

**M**INUTES OF THE JOINT VERNAL CITY, NAPLES CITY AND UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2016 at 3:30 pm in the Uintah County Conference room, 147 East Main, Vernal, Utah.

**PRESENT:**

**UINTAH COUNTY:** Commissioners Mark Raymond, Mike McKee and Bill Stringer.

**VERNAL CITY:** Councilmembers Samantha Scott, Dave Everett, Bert Clark, Ted Munford and Mayor Sonja Norton. Councilmember Travis Allan was excused.

**GUESTS:** Josh Bake, Dean Baker, Joshua Murdock.

**STAFF:** Ken Bassett, Roxanne Behunin.

**WELCOME:** Commissioner Raymond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING:** Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve and acknowledge this meeting. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. Commissioners McKee, Stringer and Raymond and Councilmembers, Munford, Scott and Clark and Everett voted in favor for a unanimous vote.

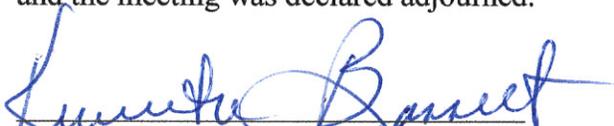
**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016:** Commissioner Bill Stringer moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2016. Councilmember Samantha Scott seconded the motion. Commissioners McKee, Stringer and Raymond and Councilmembers, Munford, Scott and Clark and Everett voted in favor. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**ATV JAMBOREE:** Commissioner Bill Stringer explained that organizational meetings have been held and a website set up to host the ATV Jamboree next month. A trail meeting will be held this week to finalize the rides. Commissioner Mark Raymond noted that a pre-ride has been scheduled with the leaders, and maps will be prepared for each location. This event can handle up to 100 participants. Commissioner Stringer stated that most of the trails are north of Highway 40 with agreements with the Forest Service and State Parks to help. The BLM is observing this year and may participate in the future. Councilmember Clark asked if they have designated host hotels with escorts to the trails. Commissioner Stringer stated they are working on that, and it will be important to notify law enforcement and have volunteers to help if someone becomes ill. He noted that the word is getting out that this area is an undiscovered gem for ATV enthusiasts. Also, the newspaper is able to shift through viewers and get demographic information to target the right people. With this being the first year in a quite a while that a lot of energy has been devoted to tourism, this information will be invaluable. Councilmember Dave Everett mentioned that VTV also had a nice segment on this jamboree although he did not know how far reaching that broadcast goes. Commissioner Stringer stated that once outdoor enthusiasts come here, it is easier to get them to return, especially once they discover it is not crowded. Next year this group will work with Rio Blanco County in Colorado and have trails that go south. Commissioner Stringer stated they would not be camping as most of the participants will be staying in hotels. One thing that will help is if they can unload their ATV's in the parking lot of

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informed on where they are headed with this program. Councilmember Bert Clark stated possibly the van could be used to shuttle residents to events such as the rodeo to help eliminate some traffic congestion or use it for tourists to travel along Main Street.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Commissioner Stringer moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was declared adjourned.



Kenneth L. Bassett, City Recorder