

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD
DECEMBER 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Showalter welcomed everyone to the special meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING: Councilmember Bert Clark moved to acknowledge and approve this special meeting. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Clark, Everett, Norton and Cowan voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2012: Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012. Councilmember Sonja Norton seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Cowan, Everett, Norton and Clark voting in favor.

REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION OF A MINOR SUBDIVISION FROM BRIAN AND KIM SPENDLOVE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 733 SOUTH 500 WEST, VERNAL, UTAH: Allen Parker presented a plat map to the Council showing the property currently owned by Brian Spendlove at 733 South 500 West. He explained that Dr. Spendlove is requesting to split the parcel into two lots with the parcel to the east being a flag lot. The property is currently zoned RA-1, residential / agricultural. The property next to the roadway will be approximately 1 acre and the flag lot will be two acres. The Planning Commission has reviewed this request and is forwarding a positive recommendation. Both parcels meet the requirements of City code for this division. Councilmember Cowan asked if a fire truck would be able to access the flag lot. Allen Parker stated that the access road is 25 feet and City code requires 24 feet. Ken Bassett stated that the road is wide enough for a fire truck. Councilmember Norton asked what the depth is of the roadway before the property could be developed. Allen Parker stated that the City does not have any requirements for the length of the roadway. Councilmember Norton suggested the Planning Commission review a maximum length for a flag lot road. Allen Parker stated that some jurisdictions simply require a hard surface which would make it easier for fire trucks to maneuver. Councilmember Cowan stated this could cause a dangerous situation. Allen Parker stated that a hard surface driveway could be required before a building permit is issued. The property owner has indicated that this lot will remain vacant. There was some discussion regarding the utilities. Councilmember Ted Munford stated he had a conflict of interest with this item and would refrain from voting. After further discussion, Councilmember Sonja Norton moved to approve the minor subdivision for Brian and Kim Spendlove at 733 South 500 West. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Ted Munford.....recused;
Councilmember JoAnn Cowanaye;
Councilmember Dave Everett.....aye;
Councilmember Sonja Norton.....aye;

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Councilmember Bert Clark.....aye.

2013 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR VERNAL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION – RESOLUTION NO. 2012-20: Allen Parker explained that the Planning Commission would like to continue the same meeting schedule as this year. Resolution No. 2012-20 outlines the scheduled as the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Councilmember Sonja Norton moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-20. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Clark, Everett, Norton and Cowan voting in favor for a unanimous vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Allen Parker explained that the Planning Commission term for Kathleen Gray is set to expire at the end of the year. The Board would like to have Kathleen continue to serve, and she has agreed to stay on. Councilmember Bert Clark noted that two alternate members are also needed for the Planning Commission. Allen Parker stated that he has received the name of Rory Taylor, but has not had time to contact him yet. Councilmember Bert Clark moved to reappoint Kathleen Gray to the Planning Commission for another four year term. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Clark, Everett, Norton, Munford and Cowan voting in favor for a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Bert Clark asked if any terms were expiring for the Board of Adjustment members. Allen Parker answered that the number of members on the Board of Adjustment has decreased so those members do not need to be reappointed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

500 South Cross Walk:

Councilmember Bert Clark requested that cross walks at 500 South and Vernal Avenue be painted.

Merit Increases:

Councilmember Clark asked if the employee merit program had been instigated. Ken Bassett stated that nothing has been implemented yet, and he will be putting together a program for the Council to consider.

Traffic Sign:

Councilmember Sonja Norton asked the Traffic Board to consider placing a traffic control sign at the intersection of 650 North and 100 West. She noted that a lot of children get off the bus here, and there is no yield or stop sign. Councilmember Munford agreed that this is a weird intersection that should be looked at. Councilmember Clark stated that there is no stop sign entering 500 South from the new apartment complex. Councilmember Cowan suggested these intersections be discussed at the next Public Safety meeting.

Uintah Fire Suppression SSD:

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Councilmember JoAnn Cowan indicated that Mr. Brian Gorum was no longer interested in serving on the Fire District and the County Commission is looking for a replacement. She asked the Council to refer good candidates to the Commission.

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

Mayor Gary Showalter

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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