has already approved this project. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve this supplemental agreement for the ground water mitigation project. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Council schedule:

Allen Parker explained that Quinn Bennion would not be available for the November 2nd meeting and there are no pressing issues so if the Council approves that meeting will be cancelled. The consensus of the Council was to cancel that meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to go into closed session to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares and reconvene into open session when the discussion is complete. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

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