



# Special Meeting of the Governing Body Monticello City Council

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 8:00 am**

Attendees: Mayor Tim Young, Councilmember Kim Henderson, Councilmember Nathan Chamberlain, Councilmember Ron Skinner, Councilmember Bayley Hedglin, Councilmember George Rice, City Manager Evan Bolt, City Recorder Shalena Black

## Meeting Location: Electronic

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Consider Resolution Opposing Bears Ears Expansion (action)**

### Attachments:

- **RESOLUTION JOINT opposing County Resolution re Bears Ears** (RESOLUTION\_JOINT\_opposing\_County\_Resolution\_re\_Bears\_Ears.pdf)
- **RESOLUTION opposing County Resolution re Bears Ears** (RESOLUTION\_opposing\_County\_Resolution\_re\_Bears\_Ears.pdf)
- **Resolution 2-12-2019-1 Opposing Bears Ears Expansion (1)** (Resolution\_2-12-2019-1\_Opposing\_Bears\_Ears\_Expansion\_\_1\_.pdf)

4. **Adjournment (action)**

## Audio File

### Notice of Special Accommodations

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ALL CITY MEETINGS In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone needing special accommodations to attend a meeting may contact the City Office, 587-2271, at least three working days prior to the meeting. City Council may adjourn to closed session by majority vote, pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-4 & 5



RESOLUTION 12-8-2020-1

**A Joint Resolution Opposing San Juan County Resolution passed 12-1-2020, titled  
“Requesting that President-Elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Make it a priority of his new  
administration to take immediate action to restore the Bears Ears National Monument”,  
and Opposing the Expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument.**

WHEREAS, the Monticello City Council, Mayor and Blanding City Council and Mayor are in approval of this joint resolution.

WHEREAS, Blanding and Monticello, Utah are the largest cities located within San Juan County.

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020, the San Juan County Commission issued a resolution supporting the expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument; and

WHEREAS, the resolution was not authored locally but by entities outside San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the vote on the County resolution was not unanimous; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Blanding and the Mayor and City Council of Monticello believe the County resolution does not represent the majority opinion of the citizens of San Juan County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Blanding, Utah, and Monticello, Utah, located in San Juan County, Utah, reiterates our opposition to expanding the Bears Ears National Monument and republishes the previous resolutions regarding the Monument, attached hereto.

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WHEREAS, on December 1, 2020, the San Juan County Commission issued a resolution supporting the expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument; and

WHEREAS, Blanding, Utah is the largest city located within San Juan County.

WHEREAS, the resolution was not authored locally but by entities outside San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the vote on the County resolution was not unanimous; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Blanding believe the County resolution does not represent the majority opinion of the citizens of San Juan County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Blanding, Utah, located in San Juan County, Utah, reiterates our opposition to expanding the Bears Ears National Monument and republishes the previous resolutions regarding the Monument, attached hereto.



## RESOLUTION 2-12-2019-1

### **A Resolution Opposing Expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument**

WHEREAS, Blanding City advocates for the protection of the land and cultural resources along with maintaining access to Federal lands for traditional uses; and

WHEREAS, History has shown that a National Monument designation does not add to already existing Federal protections of the monument area, and places added restrictions to accessing the land over time; and

WHEREAS, The Blanding City Council believes that local plans should be paramount in consideration of Federal actions;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of Blanding, Utah expresses this statement and resolution opposing any future expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument. (Shash Jáa and Indian Creek Units)**

On December 28, 2016, President Barak Obama created the 1,351,849 acre Bears Ears National Monument despite the objection of all local and state elected officials. The Blanding City Council opposed the monument creation in July 2016, expressing that the designation would add no significant additional protections, was created without proper local input and support, was much too large an area to effectively manage, and would restrict access to the land for the traditional uses of all residents and visitors.

Blanding City applauded the proclamation reducing of the size of the monument to 201,876 acres on December 4, 2017, by President Donald Trump. The reduced acreage includes the most sensitive cultural resources, more closely aligns with local elected official and resident input, and removes from the monument areas that are important to the traditional uses of all local San Juan County residents.

In February 2019, the San Juan County Commission and other special interest groups began expressing interest in advocating for increasing the size of the monument and reversing their previous stance in opposition to the 1.35 million acre monument. The Mayor and Council do not believe the Commission represents the best interests of Blanding City residents or the County in supporting expansion of the monument.

**The Blanding City Council opposes in the strongest possible way any additional expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument (Shash Jáa and Indian Creek Units). We further oppose any future land designations without the input and support of local elected officials and residents. We further submit that land-use decisions of this magnitude be done only by means of an inclusive representative process.**

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 12th day of February 2019.



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Joe B. Lyman, Mayor



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Cheryl Bowers, Councilmember



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Kathrina Perkins, Councilmember



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Logan Monson, Councilmember



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Logan Shumway, Councilmember



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Robert Turk, Councilmember