

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 22, 2019
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Joe B Lyman

City Councilmembers:

Kd. Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Monson

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Community Development:

Bret Hosler

Absent: Logan Shumway, Robert Turk and Jeremy Redd

Others Attending: Heber Hyder, Jason Johnson

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Kim Palmer

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Monson moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 8, 2019 meeting. 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

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 Project Report

Storm Drain Project

Mr. Ekker reported the City crew has been potholing existing utilities to avoid conflicts with the new storm drain pipe. A bid date in January and a bid opening in February is anticipated.

Construction is expected to begin in April 2020. A public hearing on the bond process will take place in the next couple of months.

Water & Sewer Impact Fee Study

The impact fee process has been completed. The new ordinance has been codified and the new fee will be in effect beginning January 10, 2020.

Water Supply Forecasting & Water Rate Study

City staff are currently testing numbers to validate the proposed rates.

2019 Streets Project

Warranty work is currently being completed.

Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ekker reported that after a number of meetings with Jones and Demille Engineering the project is underway. Council will be updated on the process and a final plan will be presented during a future Council meeting.

Fuse Coordination Study

This project is in full swing. It will take several months to complete. A final report will be presented to the Council upon completion.

B. Kim Palmer presented the Financial Status Report

Ms. Palmer reported the finances of the City are all within budget.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Forestry, Fire & State Lands - Jason Johnson/Heber Hyder

Jason Johnson, Southeastern Utah's Forest Manager, discussed the cooperative agreement between the City of Blanding and the Forest Service. The agreement allows the City and the Forest Service to work together to mitigate fires in the area. City Fire Chief Corey Spillman and City Manager Jeremy Redd are working with the Forest to establish a Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP). The plan will be specific to community needs and include how to deploy resources, prevention and preparedness. Mayor Lyman suggested the Planning Commission take part in developing the plan.

Heber Hyder, San Juan County Fire Warden, reported information about the recent fire season. There were 60 fires responded to with the largest being the Peavine Fire. This fire along with the Poison Canyon and Chippean area fires are still burning. These fires are contained and monitored by fire officials.

B. Landscaping Services Proposal - Kim Palmer

Council gave advice and consent to advertise for bids for the landscaping contract. This is a three year contract.

C. Ordinance 2019 -3 - Planned Unit Development Ordinance - Bret Hosler

Councilmember Perkins moved to approve Ordinance 2019-3- Planned Unit Development Ordinance. 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

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

D. Proposed Ordinance 2019-4- Water Conservation - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker explained that as a condition for funding for the stormwater project Water Resources has requested a water conservation ordinance be established by the City. As directed the ordinance states that watering between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. is prohibited and irrigation systems must be maintained to promote efficient watering and limit leaks.

Mayor Lyman expressed concern with the ordinance stating it makes those without water systems easily out of compliance regularly. He would rather see encouragement to conserve through education methods, rather than penalizing for not complying.

Advice and Consent was given unanimously by Council to move the ordinance to a public hearing.

E. Proposed San Juan County Property Tax Increase - Cheryl Bowers

Councilmember Bowers expressed concern with the proposed 22.9% property tax increase being considered by the San Juan County Commission. She suggested the Council draft a letter to be read during Commission meeting expressing opposition to the increase. There needs to be more discussion by the Commission on the financial status of the County. An increase in taxes should be the final option after all others are exhausted stated Councilmember Bowers. The Council agreed and a letter will be drafted for their approval.

6. INFORMATION

A. Councilmember Bowers shared that Moab and Grand County have written resolutions stating a position against ATV's and UTV's in State parks. She suggested the City write their own and distribute it to State leadership individuals.

B. Councilmember Perkins shared that the High School is presenting a drama play called, "Wait Until Dark." You can attend Thursday, Friday or Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

C. Councilmember Monson told Council that the Recreation Board will be meeting on October 29th at 6:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Monson moved to adjourn. 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

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder