

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
MAY 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main, Vernal,
Utah 84078.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Ted Munford, Samantha Scott, Bert Clark, Dave Everett and Travis Allan and Mayor Doug Hammond.

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Bert Clark.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ted Munford.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2019: *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Allan, Everett, Scott and Clark voting in favor.*

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP OF VERNAL ROD & GUN CLUB EVENT - STACY HOWLEY: Stacy Howley explained that they are expecting 193 shooters from 21 states and Canada. Local businesses are used to provide food and entertainment. Many of the participants have their favorite restaurants and shops. This year a golf tournament was also sponsored. The hope is to bring more people to this wonderful City. There are three different levels of sponsorships, and the City's funds are used for the \$13,750 trophy package that has to be purchased. Quinn Bennion stated that the current budget includes the amount requested. Councilmember Samantha Scott stated that the Council has been holding budget workshops and revenues are way down. She stated she would be in favor of reducing this sponsorship by half. Councilmember Ted Munford informed Ms. Howley that the projected revenues are in the red by \$400,000. Councilmember Dave Everett stated that a lot of businesses benefit from this event and proposed a \$2000 sponsorship. Stacy Howley stated they would be grateful for anything. *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve a \$2000 sponsorship for the Rod and Gun Club tournament. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Clark, Everett, Scott, Munford and Allan voting in favor.*

PUBLIC HEARING: FY2019 BUDGET REOPENER #1 - ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06: Mike Davis, Finance Director, explained that this budget reopener looks at the budget changes to adjust the overall outlook of the budget. On the revenue side the beginning projection was \$9,850,000. There have been small increases for a net change of \$86,000. The expenses changed mostly to do with employee benefits as employees change for a net decrease of \$100,000. One item was the expected \$70,000 payment for the chip / seal bond that instead was not bonded so that payment is not needed. However, \$400,000 was taken out of special funds to pay that total cost. The unappropriated amount in the general fund went from \$2.5 million dollars down to \$1.9 million dollars which is 20%. The sales tax revenue used to be \$4 million dollars a few years ago and dropped to \$3.4 million and now is projected to be \$3.6 million. There are five special capital project funds that need to be moved into the Equipment Replacement Fund to help cover upcoming costs and those funds have not been used. Those

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funds and the approximate amounts being transferred include the capital fund in the amount of \$265,000, interlocal fund of \$4500, CDA fund of \$30,000, housing rehabilitation fund of \$6000 and the emergency preparedness fund of \$175,000. These funds will end up with a zero balance except the emergency preparedness fund that has a total of \$250,000 so a balance of \$75,000 will remain in that account. The total being transferred will be just under \$500,000. Quinn Bennion stated that the funds placed in the equipment replacement fund can possibly be used to replace one street sweeper. Mayor Doug Hammond opened the public hearing. Mike Davis stated that he would need approval from the Council to close out the funds and move money into the equipment replacement fund up to the amount of \$500,000. There being no public comments, Mayor Doug Hammond closed the public hearing. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-06 approving the budget reopener with the stipulations mentioned to move up to \$500,000 from specific special funds to the equipment replacement fund. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE - AGREEMENT WITH T-O ENGINEERS: Quinn Bennion explained that this agreement is with the FAA to provide funding for an airport master plan. The County, who is a 75% owner of the airport, has already approved the agreement. The total cost is \$311,000 which the FAA will fund 95% of it. The local match is \$15,000 and the Uintah Transportation District will fund that amount. Quinn Bennion stated that the engineers will seek public input for the plan. *Councilmember Travis Allan moved to approve the agreement for the master plan update for the airport. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AIRPORT AMENDMENT #14 - GROUND WATER MITIGATION PROJECT : Quinn Bennion stated that this amendment for the airport is to fix unforeseen ground water that is hampering the airport. The FAA will provide a 95% grant with a 5% local match which is \$18,500. The Uintah Transportation District has budgeted for this amendment. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve the Airport Amendment #14. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;

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Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark..... aye.

PRESENTATION OF FY2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Mike Davis presented the FY2020 tentative budget to the Council. Quinn Bennion explained that this document will be the starting point for the final budget for FY2020. Mike Davis stated that he has taken the projections for revenue and then the departments bring a budget for things they need. The Council reviews those requests and decides what to fund. Councilmember Dave Everett stated that it is a time consuming effort that many times is not popular. *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to accept the tentative budget. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark..... aye.

REQUEST TO AMEND THE VERNAL CITY MUNICIPAL CODE - BUSINESS LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS - ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07: Quinn Bennion explained that the City has been working with the City attorney to resolve a situation with a local business. This ordinance strengthens the City’s ability to cite the business owners for each day that they operate without obtaining a business license. The City has approximately 1000 businesses in Vernal who obtain the necessary sales tax numbers and licenses and it is not fair to them when this business will not comply. Councilmember Bert Clark asked who will do the enforcement. Quinn Bennion stated that State law requires a peace officer to issue the citation. Councilmember Travis Allan stated the City needs the ability to take action for a public nuisance. Quinn Bennion agreed and stated the City has enforcement language for other types of nuisances. After further discussion, *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-07. Councilmember Travis Allan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Allanaye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scottaye;
Councilmember Clark..... aye.

REVIEW AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PLAN TO DE-COMMISSION VIEW AREA: Quinn Bennion stated that in 1995 UDOT was going to close the overlook area and the City stepped in to take over maintenance of it. At the time it was quite a ways to local businesses to receive services. Now it is only a mile and a half from a gas station and the City has been working to de-commission this as a view area. The costs include a rental on a dumpster, port-a-john and staff times of a minimum of two hours a week cleaning, snow removal or weed control. Mayor Doug Hammond stated that there is a County road to the back of the overlook area so it cannot be blocked off completely. The BLM decided to put a new pavilion at Fantasy Canyon so the pavilion will be given to the high school bike club to put at Buckskin

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Hills. UDOT will take out the pavement and concrete.

CONTINUATION OF FY2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP: Quinn Bennion stated that this item will be postponed until May 8th.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Drains:

Councilmember Bert Clark asked the staff to have the street crew check the drains on 1500 West and 500 South and by the green dinosaur. Allen Parker stated they have been out working today on the storm drains. Councilmember Clark stated there is also a problem on 1500 West and 500 North.

Street Sweeping:

Councilmember Travis Allan stated he is receiving complaints about the dirt on the roads and although he knows they are out sweeping, it still seems to be a problem. Quinn Bennion stated that they have had mechanical problems with the sweepers, and they are out as soon as they are repaired.

Recycling:

Councilmember Travis Allan stated the plastic bags that are being placed out by residents with recyclable material are still causing a nuisance in neighborhoods. He suggested that people participating in the program provide a better type of container to put the bags in. There was some discussion regarding a one-time fee or other options to provide this service.

Upcoming Festivals:

Quinn Bennion reminded the Council of the upcoming festivals for Dinosaur Days and the River Fest to celebrate John Westley Powell’s 150 years of river running.

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION: *Councilmember Samantha Scott moved to convene into closed session to hold a strategy session to discuss the sale of real property including any form of water right or water shares and reconvene into open session when the discussion is completed. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

- Councilmember Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember Allanaye;*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Scottaye;*
- Councilmember Clark.....aye.*

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: The meeting reconvened into open session.

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 Doug Hammond

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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