

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 13, 2019
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Joe B. Lyman

Kd Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Monson

Robert Turk

City Manager:

Jeremy Redd

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Community Development:

Bret Hosler

City Police Chief:

JJ Bradford

City Economic Development Specialist:

Pratt Redd

Recreation Director:

David Palmer

Absent: Logan Shumway

Others Attending: Valarie Turk, Kara Laws

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Logan Monson

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Bowers moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 23, 2019 meeting. Councilmember Turk 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 Monson

Councilmember Turk

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

3. **OPEN FORUM**

None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the July 2019 Water Report

Mr. Ekker reported annual precipitation at 156.7% of normal. 119 acre feet was treated in July. Water from Dry Wash Reservoir is currently running into the 3rd reservoir to replace water being used for irrigation.

B. Chief Bradford presented the July 2019 Police Report

Total incidents during the month of July were down compared to last year. Officer Trey McDonald attended emergency vehicle training and Officer Hillhouse completed a phlebotomy course. Mayor Lyman commented on his ride-alongs with the officers, stating his admiration of their professionalism and desire to serve the community.

C. David Palmer presented the July 2019 Recreation Report

Mr. Palmer shared that there are 240 participants playing soccer this year, which equates to 20 teams. Football registration has been completed and teams will be drafted very soon.

5. **AGENDA**

A. Landscaping Contract Discussion - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd stated the three-year landscaping contract with Cedar Canyon Enterprises will be completed in October. He asked Council if there was any interest in extending the contract or if they would like it put out for bid. Council unanimously agreed the three year contract be put out for bid..

B. Water & Sewer Impact Fee Adjustment - Terry Ekker/Jeremy Redd

Leading the discussion, Mr. Ekker stated the following, "An impact fee is a one-time charge to new development for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of improvements required by the new growth and to maintain the current level of service." He reminded Council the study was requested by DWQ when funding for the east side sewer was received.

Mr. Ekker also discussed how the proposed fees were calculated in the study and stated that no grant funding was included in the numbers, which would have increased the rate substantially. Mr.Redd stated that if impact fees are not charged, growth would have to be paid for by all customers, through increased rates.

Councilmember Bowers expressed a concern that the increase may deter future development. Councilmember Monson reiterated that if not paid for by impact fees the growth would be funded through rates by all customers. It may also affect the opportunity to acquire further funding. Councilmember Turk suggested moving forward in the process and see what feedback is received from the community. Adjustments to the proposed rates can be changed before final approval.

Councilmember Turk moved to accept the recommendations from the study and schedule a public hearing. Councilmember Monson 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 Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

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

Mr. Redd reminded Council that the proposed resolution is approving the new rate structure, not an increase in the rates. Most customers will see little if any change to their bills.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve Resolution 7-23-2019-1 - Electric Rate Changes, Power Cost Adjustment and Related Matters. Councilmember Perkins 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 Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Mr. Redd also told Council the new rate structure would be implemented with the September billing.

D. BATC Proposed Bylaws Changes - Cheryl Bowers/Pratt Redd

Pratt Redd discussed the needed changes to the current bylaws, stating the changes will make the bylaws more applicable to the area. The new bylaws call for a six member board, which includes a chairperson rather than a president. Four meetings will be held yearly and members must attend at least two to remain on the board. It was also pointed out that the board will include one non-tourism member. This will add a little different perspective in the discussions. Mr. Jeremy Redd told Council the BATC is an advisory board, which will make suggestions and

recommendations only. Direction in spending tourism funds will come from the Council. Approval of the document will take place at the next Council meeting.

6. INFORMATION

Councilmember Bowers invited Council to attend a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, August

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at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello High School. Topics of discussion will include a proposal to divide the County, holding state judicial system accountable, expecting the San Juan County Commission to uphold the will of the people initiative and San Juan County litigation.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Perkins moved to enter an executive session. Councilmember Turk 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 Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council entered an executive session at 8:46 p.m.

Councilmember Turk moved to return to an open session. 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 Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council returned to open session at 9:12 p.m.

Councilmember Perkins moved to adjourn. Councilmember Monson 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 Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder