

**M**INUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
APRIL 13, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. in the Vernal City conference room, 374 East Main,  
Vernal, Utah 84078.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Nicholas Porter, Ted Munford, Dave Everett, and Corey Foley and Mayor Doug Hammond. Councilmember Robin O'Driscoll was excused.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING:** *Councilmember Corey Foley moved to acknowledge and approve this special meeting. Councilmember Nick Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Foley, Porter, Everett and Munford voting in favor.*

**UPDATE REGARDING 100 S. SEWER CONSTRUCTION AND POSSIBLE CHANGE ORDER:** Keith Despain explained that the City has the opportunity, combined with the other sewer entities, to fix an area of joint sewer lines that is becoming more of an issue with development. A map was displayed of 1500 East Street where there are three manholes within a short distance of each other that join together to flow to the treatment plant. Two lines are 18" lines and the third is a 15" line and they connect into a 36" line. Councilmember Ted Munford asked what direction these lines go. Keith Despain answered they go south to the 36" line. One of the lines is very flat and struggles to flow while the 15" line is at capacity and has a sharp turn that needs to be removed. The confluence of the lines into the 36" line also causes backup of those lines. The best option is to redo that entire conglomerate of manholes to make it flow better and upsize for future development. The idea is to have the contractor that will be installing the new sewer line on 100 South put a new line to the south and connect these lines in a more direct way. Councilmember Nick Porter asked if the large line can handle it. Keith Despain answered yes. Quinn Bennion asked about the funding. Keith Despain answered that the Sewer Management Board would fund this project and then cost-share between the three entities as this is a jointly owned line. The total cost is estimated at \$500,000 shared over the four entities. Councilmember Ted Munford asked if the City has their portion. Quinn Bennion stated it would have to come out of the sewer fund. Ryan Goodrich stated that the Sewer Management Board is considering changing the sewer rates to pay this cost over the next ten years. There was some discussion regarding the large development that is expected to happen on 500 East. Councilmember Nick Porter noted this will keep City funds available for emergencies. Councilmember Ted Munford asked if there are any other areas like this. Ryan Goodrich answered yes, although this one has the most impact on the systems and the other areas have much lower flow. Councilmember Dave Everett stated this is a great solution with all the entities working together. Mayor Doug Hammond asked if the contractor will be able to do this project. Keith Despain answered that they have indicated they can do it with a change order to the contract.

**CLOSED SESSION:** *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to go into closed session to discuss the the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and hold a strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares and reconvene into open session when the discussion is*

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*completed. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

*Councilmember Munford.....aye;*  
*Councilmember Everett .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Porter .....aye;*  
*Councilmember Foley.....aye.*

**RECONVENE AND ADJOURN:** The meeting reconvened into open session. There being no further business; *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to adjourn. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was declared adjourned.*

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Mayor Doug Hammond

ATTEST:

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Roxanne Behunin, City Recorder

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