

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
OCTOBER 27, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

Joe B Lyman

City Councilmembers:

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

City Economic Development Specialist:

Pratt Redd

Absent: Kd Perkins

Others Attending: Chris Hanson

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

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Turk moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the October 13, 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 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 Project Report
Storm Drain Project***

As of the end of September the project is 70% complete. Both crews will continue to be onsite until the project is completed. The remainder of the pipe should be installed by the end of the week.

Transportation Master Plan

Mr. Ekker told the Council that the final draft is being prepared for Council review.

Water Conservation Plan Update

A draft of the plan is near completion and will be ready for Council review in the next month. The plan will need to be finalized by year end..

Water Treatment Membrane Filter Replacement

It is anticipated the filter membranes will be replaced in January or February.

Blanding Dam Site Feasibility Study

The scope of work completed by Jones and Demille Engineering has been reviewed by staff and an agreement for them to complete the study has been signed. A technical memorandum will be delivered in approximately 3 months.

B. Kim Palmer presented the Financial Status Report

Ms. Palmer told Council that the finances of the City are well within budgeted amounts. Sales tax revenues are up 7% from 2019.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Goosenecks State Park - Dark Sky Park Letter of Support - Jeremy Redd/Chris Hanson

Mr. Redd introduced Chris Hanson, Manager of the Edge of the Cedars State Park and Goosenecks State Park. Mr Hanson discussed and answered questions regarding the request for a letter of support for a dark sky designation for the Goosenecks State Park. The designation would be the 14th in the state and 7th in San Juan and Grand County. The designation would attract visitors worldwide to the area. When asked if the Edge of the Cedars would seek a designation, Mr. Hanson replied there were currently no plans to do so.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve the Dark Sky Park Letter of Support for Goosenecks State Park. 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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

B. Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Discussion - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reminded Council of their request to discuss a mid-year wage adjustment for personnel in October. He recommended both a cola and comp adjustment be made in January. Staff has done an excellent job over the past few months. Proposed personnel adjustments are inline with the compensation plan and performance reviews completed earlier in the year. Council requested the proposed salary and other budget adjustments be brought back for discussion at the next Council meeting.

C. Approve Storm Drain Project - Change Order #2 - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker told Council this is the formal approval for the change order discussed previously. The change order is actually a \$3,919 reduction.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve Stormwater Project Change Order #2.

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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

D. Coronavirus Review/Letter - Cheryl Bowers

Councilmember Bowers explained the purpose of the letter was to respond to the State's current matrix used to designate an area high, moderate or low in reference to Covid cases. The letter encourages State leaders to allow local health authorities to respond to the cases, needs, and restrictions of residents. A one size fits all approach is an overreach of power.

Councilmember Bowers moved to approve the concept of the letter with some minor revisions. 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**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

E. San Juan County 2020 Interlocal Agreement Review - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd reported that he had visited with the County Administration regarding the 2020 TRT disbursement, where he learned that the disbursement would not be made. The current interlocal agreement requires that the County forward the City's TRT funds to them each year. The funds are used by the City to assist local businesses.

Mayor Lyman stated that the TRT is not a budget option for the County. If TRT is up or down the City still should receive its share. When asked if there had been any discussion regarding the 2021 TRT disbursement, Mr. Redd responded that there had been no discussion regarding those funds.

The interlocal agreement states a clear picture on what services are provided by the County to the City and the City to the County residents. Among those services provided to County residents by the City, are emergency services such as fire and police response. Mayor Lyman will follow up with County elected officials on the matter.

F. CARES Act - 3rd Distribution Discussion - Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer told Council that a 3rd tranche of CARES Act funding was available to local governments. The City would receive an additional \$95,879.00. The City must respond by November 6th if they would like to take this payment.

Councilmember Turk moved to accept the CARES Act 3rd tranche. 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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

G. Administrator Applicants - Mayor Lyman

Mayor Lyman discussed the process for replacing current City Administrator Jeremy Redd. A questionnaire has been distributed to applicants and interviews will be conducted in the near future. He reminded Council the City Administrator is an appointment made by the Mayor with advice and consent requested from the Council.

H. City Administrator Items - Jeremy Redd

Mr. Redd read a statement expressing his appreciation to the Council for their support over the past several years as he has served as City Administrator. He spoke of his love for the community and the people who live in it.

Mayor Lyman presented Mr. Redd with a plaque of appreciation for his service as City Administrator.

6. INFORMATION
None

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Bowers moved to enter an executive 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 Shumway
	Councilmember Monson
	Councilmember Turk
	Councilmember Bowers

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

Council entered an executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Councilmember Turk moved to leave an executive session and return to an open 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 Shumway
	Councilmember Monson
	Councilmember Turk
	Councilmember Bowers

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

Council returned to an open meeting at 9:06

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Turk 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

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder