

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 23, 2019
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Joe B Lyman

City Councilmembers:

Kd Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Shumway

City Manager:

Jeremy Redd

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Policy Chief:

JJ Bradford

City Economic Development Specialist:

Pratt Redd

Absent: Logan Monson and Robert Turk

Others Attending: Troy Palmer, Joe Hurst, Cody Orr, Reesie Fox, Nick Fox

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Jeremy Redd

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Perkins moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 9, 2019 meeting. Councilmember Shumway seconded the motion. Mayor Lyman repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Perkins

Councilmember Bowers

Councilmember Shumway

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Lyman declared the motion carried.

Mayor Lyman asked if there were any conflicts of interest needing to be declared by Council members. There were not any.

3. OPEN FORUM

None Comments

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Status Report

Storm Drain Project

Mr Ekker reported the project is currently moving through the design stage. A start date in the Spring of 2020 is anticipated.

Water & Sewer Impact Fee Study

The study has been completed. Upon completion of a final public hearing the results of the study will be presented to Council.

Water Supply Forecasting and Water Rate Study

Staff is currently finalizing and testing rate numbers with engineers. Mr. Ekker told Council there has been some interesting hurdles in setting rates to large users, users such as the district, the churches and the city. It is anticipated the new rate structure will be in place this fall.

2019 Streets Project

The chip seal portion of the project will be completed by the end of next week. Notices have been delivered to those residents who may be affected by the project. Information will also be posted to social media according to Mr. Ekker.

Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ekker reported that the contracts have been signed with Jones and Demille Engineering and a kick off meeting has been held. The project will take approximately six-months to complete.

Councilmember Shumway asked for specifics on the plan. Mr. Ekker responded that some of the items included in the plan will be setting design standards for streets, planning and determining future street corridors, preparing for future growth and determining arterial roads. The determination of those arterial roads would allow the City to request federal funds to maintain them.

Fuse Coordination Study

This project will require the help of ICPE firm. The project will increase the reliability of the electric system, facilitate troubleshooting during outages and diminish outage areas when they occur.

B. Kim Palmer presented the Financial Status Report

Ms. Palmer reported the financial status of the City to be within budget at the end of fiscal year 2019. The majority of revenues were greater than the anticipated budget numbers, while expenses were less. The audit for fiscal year 2019 will take place August 5th - 7th. Ms. Palmer reported there are currently 1750 electric services, 1186 natural gas services and 1436 services. There are 1341 radio read electric meters, 420 radio read water meters and 357 radio read natural gas meters.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Independence Day Parade - Trophy Presentations - Mayor Lyman

Mayor Lyman presented trophies to the Independence Day Parade winners. The first place winner was Blue Mountain Hospital. Nick Fox was in attendance to receive the trophy. Four Corners Regional Care Center was awarded second place, who was represented by Troy Palmer. Third Place was presented to Joe Hurst, for the Pinehurst Gang float. Honorable Mentions went to San Juan Health Care and Utah Navajo Health Systems.

B. Economic Development Presentation - Pratt Redd

Pratt Redd discussed the many activities he has been involved with over the past year. Mr. Redd has spent time working with projects coming to the area including the new Maverik Store and a motel in the works with Grover Dairy LLC. He also reported his efforts in locating a food franchise or restaurateur for the vacant Old Tymer building. He is currently working on some marketing/information materials to send to potential businesses who may find Blanding an attractive place to come.

Mr. Redd also shared his participation on several boards throughout the County. The ability to have representation on these boards has proven beneficial to the City, Mr. Redd told the City Council. Being aware and participating in acquiring grant funding has led to the City acquiring \$13,000 for a digital marketing campaign and \$20,000 in other marketing tools. His participation has led to a Blanding voice in County economic and tourism issues. He is currently working on several different social media projects that include topics from tourism to building lot availability in the City.

In conclusion, Mr. Redd stated that his goal is to help create an environment that's easy for those businesses that want to come - to come.

C. Electric Rate Study/Rate Change Adoption/Power Cost Adjustment - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that the Electric Rate Study has been completed. The result of the study indicates that no customer class was supplementing another. There was also no need for rate increases. Suggested changes include an increase to the grid access fee, formerly called a base rate, and a reduction to the usage rate. This makes a change to the customer's electric bill zero, in most cases. He also discussed the implementation of a power cost adjustment (PCA) to keep revenues stable. These adjustments will be minimal and at times a reduction rather than an increase.

Councilmember Bowers stated her appreciation for the time and effort behind the study. Council recommended further discussion on the study at the next Council meeting, when all members could participate.

D. Resolution 7-23-2019-1 - Electric Rate Changes, Power Cost Adjustment and Related Matters - Jeremy Redd

This item was tabled.

6. INFORMATION

A. Mayor Lyman reminded Council that a representative from Senator Romney's office will be attending the UNHS open house on Friday, July 26th.

B. Councilmember Shumway asked if a response had been received regarding the four-way stop. Mr. Redd responded that none had and that he would follow up on the letter.

C. Councilmember Shumway shared that Recapture Metals has closed and the property will be for sale.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Perkins moved to adjourn. Councilmember Bowers seconded the motion. Mayor Lyman repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Perkins

Councilmember Bowers

Councilmember Shumway

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Lyman declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder