

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
MAY 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main, Vernal,
Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Norton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: Councilmember Clark gave an invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Samantha Scott.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2014: Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2014. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Cowan, Everett, Scott and Clark voting in favor.

ALIVE AFTER FIVE PRESENTATION – JOE EVANS: Mr. Joe Evans explained that the Alive After Five event is scheduled to start on July 25th at the Western Park in conjunction with the County Fair and will continue for 4 consecutive Thursdays. He asked if there was power at the park next to the library. Councilmember Cowan stated they do have power and a small stage and are considering installing restrooms. Joe Evans stated that may work for special events to promote downtown. Councilmember Samantha Scott stated that the promotional committee will use it for downtown events. Mayor Norton thanked Mr. Evans for giving local talent the opportunity to work with professional sound equipment and allow the public to enjoy their performances. The funds from the City are used for scholarships for the performers with some as young as eight years old. Mr. Evans noted that the event is widely promoted and this year will be promoted through social media as well, and the City will have the opportunity to use their website to promote City events. He requested the City sponsor this event in the amount of \$3500. Sheri Remington explained that they are starting a mass-e-mail that links to the Alive after Five web page which will allow people to sign-up to receive e-mails on events to create more awareness. Joe Evans stated that the radio station will start promoting the website as social media is important for marketing. After further discussion, Councilmember Cowan moved to sponsor the Alive After Five event with the same annual contribution with thanks and appreciation from the Council. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Cowan.....aye.
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scott.....aye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY2015 BUDGET: Mayor Sonja Norton explained that the Council has held public workshops to discuss the upcoming budget and now is the time for any public

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comments or requests. The public hearing was opened for comment. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Norton asked anyone with any interest in the budget to contact her or the Council.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MIKE HARRINGTON CONTRACT: Ken Bassett explained that the contract for prosecution attorney services needs to be renewed. The current amount for that contract is \$7500 a month with Mr. Mike Harrington. After speaking with Mr. Harrington and discussing this contract in the budget workshops, the recommendation is to continue the contract with Mr. Harrington at a cost of \$8000 per month and review it again in April of next year. Councilmember Munford declared his conflict of interest on this issue as he does have a business relationship with Mr. Harrington. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to approve the contact with Mr. Harrington as discussed. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Councilmember Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember Cowan.....aye.*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Scott.....aye;*
- Councilmember Clark.....aye.*

PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE VERNAL CITY MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND ZONING CODE – SECTION 16.54.020 – FAIRGROUNDS AND PARK ZONE USES – ORDINANCE NO. 2014-16: Mayor Norton opened the public hearing to consider amending the fairgrounds and park zone uses. Mr. Allen Parker, who joined the meeting via telephone, explained that an issue came up that the County is wanting to relocate the Children’s Justice Center by the Western Park, and this ordinance simply adds government office buildings as a use that is allowed in the fairgrounds and park zones. The second change is to delete specific requirements that are actually regulated in other areas of the code. The Planning Commission reviewed this request and is forwarding a positive recommendation. Councilmember Cowan asked how this will affect the convention center and hotel in this area. Allen Parker explained that those parcels are zoned commercial. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan suggested the word “office” be taken out and the use table simply show government buildings to eliminate any concerns. Councilmember Clark asked if the sign regulations will allow oversized signs. Allen Parker stated that section 16.28 goes into specific detail for signs based on the type of sign, and the County will need to comply. There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to approve Ordinance No. 2014-16, striking the word office from the change on government buildings. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Councilmember Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember Cowan.....aye.*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Scott.....aye;*
- Councilmember Clark.....aye.*

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PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE VERNAL CITY MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND ZONING CODE – CHAPTER 16.24 – SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 16.56 – MANUFACTURED HOME PARK AND TRAVEL TRAILER COURT REGULATIONS – ORDINANCE NO. 2014-17: Mayor Norton opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2014-17. Allen Parker explained that this ordinance actually has several parts. The first section gives a definition of a trailer. The next section modifies the code to change the setback requirements for the storage of different types of trailers in residential zones. The next section deletes the storage of trailers from the travel trailer park section of the code and puts it under supplementary regulations to apply to all residential zones. The entire section will not be deleted from the travel trailer park zone as there are specific regulations that are needed for that particular zone. The Planning Commission reviewed this ordinance and felt that the ten foot rear setback should be deleted due to property right issues, so that amendment was made to the ordinance being presented to the Council. Councilmember Bert Clark asked if additional type trailers could be added to the definition such as flatbeds and horse / stock trailers. Allen Parker stated that they have to exceed six feet, and many times too many examples muddles the definition. There was some discussion regarding different trailers. The Council questioned the setback requirements for sheds versus trailers. After further discussion, Ken Bassett suggested the Council table this ordinance until Mr. Parker can attend in person. Councilmember Ted Munford moved to table this ordinance until the next meeting. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Cowan.....aye.
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scott.....aye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR ISAAC AND VERONICA BIRD FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 387 WEST 500 SOUTH, VERNAL, UTAH: Allen Parker explained that the City received a request to split one parcel of property into two parcels. The property is 1.14 acres of land by Marcella Meadows. The staff reviewed this request along with the Planning Commission, and they are forwarding a positive recommendation. Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the minor subdivision for Isaac and Veronica Bird on 387 West 500 South. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Cowan.....aye.
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scott.....aye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Sonja Norton

Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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