

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AND UTAH COUNTY
COMMISSION SPECIAL JOINT MEETING HELD, JULY 20, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Vernal City Planning Conference room, 374 East Main, Vernal, Utah 84078.

PRESENT:

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

Uintah County: Commissioner Mike McKee.

Staff and Guests: Dean Baker and Josh Bake representing Naples City, Loren Anderson, Ken Bassett and Roxanne Behunin.

Commissioner Mike McKee explained that the County's legal counsel was of the opinion that this meeting was not noticed properly for the County, so the Commissioners are not able to participate. Therefore, the other Commissioners were not able to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING: *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the special meeting of July 20, 2015. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner McKee and Councilmembers Everett, Clark and Munford voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2015 REGULAR MEETING: *Mayor Norton tabled the minutes until the next meeting.*

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE ISSUES - COUNTY COMMISSION: Commissioner Mike McKee explained to the Council that there are portions of the landscaping along west Main Street that belong to Vernal City, USU or the County and some of the sidewalk is buckling. He asked if each entity would prefer to fix the sidewalk in their jurisdiction, or have the County maintain it and bill the other entities. Ken Bassett stated that the City would maintain the sidewalk in the City limits. Commissioner McKee stated he understood the expansion joints were not put in the sidewalk and that is one of the reasons it is pushing up. Councilmember Clark stated that there has also been heavy equipment driving over the sidewalk to bring materials in for development. Loren Anderson agreed that there is some concern the developer caused damage. The consensus is to have each entity repair their section of the sidewalk.

STATUS OF AGREEMENTS:

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UTAH TRANSPORTATION SSD FOR AIRPORT AND CONVENTION CENTER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: Commissioner Mike McKee explained that the attorneys have spent a lot of time on this agreement and are still working out all of the issues. The last item is the airport terminal. Loren Anderson stated he is waiting for the legal descriptions for the Special Service District and then the agreement will be ready for adoption. Ken Bassett asked if the lease agreements will be approved at the same time. Loren Anderson answered that the MOU for the conference center and the lease agreements for the airport will be presented at the same time. Councilmember Bert Clark asked if new lease agreements would be needed

**MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AND UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 20, 2015**

by the fixed operators with the Special Service District. Loren Anderson stated the agreements will simply be transferred to the SSD. He stated that the amount of the lease for the City will be the amount owed for projects. Commissioner McKee noted that amount will need to be updated periodically as more items are purchased, and the City and County remain the sponsors of the airport for the essential air service agreement. Councilmember Bert Clark asked when the area will have airline service again. Commissioner McKee stated there is no target date set.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOU: Ken Bassett asked the status of the agreement for the Chamber of Commerce. Loren Anderson stated he is not handling that agreement so he does not know the status. Commissioner McKee stated he hoped the agreement would be ready within the next few weeks.

PARKING MANAGEMENT AT WESTERN PARK / CONFERENCE CENTER DISCUSSION - BERT CLARK: Councilmember Bert Clark stated that when a large event is held at the Western Park, parking becomes an issue for the neighboring residents when patrons of the Western Park block their driveways. He asked how parking would be handled when there is also a large event at the conference center at the same time as Western Park. Commissioner McKee stated the County has spent extra money for ground for parking and has discussed this issue at length. If additional property becomes available at a reasonable price the County will consider more parking. Councilmember Munford stated that if a large conference is scheduled the same time as the rodeo there may be a problem. He suggested the manager watch the scheduling. There was some discussion regarding parking attendants. Commissioner Mike McKee reiterated that they put a lot of thought into the parking issue and will discuss it again with the other Commissioners. Mayor Norton stated that the City police officers can also patrol this area during large events and ticket cars that block driveways.

TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX OPTION ON BALLOT: Commissioner Mike McKee stated that the County did get the resolution from Vernal City requesting this issue be put on the November ballot, and that is the intent. Ken Bassett stated the deadline to make a final decision is August 31st. Most counties are waiting for a final decision from Salt Lake County. Once the decision is made to put it on the ballot, no public funds can be used to support it. Commissioner McKee stated the Commission also approved putting the bonding for the public safety complex on the ballot. If the bond passes, it will save the County \$12.5 million dollars in interest. Commissioner McKee asked Mayor Baker if Naples City is going to request this issue be placed on the ballot as well. Mayor Dean Baker stated it is on their agenda to discuss.

NEXT MEETING:

Mayor Norton reminded the elected officials that this meeting is scheduled for the third Monday of each month unless there is a conflict. After discussion, the consensus was to schedule the meeting for August 24th at 3:30 pm at the County building as there is a conflict with August 17th.

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

**MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AND UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 20, 2015**

Mayor Sonja Norton

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

(S E A L)