

**MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

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September 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,  
Vernal, Utah 84078.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Bert Clark, Dave Everett, JoAnn Cowan and Gary Showalter. Councilmembers Sonja Norton and Ted Munford were excused.

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

**INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT:** An uplifting thought was given by Councilmember JoAnn Cowan.

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

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2012:** *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2012. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Cowan, Everett, and Clark voting in favor.*

**RADIATION VAN DRIVE FUND RAISING DRIVE – JUDY KRAFT:** Ken Bassett indicated that this item needed to be tabled as Judy Kraft was unable to attend.

**INDIAN SUMMER STORYTELLING FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP – VERNIE HEENEY:** Vernie Heeney, representing the Uintah Schools Foundation, explained that the Indian Summer Storytelling Festival will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. The festival will be extended one day to involve the students and Golden Age Center. One storyteller, Bil Lepp, will be returning for the third time and will be performing Friday night. Ms. Heeney asked the Council to consider sponsoring this event again this year. Councilmember Cowan noted that any money that is made by this event is distributed by the Uintah Schools Foundation to schools that need specialized equipment such as sound systems or computers. *Councilmember Cowan moved to approve a \$1000 sponsorship for the Indian Story Telling Festival for 2012. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Cowan, Clark and Everett voting in favor.*

**UINTAH RECREATION & VERNAL CITY EVENTS SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS FOR MAYOR'S HALLOWEEN WALK AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Shawna Jo Eves explained that this year the Mayor's Halloween Walk will be combined with the fall festival sponsored by the Youth City Council. She noted that the Mayor's Walk is a long standing tradition for the community and asked the Council to consider approving \$1200 to help with this event. Last year there were over 3000 participants, and Naples City will also be helping.

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Shawna Jo indicated that Jack Winterton will be playing Santa this year for the Breakfast with Santa Event and asked the Council to contribute \$700 for that event. *Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to continue support of the Mayor’s Halloween Walk and Breakfast with Santa at the same level as last year. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

*Councilmember JoAnn Cowan .....aye;*

*Councilmember Dave Everett.....aye;*

*Councilmember Bert Clark.....aye.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TACTICAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS (TIC) PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Mayor Showalter reminded the Council that Mr. Tal Eilers presented the tactical interoperable communications plan at the last joint City / County meeting, and it needs to be approved by the Council. Ken Bassett advised that this plan will also be presented to Naples City and Ballard Town so the entire County can communicate effectively during an emergency. Seven additional counties have been included to identify who can be contacted to help if a disaster crosses boundaries or jurisdictions. He stated that he has taken the opportunity to review the plan, briefly, and it will need constant updating to make sure the information is current. Councilmember Clark asked if the plan will be updated every five years or, better yet, annually. Ken Bassett stated that it should be updated annually by the Emergency Management Office. After further discussion, *Councilmember Clark moved to approve the Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Clark, Everett and Cowan voting in favor.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUILDING PURCHASE FOR OSH KOSH MACHINE AT THE AIRPORT:**

Mayor Showalter introduced Mr. Kelly Harvey, airport manager, and Mr. Kelly Hayes, Uintah County Facilities supervisor. Mr. Kelly Hayes explained that the County purchased an expensive machine to clear the snow from the airport runway. A building is now needed to house the new snow removal equipment. Kelly Harvey reminded the Council that this piece of machinery was needed to meet FAA guidelines for snow removal based on the mandated snow and ice control plan. Smaller airports do not need to comply. The snow removal machine is 85 feet long and 22 feet wide so the initial design for the building is 65 feet x 125 feet and will cost around \$500,000. Councilmember Clark asked if the building will be lighted and heated. Kelly Hayes answered yes, and will include a workshop to help maintain the equipment. Mayor Showalter asked what the cost will be to the City. Kelly Harvey stated that the cost to Vernal City would be 25% which is approximately \$125,000. Kelly Hayes noted that this project needs to be started quickly before winter sets in. Mayor Showalter stated that he had a metal building erected by Farm Tech out of Iowa, and they may be able to provide a building at a cheaper price. He suggested Mr. Hayes contact them. Mr. Hayes agreed to look at different vendors. He stated that a lot of the cost will be the asphalt. Ken Bassett questioned why the cost of the building was not included with the CIB grant for the equipment. He suggested that different options be investigated and brought back to a joint City / County

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meeting for consideration as timing is critical. Kelly Harvey noted that this building is on the five year project list and is eligible for reimbursement by the FAA. However, any eligible costs paid by the City and County over that time period will be counted toward the 5% cost for all projects. Councilmember Cowan asked if Economic Development or the Uintah Impact Mitigation Board had any funding for this project. Kelly Hayes stated he would find out. After further discussion, the consensus of the Council was to place this item on the agenda for the joint City / County meeting.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NEW CHARGES FOR SERVICES – RESOLUTION NO. 2012-18:** Ken Bassett reminded the Council that at the last meeting they approved an ordinance which allows the City to charge for public improvements in subdivisions where the improvements are not completed by the developer. The City has to send out notices to the property owners that will be affected, and they have the opportunity to appeal. Resolution No. 2012-18 adds the appeal fee of \$10 to the fee schedule. Councilmember Clark asked if this fee is simply for residential development. Ken Bassett stated it can be for residential or commercial. *Councilmember Clark moved to accept Resolution No. 2012-18. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

*Councilmember JoAnn Cowan .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Dave Everett.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Bert Clark.....aye.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED SALARY SCHEDULE – RESOLUTION NO. 2012-17:** Mayor Showalter explained that the salary schedule includes positions of management to the basic work crew, and the changes to the wage scale have been discussed at length at previous meetings. He directed the Council to review Resolution No. 2012-17 amending the salary schedule. *Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-17 as presented. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

*Councilmember JoAnn Cowan .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Dave Everett.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Bert Clark.....aye.*

Councilmember Clark asked when the salary changes would be effective. Ken Bassett noted that they would be effective back to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Uintah High School Homecoming events:

Mr. Brighton Garcia, liaison from Uintah High School student body, explained that the homecoming events will go from September 10<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The parade and football game will be September 14<sup>th</sup>, and the homecoming dance will be September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Showalter asked the Vernal Express to publish the schedule for the homecoming events. Ken

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Bassett stated that the City crews work with the students to paint a “U” in three intersections along Main Street. He complimented the Student Counsel for their good work organizing the homecoming events. Mayor Showalter asked if the “U” on the hill will get a fresh coat of paint. Brighton stated that the seniors will whitewash the “U”.

Water Meeting:

Councilmember JoAnn Cowan explained that she attended a meeting in Duchesne and was joined by other City and County residents interested in the request for a drilling permit in Dry Fork Canyon. She noted that Vernal City stands to be the big loser if the drilling, even the test holes, damages the water aquifer. The decision is in hands of the State Agency that approves exploratory drilling.

Street Lights:

Councilmember Clark noted that when he was traveling back from Salt Lake City the street light on 900 West was flashing red, and the school had just let out. Dispatch was notified and told him that they would not notify the police to respond. He asked the staff to express his concern with the Chief of Police that dispatch would not contact the officers regarding this safety issue.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Councilmember Dave Everett moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bert Clark 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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