

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 14, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Joe B. Lyman

Kd Perkins

Robert Turk

Logan Shumway

City Manager:

Jeremy Redd

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Police Chief:

JJ Bradford

Absent: Cheryl Bowers, Logan Monson

Others: Lynne Shumway, Valarie Turk

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

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Turk moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the June 23, 2020 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 Shumway
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

3. OPEN FORUM

Valarie Turk requested the swimming pool install a PA system. The system could be beneficial for not only clearing the pool in an emergency, but reduce the number of parents coming into the pool area to get their children out of the pool.

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the June 2020 Water Report

Annual precipitation is at 97.7% of average, due to the storms received during the winter months. The 4th reservoir is full. The 3rd reservoir is dropping to allow for repairs to the staff gauge.

B. Chief Bradford presented the June 2020 Police Report

Total incidents were up from 2019. Officers attended a firearms training during the month of June. Chief Bradford also reported that one officer has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

D. Jeremy Redd presented the June 2020 Recreation Report

Baseball, Softball, T-ball and Machine Pitch seasons have finished. Soccer registration has finished and the draft is taking place. Registrations for football are beginning. The pool is busy and running well.

5. **AGENDA**

A. Parking Lot Maintenance - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker shared with Council information regarding the City parking lot and the Ace Hardware parking area. Ace is currently in the process of upgrading their lot and the contractor has inquired if the City might also be interested since they are adjacent and it would lower the cost since they are already mobilizing. The cost to complete the City portion would be approximately \$70,000. Mr. Ekker stated that he has brought the suggestion to the Council for their recommendation. The project was not included in the 2021 fiscal year budget, but could be paid for with savings.

B. Bears Ears Travel Management Plan - Cooperating Agency MOU - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told the Council that the City has been asked to participate as a cooperating agency in the development of the management plan for the Bears Ears Monument. The County denied the request to participate. It would be a good opportunity to be a part of the process to ensure the City's interests are represented.

Councilmember Shumway moved to approve the Cooperating Agency MOU between the City of Blanding and the BLM Monticello Field Office for the Bears Ears National Monument Travel Management Planning. 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 Shumway
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

C. Visitor Center Discussion - Jeremy Redd

Council asked Mr. Redd to schedule a time that members could meet and tour the Visitor Center to get a better understanding of the facility. It is anticipated this will take place in the next few weeks.

D. County Commission Meeting Review - Jeremy Redd

Nothing to report.

I. City Manager Items - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd explained some of the steps being taken to make sure City facilities and programs are safe from the COVID virus outbreak. Testing in the community shows a dramatic increase in the number of positive cases in Blanding. He further explained that the City has a plan for decreasing hours at the swimming pool in the event that lifeguards become ill and cannot work. The City will continue to make sure that everything is being done in accordance with San Juan County Health Department guidelines for the benefit of the community and the safety of staff and patrons.

6. INFORMATION

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - PURCHASING ORDINANCE

Councilmember Turk moved to enter the public hearing regarding the Purchasing Ordinance. 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 Shumway
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council entered the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Shumway moved to leave the public hearing and re-enter an open 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 Shumway
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Turk 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 Shumway
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder