

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AND UTAH COUNTY
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in
the Vernal City Community room, 374 East Main, Vernal, Utah 84078.

PRESENT:

VERNAL CITY: Councilmembers Bert Clark, Ted Munford, JoAnn Cowan and Sonja Norton, and Mayor Gary Showalter. Councilmember Dave Everett was excused.

UINTAH COUNTY: Commissioners Mark Raymond, Darlene Burns and Mike McKee.

STAFF: Ken Bassett, City Manager, Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder, and Tammie Lucero, Economic Development Director.

ACKNOWLEDEMENT AND APPROVAL OF MEETING: Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve this special meeting. Commissioner Mark Raymond seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2012: Commissioner Mark Raymond moved to approve the minutes of August 27, 2012 as written. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Clark, Munford, Cowan and Norton and Commissioners Raymond, Burns and McKee voting in favor for a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - COMMISSIONER MCKEE: Commissioner Mike McKee stated that the County is interested in building a conference center and has been working on advancing that idea. The location of the center is still in question and needs to be discussed by the elected officials in closed session. Mayor Showalter noted that Tammie Lucero needed to be invited to stay for the closed session.

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. Commissioner Mark Raymond seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Commissioner Mark Raymond.....aye;*
- Commissioner Mike McKeeaye;*
- Commissioner Darlene Burns.....aye;*
- Councilmember Ted Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember JoAnn Cowanaye;*
- Councilmember Sonja Norton.....aye;*
- Councilmember Bert Clark.....aye.*

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

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 25, 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Water Discussion:

Commissioner Mike McKee explained that the County is working on a water protection ordinance and meetings will be held to discuss it. A group has been hired to evaluate the existing water systems and the effects of this protection plan. The study may take up to three years to complete. Councilmember Cowan asked if there were any results from the initial core tests taken by the new phosphate company. Commissioner Raymond answered that there were no results yet.

Electronic message board:

Mayor Showalter asked what happened with the electronic message board in front of the old library building. Commissioner Raymond responded that when the power was cut to the old museum building, the power also went off on the message board. The County staff is looking for a new power source to bring the sign back up.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bert Clark 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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