

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore:

Robert Turk

City Councilmembers:

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Shumway

Logan Monson

City Manager:

Jeremy Redd

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Community Development:

Bret Hosler

Absent: Mayor Lyman, Kd Perkins

Others Attending: None

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Robert Turk

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Monson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the September 10, 2019 meeting. Councilmember Shumway seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:**

Those voting AYE

Councilmember Bowers

Councilmember Shumway

Councilmember Monson

Councilmember Turk

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore declared the motion carried.

3. OPEN FORUM

None

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Kim Palmer presented the Financial Status Report

Ms. Palmer reported that all City accounts were within budget. In a discussion regarding the

Wellness Center, Ms. Palmer shared historical data on the center. A chart showing revenues and expenses over a seven year period showed that the center was in the black for all years except 2016. She told Council that during the 2015-2016 year changes were made to increase revenue and reduce expenses. Those changes included the implementation of software that would better track memberships and attendance. A part-time manager was also hired. While expenses are starting to level out, revenues are now climbing.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Ordinance 2019-2-Water & Sewer Impact Fees - Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Shumway expressed concern that the increase recommended by the recent impact fee study was too much. The increase would be more than double to sewer fees. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk agreed that the increase was a lot, but stated the City must be proactive to get future funding. The study was required from the Department of Water Quality when the City received funding from them for the recent east side sewer project. Councilmember Shumway agreed an increase was necessary, but did not feel it needed to be more than double the original amount. He also stated he did not believe that a funding source would withhold funding if the fees were not at the recommended level. Councilmember Monson stated that he felt the fees should be at the recommended level to ensure future funding opportunities. If the fees are not at the recommended level, it may jeopardize the opportunity for grants or low interest loans. Councilmember Bowers expressed concern about the large increase but also echoed Councilmember Monson's concerns with funding.

Councilmember Shumway moved to approve Ordinance 2019-2- Water & Sewer Impact Fees, with the recommended study water impact fees and sewer impact fees at \$500 per ERU. Councilmember Bowers seconded the motion

Councilmember Bowers made a substitute motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2- Water & Sewer Impact Fees, with the recommended study water impact fees and sewer impact fees at \$725 per ERU. No second was received on this motion and it died.

In further discussion it was suggested additional changes be made to the sewer impact fee table. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk recommended the discussion be tabled until the following meeting to allow staff to compile and share the recommended changes.

Councilmember Bowers moved to table the item until the following Council meeting. Councilmember Shumway seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk declared the motion carried.

B. Dutch Oven Days Event Overview - Pratt Redd

Mr. P. Redd shared information regarding the Dutch Oven Days Event. The event has been organized by Blanding City and the Blanding Chamber of Commerce. The event is scheduled for October 5 from 12:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. Activities at the event include a hayride, straw maze, corn pit, pumpkin painting, photo booth, food, homemade arts & crafts and a dutch oven cooking contest.. It is anticipated this will become an annual event.

C. Legacy Trust - Bret Hosler

Mr. Hosler discussed the proposed changes to the Legacy Trust By-Laws. He told Council that although the trust is not managed by the City, the Council is the body that approves the by-laws. The purpose of the trust is to facilitate good things in the community according to Mr. Hosler. Funds have been granted to activities occurring in the community, the most recent being the Veterans Memorial in 2013. The proposed changes to the bylaws will open more avenues for the trust to be accessed in the community. It will also allow for all those living in the 84511 to sit on its board.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve the changes to the Legacy Trust Bylaws. Councilmember Bowers seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk declared the motion carried.

D. USU Arts & Events Center Letter - Cheryl Bowers

Councilmember Bowers told Council that USU will receive sole ownership of the Arts & Events Center in March 2020. There have been concerns by some that at this point the facility may no longer be a place where performing arts and large civic events can be held. The facility has hosted performing arts and large civic events for 20 years. Council gave unanimous advice and consent for the letter.

E. Work Meeting with SJ County Commission - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that the County will be holding their regular Commission meeting in Blanding on October 1st. They have inquired if the Blanding City Council would be interested in

a combined work session to discuss topics of concern they may have. The meeting would begin at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk stated he would be unable to attend due to the scheduled time. Councilmembers Monson, Bowers and Shumway thought they may be able to attend. Several talking points for the meeting were discussed.

F. Commercial Properties/Weeds & Maintenance - Cheryl Bowers

Councilmember Bowers reported she had been approached by several community members regarding the condition of vacant business properties in town. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk shared he had also been approached. Mr. Redd briefly shared the City's ordinance on commercial zone landscaping. Council determined the discussion should be continued at a future Council meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - CIB STORM WATER PROJECT APPLICATION

Councilmember Bowers moved to enter a public hearing. Councilmember Shumway seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk declared the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Robert Turk, opened the public hearing for the Blanding City Storm Water Flood Mitigation Project Public Hearing at approximately 7:30 PM. Mayor Pro-Tem Turk stated that this hearing is being called to allow citizens to provide input concerning the proposed funding of the Blanding City Storm Water Flood Mitigation Project including the city's intent to seek funding from the Community Impact Board.

The Mayor had Jeremy Redd, the City Manager explain the proposal to those in attendance. Mr. Redd explained that the City has been planning for an upgrade to the storm water system for many years, implemented a storm water utility, and increased rates to save money for this project to mitigate flooding seen when large storms happen in the community. The City has currently saved \$114,000 towards the project, secured a loan for \$1,359,000 from the Board of Water Resources, and the City intends to ask the CIB to match their savings with an additional \$125,000 in grant funding. They discussed the possibility of loan from the CIB. The City Council feels that a loan from CIB would not be in the best interest of the City because they are already taking a loan for 85% of the total project cost and another bond for such a small amount may not be prudent.

There was a discussion about how beneficial CIB funding has been for the City on past projects, and how important mineral lease funds are to help fund projects in San Juan County which has so little private land to help pay for needed infrastructure.

He explained that the project will fix three different areas that currently flood and cause damage during the large yearly monsoonal rainstorms. No comments were made by the public. The Mayor Pro-Tem then asked for any additional comments, questions and concerns from the audience. There were no questions or concerns. Hearing no other comments the hearing was adjourned at approximately 7:36 PM.

Councilmember Shumway moved to leave the public hearing and return to the regular Council meeting. Councilmember Monson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk declared the motion carried.

7. INFORMATION

Terry Ekker reported to Council that the preliminary plan for the Manti-LaSal Forest has been completed. Additional information will be shared on the plan at a later date.

Jeremy Redd reminded Council that John Curtis will be in Blanding on October 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Logan Shumway shared that an annual review will be scheduled with Chief Bradford. The meeting will be held in an executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Monson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Shumway seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE

**Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway**

Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk

Those voting NAY

NONE

Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Pro-Tempore Turk declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder