

**M**INUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD  
NOVEMBER 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 447 East Main,  
Vernal, Utah 84078.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers JoAnn Cowan, Ted Munford, Sonja Norton, Bert Clark and Mayor Gary Showalter. Councilmember Cal Dee Reynolds was excused.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Gary Showalter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT:** The invocation was given by Mayor Gary Showalter.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember JoAnn Cowan.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2010:** Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2010 with one correction to the request for funding for the Special Olympics. Councilmember Sonja Norton seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Norton and Clark voting in favor and Councilmember Cowan abstained.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STREET EMPLOYEE BART RICHARDSON:** Mayor Showalter explained that this item will be postponed until the next meeting as Mr. Richardson was unable to attend the meeting.

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE COMPUTER STORAGE & RECOVERY SYSTEM FOR NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING:** Mayor Gary Showalter reminded the Council that Mr. GJ Searle presented a request to purchase computer storage equipment at the last meeting. The Council asked him to look at all options and see if there was a more economical option. GJ Searle explained that he went back to the vendor and asked if he would be willing to negotiate the cost of the equipment with the manufacturer. The vendor was able to lower the proposal for the recommended equipment and software from \$154,156 down to \$114,014.68. Councilmember Clark asked if this cost included the same items. GJ Searle answered yes with the exception of the video conferencing solution which will be purchased later if funds are available. The main storage device will cost \$68,358 rather than \$80,284 and several other items can be purchased at a lower price for a savings of approximately \$40,000. Further, Mr. Searle explained that the hardware warranty will be shortened, but the five year software warranty is still included. The computer solution will have an alert system to notify the IT staff when there is a problem. Councilmember Clark asked if the new building will have the necessary conditions for the computer system. GJ Searle explained that the server room has its own air conditioning and generator. Mr. Searle summarized the equipment that he is requesting as follows:

1. EMC san storage and recovery system with five year support .....\$68,350.14;
2. Barracuda web and e-mail filter, five year support and redundant system....\$8,398;
3. Iron Port system plus installation.....\$9,009.32;
4. Telephone Maintenance extension agreement.....\$23,022.76;
5. Environmental monitor .....\$2,234.46.

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Councilmember Bert Clark asked if the vendors can provide maintenance timely. GJ Searle explained that the hardware has a next business day replacement plan and the software can be supported remotely. Councilmember Munford stated that the big triumph is getting the vendor to lower the price. He then moved to accept the bid and recommendations as presented for the computer storage and recovery system in the amount of \$114,014.68. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Councilmember Clark..... aye;
- Councilmember Norton ..... aye;
- Councilmember Cowan ..... aye;
- Councilmember Munford..... aye.

**CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:** Councilmember Bert Clark moved to convene into closed session to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Councilmember Clark..... aye;
- Councilmember Norton ..... aye;
- Councilmember Cowan ..... aye;
- Councilmember Munford..... aye.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** Mayor Gary Showalter declared the meeting back into open session.

**PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY:** Councilmember Cowan noted that there will not be any action taken on this item.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mineral Lease Funds:

Councilmember JoAnn Cowan explained that the State School Board is going to attempt to dip into Community Impact Board funds for public schools. Mayor Showalter stated the schools have attempted this before. Councilmember Cowan stated that this issue will end up in the courts if the School Board succeeds.

Planning & Zoning:

Councilmember Norton stated that the Planning Commission will be meeting tomorrow to continue working on the parking ordinances and looking at the food merchants that are popping up around the City. Also, the Downtown Merchants Association is changing to the Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Clark asked that the Planning Commission look at regulating the placement of fuel tanks for safety.

Uintah Fire District:

Councilmember JoAnn Cowan stated that the Fire District will be allocating \$300,000 to upgrade the fire station including paint, better lighting, flooring and carpet.

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Uintah Recreation District:

Councilmember Clark explained that the District is working on the golf course and is waiting for a permit to build a berm to prevent any flooding. He stated that the Halloween Walk was very successful with over 4000 children participating.

Uintah Animal Services District:

Councilmember Munford reported that there are a few concerns for the District, and they are working on those goals. One item is requesting permission to install red and blue lights on the animal control vehicles. Councilmember Norton asked what hours of coverage is being offered by the animal control officers. Councilmember Munford stated they are available Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. The consensus of the Council was to get the District to vary the hours to better serve the community. Councilmember Clark asked if the administrator is working 40 hours. Councilmember Munford stated that lately she is working 40 hours. Mayor Showalter asked if Vernal City pays for animal services. Ken Bassett stated that the funding for this District comes from the mineral lease funds.

Youth City Council:

Councilmember Ted Munford stated that a Youth City Council meeting was held with approximately 20 students participating.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Mayor Gary Showalter

ATTEST:

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Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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