

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
APRIL 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Councilmember Dave Everett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE: *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to appoint Robin O’Driscoll as Mayor Pro Tempore for this meeting. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Ted Munford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Dave Everett.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2023: *Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Munford and Foley voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2023: *Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Munford and Foley voting in favor.*

FUNDING REQUEST FOR VERNAL’S DINOSAUR ROUND UP RODEO - CINDY WILLIAMS & CARSON YOUNG: Mayor Pro Temp Robin O’Driscoll informed the Council that the Rodeo Committee has asked for this item to be postponed until the next meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CMGC AGREEMENT WITH BHI FOR VALUE ENGINEERING OF ZIONS AND COBLEROCK BLOCK PROJECTS: Keith Despain explained that the staff is still waiting for final approval from BHI’s attorney before the Council approves the agreement. It will be placed onto the next agenda.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SNOW SHOE ENGINEERING FOR TESTING AND PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN PROPERTY: Keith Despain explained this project has to do with the buildings on 100 East from Main Street to 100 South. The City is going to demolish the old Showalter building and Basin Laundry. The environmental studies have been completed and all the requirements for the demo. Snowshoe Engineering will now complete the ground environmental testing. He noted that Jeremy LeBeau has helped the City with this agreement to have environmental inspectors on site during the demolition of the foundations as there is a concern that contaminants may come up as they

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raise the floor slaps. Once the ground is cleared, they will drill holes to see what contaminants are there and help with the application for the voluntary clean-up program. At the end of this project, they will give the City a certificate to sell the property with a statement that the environmental issues have been cleaned up. Councilmember Dave Everett commented that the City bought that property to responsibly clean it up. Councilmember Corey Foley asked when the demolition will start. Jeremy LeBeau stated there is a ten day waiting period so it is set for the end of the month. Keith Despain recommended the Council approve the agreement with Snowshoe Engineering in the amount of \$72,847. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the contract with Snowshoe in the amount of \$72,847. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Foley.....aye.

AMEND PERSONNEL POLICIES & PROCEDURES ADDING CITY ATTORNEY TO EXEMPT LIST 2.04.010 - RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03: Roxanne Behunin presented a Resolution adding the position of City Attorney to the exempt employee list. She explained that with the Council approving hiring a full-time attorney, that position will be salaried. Councilmember Ted Munford noted that historically the City has contracted out for legal services. The numbers have gotten better so an attorney can now be hired as an employee with other entities contracting with the City for those services. *Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-03. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Foley.....aye.

STAFF REPORTS

Election Year:

Roxanne Behunin reminded that Council that there are three Council seats up for election this year. The dates to declare candidacy is June 1 to June 7.

Budget Work sessions:

Carl Morton reminded the Council of the upcoming budget meeting scheduled for April 26th at 5:30 pm.

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Confidential funds:

Councilmember Corey Foley asked about the expenditure for confidential funds. Carl Morton explained that is for the Strike Force for informants.

PUBLIC HEARING: REZONE REQUEST FOR VACATION RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC, RANDY MCBRIDE – ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08: Mayor Pro Tempore Robin O’Driscoll opened the public hearing. Keith Despain reported that this property is on 500 North 225 East and is currently a mobile home park. It was rezoned to a R-4 zone as the owner wanted to do higher density. Those plans dissipated and now he is requesting to rezone back to a mobile home park so he can make improvements. Councilmember Dave Everett stated the intent is to do more affordable housing for the elderly. Keith Despain stated the City will install curbing and sidewalk along 500 North Street and resurface the road. He displayed the zoning map for this area to show the neighboring zones. Roxanne Behunin stated the Planning Commission is forwarding a positive recommendation. There being no further public comments, Mayor Pro Tempore Robin O’Driscoll closed the public hearing. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-08 rezoning the property from R-4 residential to MH mobile home. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Foley.....aye.

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

Mayor Doug Hammond

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, City Recorder

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