

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
MARCH 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Norton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: An invocation was given by Councilmember Dave Everett.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE TODD ALLRED – SEWER TECHNICIAN: Mike Davis, Water and Sewer Superintendent, explained that a new employee, Todd Allred, has been hired to work in the Sewer Department. Mr. Allred comes from Las Vegas and is excited to work here. The Council welcomed Mr. Allred to Vernal City.

Mike Davis explained that he has been elected to the Rural Water Association Board of Directors. The main purpose of the Association is to help small water entities stay in compliance to provide safe drinking water. The staff visits cities and towns, has specialists on staff and provide a broad spectrum of training. Mr. Davis encouraged the Council Public Works Committee to attend their next conference as there are classes geared for elected officials.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015: Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2015. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Everett, Scott and Clark voting in favor

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EASEMENT FOR THE UINTAH RECREATION DISTRICT: Ken Bassett explained that the City received a request from the Uintah Recreation Special Service District for an easement to install a storm drain line from 2000 East Street going east to the first pond on the golf course. The City owns the property and has to approve the easement. The Recreation District plans to use the storm water as part of the irrigation water for the golf course. Councilmember Clark asked if the easement would go through the old Fairway #1. Ken Bassett stated that Timberline Engineering is developing the easement documents which will include a legal description as well as a plat showing the exact location of the easement. He noted that Naples City is making improvements to the roadway along 2000 East, and the storm water needs to be taken care of. An oil separator will also be installed to prevent sludge or contaminants from entering the pond. Councilmember Scott stated she thought it was the pond close to the hill. Ken Bassett stated that if the Council is supportive of the easement, when the easement documents are received, he will forward them to the Council so they know the exact location. Councilmember Bert Clark asked why the fence line was moved. Ken Bassett stated that the line must have been in the right-of-way for the road, and he will verify that with the project

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engineer. After further discussion, Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the easement for the storm drain line at the golf course. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Scott, Everett and Clark voting in favor. Councilmember Clark asked the staff to inform the Council of the exact location of the line when that information is provided to the City.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CRS ENGINEERS FOR PAINT STRIPING PROJECT: Ken Bassett reminded the Council that the Street Department budgets to stripe the roadways at least twice per year. The engineers prepare all the bidding documents and design engineering for three separate stripping's into 2016 at a cost of \$4200 and an additional \$2600 if any construction management is needed. Councilmember Clark asked how many years these engineers have been doing this work for the City. Ken Bassett answered that they have done this around ten years. Councilmember Clark noted that they probably have very little work to do and possibly could do it cheaper. Ken Bassett stated he would talk with the engineers to make sure they are billing only for additional work that they need to do for this year. After further discussion, Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the professional services agreements with CRS Engineering for the paint striping project. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Drug Court:

Mayor Norton asked that a letter be sent to the graduating drug court members congratulating them on their accomplishment. Councilmember Dave Everett agreed and stated that the Council and Mayor will sign the letter. She asked that the staff e-mail any letters from graduates to them.

Budget Reopener:

Ken Bassett explained that the Budget Committees will meet the week of March 23rd to go over the FY2015 budget reopener. The requests for budget items for the 2016 budget have been sent to the department heads and the Council Committees will review those requests the week of April 13th. In May, the Council will hold the workshops.

Utah League of Cities and Towns Spring Conference:

Ken Bassett asked the Council who will be attending the ULCT spring conference scheduled for April 8th through the 10th. Councilmember Clark and Mayor Norton indicated they would be attending. Councilmembers Munford, Everett and Scott stated they would check their calendars.

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Community Concert:

Ken Bassett indicated that the Uintah Basin Orchestra and Choir will be performing on March 7th and they have provided six tickets to the Council. The conductors, Craig Jessop and Mack Wilburg, will be here from Salt Lake City for this performance.

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.

Mayor Sonja Norton

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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