

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANDING CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
DECEMBER 8, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present:

Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Joe B. Lyman

Kd Perkins

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Monson

Robert Turk

Logan Shumway

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Police Chief:

JJ Bradford

City Recreation Director:

David Palmer

City Community Development:

Bret Hosler

City Economic Development Specialist:

Pratt Redd

Others: David S. Johnson, Martin Numbers, Michelle Palmer

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by Mayor Lyman

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Bowers moved to approve the minutes and financial disbursements of the November 24, 2020 meeting, with a change to item #5 adding Mayor Lyman to those voting AYE. 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

None

4. **REPORTS/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Terry Ekker presented the November 2020 Water Report

Average precipitation was 45% for November reported Mr. Ekker. 29 acre feet was treated. Reservoir levels are right where they should be for this point in the year.

B. Chief Bradford presented the November 2020 Police Report

Chief Bradford reported that citations were up from last year. The increase in traffic speeds have contributed to the increase. Community members have expressed appreciation for the extra time officers are taking in patrolling neighborhoods.

D. David Palmer presented the November 2020 Recreation Report

The period to register for boys basketball was extended to gather more registrations shared Mr. Palmer. Numbers were below normal for the program. 20 more registrations were gathered during the extended time. Mr. Palmer also reported the playground surface at Centennial Park will be fully replaced under warranty in the spring. When asked about the recent Christmas Fair Mr. Palmer shared that it went well and event organizers left the facility in good shape.

5. **AGENDA**

A. 2021 Council Meeting Schedule/Holiday Schedule - Kim Palmer

Councilmember Shumway moved to approve the 2021 Council Meeting Schedule and Holiday Schedule. 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 Perkins
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

B. City Administrator Employment Contract - Mayor Lyman

It was reported by Mayor Lyman that new City Administrator David S. Johnson, will start on January 11th. The proposed contract has been agreed to by Mr. Johnson and reviewed by City Attorney Kendall Laws. Council unanimously gave advice and consent for the contract.

C. Stormwater Project Change Order #3 - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker shared specifics regarding the change order required for the completion of the stormwater project. Changes were necessary due to the amount of rock that was not anticipated near the Patio Diner and 100 North and additional asphalt repairs requested by the City. The

project is anticipated to come in at or below budget.

Councilmember Turk moved to approve the stormwater change order #3. 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 Perkins
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

D. Approve 2019-2020 Financial Audit Report - Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer discussed the 2019-2020 financial audit report. The audit was completed in August. She reported that the City's general fund balance saw a decrease from last year, due in part to the timing of grant funding and projects. Assets exceed liabilities by \$52,244,829, which is the City's total net position. 73% of it is reflected in the City's capital investment. There were also no findings in the audit.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve the 2019-2020 Financial Audit Report. 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 Perkins
Councilmember Bowers
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

E. Christmas Dumpster - Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer told the Council that the San County Landfill will be unable to provide a dumpster for residents to leave their holiday boxes and wrapping in due to a staffing shortage. She suggested that the City instead hold a free dump day at the transfer station on Saturday. Discussion continued of options to provide this service to residents and in conclusion Ms. Palmer was

directed to contact Waste Management about providing a dumpster for the Monday following the holiday.

F. Centennial Park Baseball Fields - Infield Dirt - Logan Monson

Councilmember Monson shared information from a discussion he had with a resident regarding the infield dirt at the Centennial baseball fields. The resident suggested the field dirt needed to be replaced. A donation of \$5000 towards the replacement costs has been offered. Council asked for further information on the cost to complete the replacement and what role the school district may play in the project. Further information will be provided at a later date.

G. Bears Ears National Monument - Cheryl Bowers

Councilmember Bowers expressed concern with the impact the resolution in support of the expansion of the Bears Ears Resolution passed by the County Commissioners is having on the area. The media is portraying the County as now in support of the expansion. She recommends that the proposed and previous resolutions be distributed to state, federal and local government representatives. Versions would also be distributed to media outlets. Two versions of the proposed resolution were provided to Council, one that included Monticello in a joint resolution and one that did not.

Councilmember Monson moved to approve 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 oppose the Expansion of the Bears Ears National Monument. In determining which version would be sent was dependent on the outcome of Monticello's decision to join in the resolution. 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.

6. INFORMATION

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Turk moved to enter an executive session to discuss personnel.

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 Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council entered an executive session at 8:04 p.m.

Councilmember Shumway moved to leave the executive session and re-enter an open session. 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 Perkins
Councilmember Shumway
Councilmember Monson
Councilmember Turk
Councilmember Bowers**

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council re-entered an open session at 8:40 p.m.

Councilmember Perkins moved to adjourn. 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 Perkins
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 8:41 p.m.

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder