

**M**INUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
JUNE 22, 2011 at 4:00 p.m in the Vernal City Council chambers, 447 East Main,  
Vernal, Utah.

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

**STAFF:** Roxanne Behunin and Ken Bassett.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING:** *Councilmember Cal Dee Reynolds moved to acknowledge and approve this meeting. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

**DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY:** Mayor Showalter explained that the City owns the property behind the old dinosaur museum which is on 100 North. The property is needed for the new library cultural center, and the City officials have discussed transferring the property to the County for that purpose. Councilmember Cal Dee Reynolds asked if the property included the scout house. Mayor Showalter answered yes. He noted that the original drawing for the new library used the scout house property for parking, but once the City changed the parking requirements, that property should not be needed for parking anymore. The County has not made any guarantee that the scout house will remain in this location, but they will make sure the scouts have a location. The County had received a strong proposal to move the library from downtown, so the City offered to transfer the property. Councilmember Cowan congratulated the Mayor and County Commission for negotiating this deal to keep the library downtown. She requested that the County keep as many trees in the park as possible. Mayor Showalter asked for public comments. Darlene Burns, Uintah County Commissioner, thanked the City for the property and stated that they did receive substantial offers to locate the library in other areas. However, it was decided that the best location is downtown. She noted that they have also received comments about the trees, and they hope to keep all of them except three. Councilmember Clark asked if the scout house will remain. Darlene Burns stated that it will remain and, in fact, will be enhanced with parking. There were no further public comments and the hearing was closed. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to transfer the park on 100 North 250 East to Uintah County. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

*Councilmember Clark.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Norton..... not present for the vote;*  
*Councilmember Reynolds .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Cowan .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Munford.....aye.*

**RATIFICATION OF COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD FUNDING:** Ken Bassett explained that the City received funding for water and sewer improvements in Ashley Park Estates. It was found that it was not necessary to make a lot of sewer improvements, so the Community Impact Board was approached to transfer the funding to the water line improvements. The CIB Board agreed to change the funding package and will transfer \$626,184 in grant funds to the water

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project. Councilmember Cal Dee Reynolds moved to ratify approval of the funding adjustment from the Community Impact Board for Ashley Park Estates. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following unanimous roll call vote:

*Councilmember Clark*.....*aye*;  
*Councilmember Norton*.....*aye*;  
*Councilmember Reynolds* .....*aye*;  
*Councilmember Cowan* .....*aye*;  
*Councilmember Munford*.....*aye*.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Water usage:

Ken Bassett explained that the water treatment plant is requesting that the residents be asked to halt outside watering as they are having difficulty providing the quantity of clear treated water because of the turbidity in the water. This is the first year that the treatment plant has not been able to use Red Fleet water when Ashley Springs is too turbid. The problem is associated with the heavy runoff.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Councilmember Bert Clark moved to adjourn. Councilmember Cal Dee Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Gary Showalter

ATTEST:

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Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder