

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
AUGUST 25, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Joe B Lyman

City Councilmembers:

Kd Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Shumway

Logan Monson

Robert Turk

City Manager:

Jeremy Redd

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Community Development:

Bret Hosler

Others Attending: Robert Ogle, Kasper Pedersen, Shelby Seely

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Cheryl Bowers

Conflicts of Interest - There were none stated.

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Perkins moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the August 11, 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

No Comments

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the Project Report

Storm Drain Project

The project was reported to be 30% complete at the end of July reported Mr. Ekker. The contractor is making significant progress and anticipates being at 60% complete by the end of August. Both crews will be on-site until the project is completed.

Due to a couple of problems encountered at the intersection of 100 E 200 N a change order will be necessary. Approval for the change order will be presented at a subsequent meeting.

Transportation Master Plan

Staff will be meeting with Jones and Demille to discuss the public comments and compile a final draft for the City Council to consider.

Water Conservation Plan Update

Mr. Ekker reported that a draft of the plan is near completion and will be presented to the Council in September or October. The plan will need to be finalized by the end of the year.

Water Treatment Membrane Filter Replacement

PALL will have a representative onsite in mid-September to go through the water plant and then provide valuable information and training to staff. The replacement of the membranes will take place this winter.

B. Kim Palmer presented the Financial Status Report

Ms. Palmer reported that sales tax figures for July were above budgeted amounts. Soccer revenue is up \$1,400 over budget and above last year.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Electric Update - Carbon-Free Power Project & Steel I Solar Project Updates - Jeremy Redd

The 35 members of the Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP) are continuing discussion on the Project. Each entity is still determining what role they are willing to take in the project if any. Mr. Redd reported that Logan City has left the project. When questioned what impact participants leaving the project would have on the other members, Mr. Redd responded that the risk may increase for those remaining depending on final subscription numbers. The project itself may become non-viable and terminate if subscription levels drop too low.

Mayor Lyman asked if the Department of Energy (DOE) would step in and finish the project. Mr. Redd responded that the DOE has already contributed \$1.4 billion to the project. They are currently in discussions with the UAMPS about the project. Recommending that the City stay with the project, at least for the time being, Mr. Redd stated that nuclear is definitely the best clear source of baseload energy. He expressed his continued support for nuclear energy and the current CFPP project.

Mr. Redd briefly discussed the UAMPS Steel I Solar Project. This is a new project that the City may consider. The City could purchase through this source with a power purchase agreement for the power rather than owning the project outright.

B. Recreation Board Appointment - Mayor Lyman

Council unanimously approved the appointment of Tranner Sharpe to the Recreation Board.

Councilmember Monson told Council that the Recreation Board voted to suspend tackle football this year due to the lack of teams to play. Cortez and Moab are not participating in tackle football due to issues related to the Coronavirus. Flag football will be played for all age groups in Blanding instead.

C. Homeless Coordinating Committee Membership - Jeremy Redd

Councilmember Bowers volunteered to attend the County Homeless Coordinating Committee meetings. Her appointment was approved by the City Council by advice and consent.

D. Annexation Request - Kasey Bandis - Jeremy Redd

An annexation request by Kasey Bandis for a 1-acre tract of land on 800 N Blue Mountain Road has been received. The planning commission recommended that the City move forward with the annexation process. Mr. Redd requested the public hearing for this request be scheduled for the second meeting in September which was approved.

Also included in the discussion was a question surrounding where the future planned 800 north street would be built in relation to this one-acre piece. Several options were suggested, including rerouting it to 750 North and only clipping a piece of the property. Councilmember Perkins stated that the transportation master plan, when completed, will help when these types of situations arise. Mr. Redd told the Council that a further discussion on 800 North would need to be held in an upcoming meeting.

E. County Commission Meeting Review - Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer reported from the August 18th County Commission meeting that the County is applying for a grant with a 50% match to put in a "rental space" in the basement of the Monticello library. It's anticipated that it will be a resource for travelers who may also be working from home.

The national parks service is considering the development of the area around Muley Point. The plan would include parking, restrooms, multi-use trails, and a campground. An anonymous donor has offered to fund the project, however, in return they are requiring the County to remove claims to RS2477 roads. Commissioner Adams stated he was not in favor of dropping any claims. He further stated that the public would not be any more supportive of a campground at Muley Point than they were for one at Goosenecks State Park.

The County Commission approved the budget adjustments presented. The adjustments were necessary as a result of the proposed property tax increase that was not passed. The County has received \$737,000 in CARES ACT funding thus far. Departments within the County have also received funding, but no amounts were shared at the meeting.

F. City Manager Items - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared the following;

- The FBO contract for the airport is currently being reviewed by the City Attorney and will be coming back to Council for approval at a subsequent meeting.
- City dumpsters are becoming a place where people are dumping their residential garbage. Signs have now been posted and fines will be given to anyone caught dumping in these dumpsters. Mayor Lyman stated he is also seeing the illegal dumping occurring in his business containers.
- Ten businesses attended the open house for the County CARES ACT Grant. Several more contacted Pratt Redd regarding the grant funding after the open house. A total of \$250,000 in grant funding is available to local businesses. The second round of CARES ACT funding is expected in the next few weeks.

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 Turk
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Perkins**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

By:_____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder