

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JUNE 9, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Joe B. Lyman

Kd Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Monson

Robert Turk

Logan Shumway

City Manager:

Jeremy Redd

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Police Chief:

JJ Bradford

City Recreation Director:

David Palmer

City Community Development:

Bret Hosler

Others: Kendall Laws

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

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Perkins moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the May 26, 2020 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 Shumway

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 May 2020 Water Report

Water use in the month of May was double the usage from May 2019 reported Mr. Ekker. Precipitation was below average for the month.

B. Chief Bradford presented the May 2020 Police Report

Total incidents during the month of May were down in comparison to last year. Officers are continuing to see an increase in domestic assaults. DUI's are also up from 2019 numbers. Chris Sanchez has been hired to replace officer Clayton Most, who will be leaving at the end of the week. Cole Palmer has completed the academy and will be starting patrol over the weekend.

D. David Palmer presented the May 2020 Recreation Report

Mr. Palmer reported that the pool was open and busy. Summer baseball, softball, t-ball and machine pitch games will begin next week. Numbers are down from last year, but could be a result of the reduction of participants from the south end of the County. Monticello and Moab have chosen not to run leagues this year.

5. AGENDA

A. Mid-Block Sewer Lines - Terry Ekker

In a discussion regarding mid-block sewer lines, Mr. Ekker told the Council that per state code a main line must be 8" in diameter. However if only one line or, with special permission, a 6" line may be approved. Manholes are required at locations along these main lines for cleaning and repairing of the line. The City currently has several areas where there are multiple connections on these lines that are 4" - 6" in diameter. There are also limited manholes available. The small pipe and limited manholes make cleaning and access to ensure cleaning difficult. Mayor Lyman stated that many of these lines have been in place since the late 40's and 50's when standards and codes were different. Many laterals are even difficult to locate, commented Mr. Ekker. In addition to the need to repair, replace and identify these lines, Mr. Ekker asked the Council to develop a policy for determining what is a main line and what is a lateral and identifying who is responsible for maintaining the lateral and at what point that begins.

In a discussion regarding the cost to complete and repair the problems discussed, Mr. Ekker stated the estimated cost is \$2,415,270. To install just manholes on 8" lines would be approximately \$400,000. Mr. Redd said that small projects could be done to repair some of the issues. A discussion on mid-block sewer lines will continue at future Council meetings.

B. Airport FBO Proposals - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told the Council that two proposals were received for the FBO at the airport. The information in the packet includes the RFP that was sent out, the proposals received, and a summary of each of the proposals. When asked what direction the Council would like to move, Councilmember Bowers recommended each of the two applicants be interviewed in the next Council meeting. She also suggested the Council consider giving the hangars to the FBO. Mr. Redd will invite each applicant to the next meeting.

C. Legal Services Contract - City Attorney Kendall Laws - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told the Council that the current attorney contract will expire on June 30th. Changes to the new contract include a reduction in hours from 240 to 180. The reduction is more accurate to what is actually occurring. Mr. Laws spends 75% of his time with the Justice Court and 25% working on other City matters. He is also requesting an increase of \$500 for training. The training he has attended has been beneficial to the City in encouraging the sidewalk grinding and manhole cover inspections, among other things. Councilmember Shumway requested to see an average of the hours Mr. Laws works for the City, prior to approving the contract. Council agreed that would be beneficial.

D. Resolution 6-9-2020-1 Tier 2 Public Safety Retirement Enhancement “Pickup”- Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer told the Council that Utah State Retirement Systems has announced an increase of 2.27% in the Tier 2 Public Safety Retirement contribution rates. This was done as an employee contribution and the City has no obligation to pay. However, the IRS has allowed the City to “pickup” the increase for the employee, if they so choose. A discussion on the difference between tier 1 and tier 2 contributions continued. Councilmember Shumway requested the approval of the resolution be delayed until the next meeting, to allow for more information on the increase.

Councilmember Perkins moved to approve Resolution 6-9-2020-1 Tier 2 Public Safety Retirement Enhancement “Pickup”. Councilmember Turk seconded the motion. Mayor Lyman repeated the motion and asked for discussion.

Councilmember Shumway made a substitute motion to table the item until the June 23 2020 meeting. 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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson**

Those voting NAY

**Councilmember Perkins
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Turk**

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

The first motion was then voted on -

Those voting AYE

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

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

E. Utility Disconnections & Fees - Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer requested permission to return to the normal processes of issuing late fees, disconnects and reconnect fees by the end of July. The deferment from the process has been helpful for residents over the past few months, but it now appears customers are accruing large bills that will be difficult for them to pay. She recommended that no disconnect or late fees be assessed in June, but utility disconnects be done, then returning to assessing late fees, disconnect fees and disconnects in July. Council approved the request.

F. Forest Service - Camp Jackson Gate Letter - Mayor Lyman/Cheryl Bowers

Mayor Lyman told the Council that several residents have commented that the Forest Service and County Road crews are telling them the gates at Camp Jackson are closed at the request of the City to protect the watershed. This is false. The letter states that the City recommends the gate is open or removed entirely. It's not closed by any request of the City.

G. COVID - 19 - City Activities & Facilities - Mayor Lyman

Mayor Lyman discussed the response received from the Council's move to cancel the 4th of July celebration this year. There were many emotional responses. There are now several private events being planned. He reminded everyone that if those private event promoters want to use public properties they should complete the City's special event application and adhere to the policy. Councilmember Bowers commented that one issue the private sponsors are running into is the cost of insurance for their events.

H. County Commission Meeting Review - Jeremy Redd

Nothing to report.

I. City Manager Items - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared the following:

1. A work session to discuss the Visitor's Center will be held on June 16th.
2. The Transportation Master plan open house will take place on Wednesday, June 10th from 6 pm - 8 pm.
3. The storm drain project will be starting soon.
4. The pool is open and customers are adhering to the social distancing requirements.
5. The City is scheduled to receive \$108,000 from the CARES Act.
6. A brief ceremony was held at the USU Blanding Campus to unveil the renaming of the street to Aggie Drive.
7. A discussion and approval of the certified tax rate is scheduled for the June 23 Council meeting.

6. INFORMATION

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Turk moved to enter an executive session to discuss personnel.

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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council entered an executive session at 9:04 p.m.

Councilmember Turk moved to leave the executive session and re-enter an open session.

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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council re-entered an open session at 9:25 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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson**

**Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder