

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Joe B Lyman

Kd Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Monson

City Manager:

Jeremy Redd

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Economic Development Specialist:

Pratt Redd

Absent: Logan Shumway, Robert Turk

Others Attending: Kendall Laws, Robert Ogle

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Pratt Redd

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Turk moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the April 14, 2020 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 that the project was 58% complete at the end of August. Both construction crews will continue working onsite until the project is completed.

Transportation Master Plan

Jones & Demille Engineering are finalizing the plan for Council approval. Adjustments to the plan were made per information received during the comment period.

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 will be available for Council review in October. The plan will need to be finalized by year end.

Water Treatment Membrane Filter Replacement

A representative from PALL was at the water treatment plant for a day and half running diagnostics and reviewing plant operations. Having visited plants all over the U.S., he shared with Mr. Ekker that he had never seen a plant as clean as the City's. He was very impressed with David Lyman, City Water Treatment Plant Operator. Mr. Ekker expressed appreciation to David for the excellent work he does in operating and maintaining the City's treatment plant.

B. Kim Palmer presented the Financial Status Report

Ms. Palmer told Council that the finances of the City are well within budgeted amounts. Interest rates have dropped significantly over the past several months. Sales tax revenue is up 5.5% over 2019. When asked what attributed to the increase, Ms. Palmer responded that it appears people are buying more local and online due to the pandemic.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution 9-22-2020-1 - IT & Computer Security and Ethics Policies - Kim Palmer

Councilmember Bowers moved to approve Resolution 9-22-2020-1 - IT & Security and Ethics Policies. 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 Monson

Councilmember Perkins

Councilmember Bowers

Those voting NAY

None

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

B. FBO Agreement Approval - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd told Council that a couple of changes had been made to the agreement, including the replacement of the business name to Freedom Fuels Blanding Air Support LLC and an additional paragraph regarding the renegotiating of the agreement at the end of its term. City Attorney

Kendall Laws recommended those paragraphs be added for clarification.

Signing of the document will occur when arrangements for the transfer of responsibilities between Guardian Flight and Freedom Fuels Blanding Air Support have been finalized.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve the FBO agreement with Freedom Fuels Blanding Air Support LLC. 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 Monson
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Perkins**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

C. Public Art Installation Policy Discussion - Logan Monson

When asked his advice on a public art installation, City Attorney Kendall Laws stated the safest thing to do would be to not allow any installation or allow all installations. Restrictions cannot be based on the content of the art piece. Restrictions such as where it is placed, size, color etc., are valid but content cannot easily be restricted. He continued to tell the Council that the installation of art on public properties is a large part of the education attorneys receive. He used several examples to explain the difficulty in restricting art installations. When asked if the City could be sued by not allowing public art, Mr. Laws responded no, stating that because it is fair across the board there would be no grounds for a suit. He again stated that the safest thing is to allow all or nothing. He recommended that if the City chooses to continue to develop a policy, they do so with a policy that sets the purpose of art such as “art that reflects the natural beauty of the area”. Mayor Lyman mentioned art that reflects both the cultural and natural beauty of the area.

Councilmember Monson questioned the need for a policy if you have a defined purpose. Mr. Laws responded by saying that a policy will be necessary to state and define the purpose and the restrictions.

Councilmember Perkins stated concerns of copyright, ownership issues and maintenance of these donated art pieces. She recommended that the policy be very specific about those items. Mr. Laws agreed that those were items would have to be thoroughly defined in the policy and the agreement with the artist.

It was suggested that Councilmember Monson, Attorney Laws and Mr. Redd continue to refine the policy and bring it back for continued discussion.

Councilmember Perkins moved to table the discussion for a future 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 Monson
	Councilmember Perkins
	Councilmember Bowers
Those voting NAY	None

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

D. Resolution 9-22-2020-2 Annexation of Territory Contiguous to the City of Blanding

This is the annexation of property for the Bandis family on Blue Mountain Road and approximately 800 N.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve Resolution 9-22-2020-2 Annexation of Territory Contiguous to the City of Blanding. 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 Monson
	Councilmember Perkins
	Councilmember Bowers
Those voting NAY	None

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

E. Fall Festival Event Update - Pratt Redd

Pratt Redd shared with Council the activities scheduled for the Fall Festival on October 10, 2020. Activities include, pumpkin carving and painting, a hot dog eating contest, kids games and a corn maze. A concert and firework show will follow in the evening. Currently 21 food and craft booths have registered for the event. Several local businesses and agencies have helped with event activities.

F. City Manager Items - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd shared the following;

1. A clean up day has been planned for October 31st. The City will pay for the items taken to the landfill between 10:am and 3:00 pm. No construction materials will be allowed.

2. The deadline for a decision on the UAMPS Carbon Free-Power Project has been extended to October 31st to allow time for the DOE grant award to be finalized. A discussion on the project and a decision will be held at our next Council meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING - ANNEXATION & PUBLIC HEARING - TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN.

Councilmember Perkins moved to enter a public hearing for annexation. 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 Monson
	Councilmember Bowers
	Councilmember Perkins

Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Lyman declared the motion carried.

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

There were no public comments on the annexation.

Councilmember Perkins moved to leave the annexation public hearing and enter a public hearing regarding the Transportation Master Plan. 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 Monson
	Councilmember Bowers
	Councilmember Perkins

Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Lyman declared the motion carried.

Council left the annexation public hearing and entered a public hearing regarding the Transportation Master plan at 7:40 p.m.

There were no public comments on the Transportation Master Plan.

Councilmember Monson moved to leave the public hearing and re-enter the open 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 Monson
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Perkins**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

7. INFORMATION

None

8. 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 Monson
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Perkins**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder