

**M**INUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD  
NOVEMBER 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,  
Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

**WELCOME:** Mayor Showalter welcomed the students to the meeting. He congratulated those members of the City Council who were successful in their 2013 election efforts.

**INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT:** The invocation was given by Councilmember Bert Clark.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Sonja Norton.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2013:** Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2013 with the legal review and engineering review added to the motion for Jurassic Properties. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Everett, Norton and Clark voting in favor.

**APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS IN HAVEN ESTATES BY SKYLINE HOLDINGS GROUP, LLC:** Ken Bassett explained that the City has received an application from Skyline Holdings Group, Mr. Litke and Mr. Cutler, for reimbursement for the private utility improvements their company completed in Haven Estates. The private utilities were required for any further development of that subdivision. The applicant has included on his application the lots that are affected by the improvements, and identified their own lots indicating that their own lots would not be included in the reimbursement arrangements. Also lots 100 and 123 have already paid for the improvements leaving a balance of \$173,506.09. If the Council approves this application, the City will record a document on each lot affected making sure the cost is included in the building permit fees. The City recently went through this same process as allowed by the City's Latecomer's Agreement ordinance. The only company that has not provided a letter stating the utilities were installed to their standards is Strata Networks. Councilmember Clark noted that Strata has been paid. Ken Bassett agreed, stating he is just waiting for their verification letter. Mayor Showalter indicated the City is grateful to have these utilities installed. After further discussion, Councilmember Bert Clark moved to accept the reimbursement application of Skyline Holdings Group, record it and process it in accordance with the City code. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilmember Ted Munford</i>	<i>aye;</i>
<i>Councilmember Dave Everett</i>	<i>aye;</i>
<i>Councilmember Sonja Norton</i>	<i>aye;</i>
<i>Councilmember Bert Clark</i>	<i>aye.</i>

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**REPLACEMENT PURCHASE OF NEW SEWER RODDER:** Mike Davis, Vernal City water superintendent, explained that the water crew uses the sewer rodder to cut out tree roots that have infiltrated the sewer lines. The vac truck uses high pressure to clean the inside of the lines, but when there is root intrusion, something more substantial is needed to clear the drain lines. The rodder has a cutting tool that can take care of the roots. The sewer rodder was purchased in 1972, and although the mechanics try to repair it, it is difficult to keep it running. The manufacturer no longer exists so parts have to be fabricated. The cost for a new machine is \$45,000. Councilmember Clark asked how often the rodder is used. Mike Davis answered that it is not used every week, but is a vital piece of machinery. The rodder is also used to clear the Bureau of Reclamation drain lines. Ken Bassett explained that the Bureau of Reclamation put drain lines throughout the City and the Valley in order that development could occur where there was a lot of groundwater. They do not maintain the lines. Councilmember Munford asked if the public sewer lines are plugged and flood homes, who is responsible. Ken Bassett stated that the City is liable, and the insurance company now requires the City to clean and inspect the lines. Mike Davis noted that there are over 900 manholes, and the lines have to be inspected twice a year. Mayor Showalter asked if there were different vendors that supply this type of equipment. Mike Davis stated that Sewer Equipment Company of America has the State contract. After further discussion, Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve purchasing the sewer rodder using funds from the utility fund not to exceed \$45,000. Councilmember Sonja Norton seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

<i>Councilmember Ted Munford</i>	<i>aye;</i>
<i>Councilmember Dave Everett</i>	<i>aye;</i>
<i>Councilmember Sonja Norton</i>	<i>aye;</i>
<i>Councilmember Bert Clark</i>	<i>aye.</i>

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Water Fill Station:

Mike Davis informed the Council that the water fill station is up and running and will start selling water this week.

Mayor's Halloween Walk

Councilmember Bert Clark stated that the Mayor's Walk was very successful and seems to be growing every year. He congratulated Ted Munford on his amazing Iron Man costume.

2013 Municipal Election:

Ken Bassett told the Council that the canvassing of the election had to occur not earlier than 7 days after Election Day nor later than 14 days. He asked the Council to look at their calendars and determine when they would be available to hold a special meeting to canvas the election. He stated that there are a few ballots that need to be counted. The consensus of the Council was to hold the election canvassing on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

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**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Councilmember Bert Clark 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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