

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 28, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Joe B Lyman

Kd. Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Shumway

Logan Monson

City Manager:

City Finance Director:

City Engineer:

City Community Development:

Jeremy Redd

Kim Palmer

Terry Ekker

Bret Hosler

Absent: Robert Turk

Others Attending: None

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

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Perkins moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the July 14, 2020 meeting. 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 Shumway

Councilmember Monson

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

3. OPEN FORUM

The following letter was read in Council meeting:

Dear Council Members,

For the previous three years, Bear Skins Custom Ink has been trying to be allowed to submit a bid to supply items for the Visitor Center in Blanding. As you consider what action to be taken in regards to the Visitor Center, please keep in mind that we are still interested. We are not only interested in supplying products, but we would also be interested in leasing the building or partnering with the City to run, staff, and/or manage the Visitor Center.

A brief explanation of who we are: In 2016 we purchased a screen-printing business from Ryan and Brenda Heck. In 2017, we purchased the screen-printing portion of GETGO Signs out of Monticello. As we have continued to grow, we have added: embroidery, Direct to Garment, vinyl, heat transfers, sublimation and more. We now can print from 1 item to 8000 (an order of 8000 was just placed) or larger. We are still growing. Since the initial purchase in 2016, we have experienced growth in excess of 500%.

We rented a booth from the City on the 4th of July 2019 which resulted in \$600 in sales. We also had a booth for the 4th of July 2020 which resulted in over \$3000 in sales. With the onset of Covid-19, we had to adjust our business plan. With the adjustment we have experienced exceptional growth in the retail market and anticipate that growth with continue. Currently we employ 8 persons in both full-time and part-time positions.

We are in a position to help reduce or eliminate the City's expense in operating the Visitor Center. Our business is still growing but we are busting at the seams operating from our residence. We would strive to see the Visitor Center operating in the black.

Please keep us in mind as you make decisions about the future of the Visitor Center. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet and discuss possible solutions.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Lyle and Cindy Bayles
Bear Skins Custom Ink
Phone: (435) 459-0502
Email: cindy@bearskinscustomink.com

4. REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Report

Storm Drain Project

The project is moving along, albeit slowly. A change order will be necessary due to the amount of rock excavation that has become necessary. There are now two crews working on the project. A crew on the north side of town and a crew on the south side.

Transportation Master Plan

There are still a few comments coming in. It is anticipated that the plan will come back to Council next month to be accepted.

Water Conservation Plan Update

The Blanding City Water Conservation Plan is required by the State of Utah to be updated in 2020. A draft of the plan should be submitted by August with a City Council approved plan in place by December. Due to current workload staff will begin the update process in early July.

Water Treatment Membrane Filter Replacement

A proposal from PALL has been accepted. Installation and delivery is being scheduled. It is anticipated that the replacement will take place during the winter months when production is down at the plant.

B. Kim Palmer presented the Financial Status Report

Ms. Palmer shared that the financial report is for the fiscal year end 2020. All accounts were within budget at year end. Councilmember Bowers asked for clarification regarding the intergovernmental revenues, which were under budget at year end. Ms. Palmer responded that it was anticipated that grants would be received, but they were not. Because no revenue was received, no expense was generated either.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Parking Lot Maintenance - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker reviewed the information regarding the repaving of the parking lot between the City office and ACE Hardware. LeGrand Johnson has submitted a bid amount of \$67,163.40 to complete the work in conjunction with the repaving of the ACE Hardware portion of the lot. Mr. Redd told Council funds for the project would have to come from savings. Councilmember Bowers asked if the City would save by completing the project alongside ACE and was there a cheaper option available such as sealing the lot. Mr. Ekker responded he did not believe it was cheaper and sealing the lot was probably not the best option. No maintenance has been completed on the parking area in the past 16 years, he would recommend the project be completed. Council determined to wait until the next meeting to make a final decision on the project.

C. Ordinance 2020-2 Purchasing Ordinance Changes - Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Perkins moved to approve Ordinance 2020-2 Purchasing Ordinance

Changes. 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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Perkins**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

D. ATV Safari Funding - Kim Palmer

Council gave advice and consent to provide a \$500 donation to the ATV Safari. The Safari is scheduled for September 9th - 12th.

E. Storm Drain Project - Approve Change Order #1 - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker explained that due to a substantial amount of rock in the area there has been a change order requested by the contractor and approved by the engineer. The change order would increase the cost of the project by \$61,200 and extend the project out 5 weeks. Mr. Redd told Council that contingency funds were budgeted in the project in case there were change orders. The contingency amount is \$140,000.

Councilmember Shumway moved to approve Change Order #1. 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
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Perkins**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

F. County Commission Meeting Review - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that the financial audit for the County was discussed briefly in the meeting. There were several findings and recommendations made by the auditors.

G. City Manager Items - Jeremy Redd

- FBO agreement is being worked through with Kasper Pederson and Shelby Seely.

- Toured the Visitor Center with Councilmembers Monson and Turk. Options for the Center will be brought to Council for discussion at the next meeting.
- Gary Torres is the new BLM Manager for the Moab - Monticello area.
- A Fall Festival is tentatively being discussed by staff for October 10th. The band and the fireworks vendor are both available for that date. More information will be forthcoming.

6. INFORMATION

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Perkins**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder