

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
AUGUST 5, 2015 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, JoAnn Cowan, and Mayor Sonja Norton.

WELCOME: Mayor Sonja Norton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: An uplifting thought was given by Councilmember Dave Everett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Samantha Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2015 REGULAR MEETING:
Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2015. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Munford, Cowan, Everett, Scott, and Clark voting in favor for a unanimous vote.

REQUEST FROM TERRA ACADEMY FOR CITY TO DONATE OLD FURNITURE FROM OLD CITY HALL - CANDICE SEARLE: Dixie Allen, serving on Utah State Board of Education, explained the difference between charter schools and regular public schools. The regulations were approved by the State Legislature to give parents a choice, and are funded separately. Charter schools do not get funds for transportation or building costs, and that is the reason the Terra Academy is asking for this contribution. Another reason charter schools have come into existence is the narrow focus that has been placed on education with the State assessment test which public schools are graded on. Teachers are also changing over to charter schools as the testing is cumbersome. Councilmember Clark asked what grades will be provided and how many students are enrolled. Dixie Allen answered Terra Academy will provide Kindergarten through 12th grade. Candice Searle stated they have 650 students. Dixie Allen stated the State Legislature puts a cap on the number of students, and a lottery system is used to enroll students. Candice Searle explained that Terra Academy is a service based school with the students participating in citizenship. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan stated she is supportive of donating this furniture to the school in exchange for community service. Councilmember Munford asked for confirmation this furniture is not currently being used by the City. Mayor Norton agreed that the City departments should be contacted to see if they need any of this furniture before it is donated to the school. Candice Searle stated the students will provide community service based on the needs of the City and the students ability. After further discussion, Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to contact the departments to see if there is anything in this old furniture that they need, if not, donate the remainder to Terra Academy. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Cowan.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scott.....aye;

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Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING AGREEMENTS WITH GDA ENGINEERS FOR AIRPORT:

Ken Bassett explained that the airport is being expanded in three phases. The first phase included the utilities and the fencing and is almost concluded. The next phase is the earth work and drainage to prepare for the runway expansion and the last phase will be the actual paving of the runway. These improvements are funded almost entirely by the FAA, but because the City is one of the sponsors, any changes to the engineering agreements must be presented to the Council. Councilmember Clark asked who would be paying the local match. Ken Bassett answered that the County realizes this is another expenditure that is occurring, but the Interlocal with the Uintah Transportation District will be very specific that the City does not pay for anything that happens with the airport after January, 2015. Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve Amendment #5 of Phase 2 for the GDA engineering contract for the airport. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Cowan.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scott.....aye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

Councilmember Clark then moved to approve Amendment #2 for phase 1 to finish up the water, sewer and fencing for the airport. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember Cowan.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Scott.....aye;
Councilmember Clark.....aye.

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE VERNAL CITY PERSONNEL POLICIES - OVERTIME FOR POLICE OFFICERS - RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11:

Ken Bassett explained that for most City employees, they are paid time and one-half for any hours worked over 40 hours in a work week. For police officers, overtime is calculated differently based on federal law. The officer gets paid overtime for any hours worked over 171 in a 28 day period. A few situations have been occurring that affect this overtime policy. Police officers are asked to work a special assignment such as security for Wal-Mart or special DUI stops, and the entity asking for the extra police presence is reimbursing the City at the rate of time and one-half, and in turn, the City pays the officer overtime at time and one-half regardless of the number of hours worked in the 28 day period. Chief Dylan Rooks explained that the officers assigned are exclusively off-duty, and the company must take care of insurance issues in the event something happens. Ken Bassett explained that the other issue is requiring police officers to work as a bailiff for the justice court. Presently, officers sign up to do this work and are being paid time and one-half regardless of the number of hours worked. Generally, the officer will have

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worked his or her 40 hour shift before covering a bailiff shift, but periodically an officer will need to use sick leave or vacation and still work a bailiff shift. Chief Rooks explained that court security has changed drastically from the old building to the new building with the holding facilities, creating more liability when someone is in the care or custody of the officer. Two bailiffs are assigned to the court with one watching security at the door and the other keeping track of what is happening in the court and bringing prisoners in. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan stated that the City is saving money over hiring a full-time bailiff, and it helps the officers with more pay. Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-11. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Councilmember Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember Cowan.....aye;*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Scott.....aye;*
- Councilmember Clark.....aye.*

REVIEW OF BIDS AND AWARD OF SEAL COAT PROJECT FOR PARKING LOTS AND WALKING PARK:

Ken Bassett explained that bids were received to seal coat several parking lots and the walking path at the walking park. The expenditure for this project will be taken out of the green space fund for the walking park and the parking fund for the parking lots. This project includes two areas at the Public Works yard, the employees parking lot behind the water building on 500 East, the old City office building, parking lot next to Little B’s, and the police parking on the east side of City Hall. The low bid was submitted by Precision Asphalt out of Roosevelt, and Mr. Bassett recommended the Council accept the bid of Precision Asphalt. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan stated that the last time she was at the walking park there were some wide cracks in the paths, and she suggested those crack be repaired first to get the most out of the seal coat. Ken Bassett agreed. Mayor Norton asked what the ADA bid included. Ken Bassett stated that is the handicap symbols painted in the parking stall. Councilmember JoAnn Cowan moved to accept the low bid from Precision Asphalt. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

- Councilmember Munford.....aye;*
- Councilmember Cowan.....aye;*
- Councilmember Everettaye;*
- Councilmember Scott.....aye;*
- Councilmember Clark.....aye.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Engineering for signs:

Ken Bassett explained that the Planning Department is working on this issue, and even though the engineering cannot be eliminated entirely, it can be reduced for a small sign.

Uintah Impact Mitigation SSD:

Mayor Norton explained that the Uintah Impact Mitigation receives 15 free events at the

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conference center and one of those belongs to the City. She asked the Council to consider what event should use the center for the City. Also, the nursing simulation room is completed and will enhance the RN program. USU enrollment for fall is up by 20% with a big jump in teacher training.

Red Canyon event:

Ken Bassett brought the Council's attention to the flyer for the Red Canyon Visitor's Center fund raising event. The intent is to identify future donors that will help pay for improvements to the facility. The dinner is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on August 13th.

Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference:

Mayor Norton reminded the Council of the upcoming ULCT conference scheduled for September 16th thru the 18th.

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

Mayor Sonja Norton

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder

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