

**M**INUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD  
MARCH 2, 2016 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 Travis Allan was excused.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Sonja Norton welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologizing for the delay.

**INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT:** An uplifting thought was given by Councilmember Samantha Scott.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bert Clark.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING:**  
*Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2016. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Everett, Scott, and Clark voting in favor for a unanimous vote.*

**REQUEST FOR DONATION FOR Uintah High School Graduation Night – CAM POPE:** Cam Pope explained that he is helping organize the Uintah High School graduation night activities. He noted that the economy has made things tight so they may have to scale back. He asked the City Council to consider sponsoring this event again this year, emphasizing that Uintah County is giving \$2500. Councilmember Clark asked how many students are being invited. Cam Pope stated there are 482 from Uintah High and Terra Academy. *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to award \$1875 for this event which is 25% less than last year due to sales tax revenue reductions. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

*Councilmember Munford.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Everett .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Scott.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Clark.....aye.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR SEWER CLEANING PROJECT:** Ken Bassett explained that the main sewer lines in the City need to be maintained so the sewer runs properly. This project will hire a company to clean the lines which has to be done every year. The engineering company, CRS Engineers, will prepare the specifications, bid the work and do the inspections. Their proposal for this work \$8000. Mr. Bassett recommended approval of the proposal. Councilmember Bert Clark asked them to keep in contact with the Ashley Valley Sewer Management Board during this project. *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the contract with CRS Engineers in the amount of \$8000 for the sewer cleaning project. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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*Councilmember Munford.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Everett .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Scott.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Clark.....aye.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENTS AT VERNAL REGIONAL AIRPORT- DINALAND AVIATION:** Kelly Harvey explained that this agreement is a renewal for Dinaland Aviation to lease space at the airport for another ten years in the amount of \$6663 annually. Mayor Norton asked if there are any differences in the lease. Kelly Harvey answered no, the lease is for the ground only. Councilmember Clark noted that there are a few typos in the agreement that need to be corrected. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the lease agreement with Dinaland Aviation. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Munford, Clark and Scott voting in favor.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENTS AT VERNAL REGIONAL AIRPORT - BLUE SKY INC.:** Kelly Harvey explained that this is a new lease with Classic Med so they can keep the chopper here and the fixed wing if it comes in and needs to stay in case of bad weather. Mayor Norton asked if this was a ten year lease. Kelly Harvey answered that it is for 20 years. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the lease with Blue Sky Inc. aka Classic Air Med. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Scott, Clark and Munford voting in favor.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES:** Ken Bassett explained that the contracts for legal services should have been renewed in July, but that did not happen. This first contract is with Denis Judd for \$1500 a month for civil legal services. The terms of this contract have not changed. Mayor Norton stated the contract shows a two year contract. Ken Bassett stated it should only be through June 30, 2016. *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the civil legal services contract through June. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. Councilmembers Clark, Munford Everett and Scott voted in favor.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES:** Ken Bassett explained this contract is for indigent services. When a defendant come before the judge, if they do not have the money to pay for an attorney, under the law they are afforded an attorney so the City has to provide one. This agreement will be for one year, rather than through 2017, with Lance Dean, who is the indigent services attorney in the amount of \$2250 per month. *Councilmember Samantha Scott moved to approve the indigent defense attorney contract. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmember Scott, Munford, Everett and Clark voting in favor.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROSECUTOR LEGAL SERVICES:** Ken Bassett explained that this contract is with Mr. Harrington to provide prosecutor legal services. He

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reviewed his case load which has gone down so he is willing to reduce the amount of his contract from \$8000 to \$6250 a month beginning in January, 2016. With less traffic there are less citations, although with the downturn in the economy, people get frustrated and there are more crimes such as theft and drugs. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to accept the contract with Mike Harrington. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmember Munford, Scott, Clark and Everett voting in favor.*

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CIB GRANT:** Ken Bassett reminded the Council that the City was awarded funding by the Community Impact Board for the sewer lining project as well as the new radio read water meter project. One-half of the funding, \$933,000, was awarded in the form of a grant and the remainder will be a loan. The grant funding is executed in the form of a contract. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the grant funding with the Community Impact Board. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Clark, Scott and Munford voting in favor.*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

#### Road damage:

Councilmember Dave Everett asked the staff to inspect a section of road on 200 North by the Keller's home by 500 East as it looks like the road has separated and is rising up from the curb. Ken Bassett stated he would look into it.

#### UDOT Meeting:

Ken Bassett reminded the Council that every year UDOT hosts a meeting to go over projects in the Uintah Basin, and the City can provide input to them for projects they should consider. Also, City representatives attended a meeting for a committee of UDOT where money is allocated for projects, and a joint project of Vernal City and Uintah County was submitted for a master plan for trails. This project will include trails for bikes, pedestrians, urban trails such as areas where there is not a lot of dirt roads, and traditional trails for bikes and walking. This project received the highest score for projects that were submitted. Councilmember Everett asked if this was the same as the presentation shown by Tri-County Health. Ken Bassett answered yes. Mayor Norton stated this is gaining interest to promote healthy communities without the fear of traffic. One of the goals is to join local hotels to the trail system utilizing canals and waterways to integrate a nice collection of trails in and around Vernal. Allan Parker explained that Troy Lucpco will feature Vernal in a national biking publication in May.

#### Uintah Basin Orchestra & Choir:

Ken Bassett stated that the Uintah Basin Orchestra & Choir will be performing this weekend and there are six tickets available. Councilmembers Munford, Everett and Clark said they were interested in attending.

#### Airport:

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Mr. David Searle, resident at 956 South 500 West, asked why the annual lease payment for Blue Sky was so low, \$720 annually. Councilmember Bert Clark stated that is only for the raw ground, that Blue Sky owns the sheds and hanger, and the FAA sets the standard of what the going rate is for the airport property. Mayor Norton explained that the lease payment goes to the airport, however the City and the County own the airport.

**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 Sonja Norton

ATTEST:

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Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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