



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Blanding City Office, 50 W 100 S, Blanding Utah 84511

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Present:

City Mayor:

Joe B. Lyman

City Councilmembers:

Kd Perkins

Robert Turk

Cheryl Bowers

Kellen Nielson

City Manager:

David S. Johnson

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Community Development Director:

Bret Hosler

City Police Chief:

JJ Bradford

Others: Valarie Turk

Prayer/Thought - The prayer/thought was offered by David Johnson

Declaration of Conflict: None

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Bowers moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting and consent agenda. 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 Turk

Councilmember Nielson

Councilmember Monson

Councilmember Bowers

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

PUBLIC INPUT

No comments

REPORTS

1. Mayor

None

2. City Council

None

3. Administration

David Johnson told Council that errors were discovered on the plat for the disconnect request by Grayson Storage. The Planning Commission still needs to review the plat. Councilmember Bowers expressed concern over the length of time it is taking to get the item to Council for review.

Mr. Johnson also reported that John David Nielson has resigned as the County Clerk. The County will be ratifying the agreement that allows them to handle the elections for the City.

4. Staff

a. Accounts Payable/Finance Report - Kim Palmer

There were no questions or comments

b. Visitor Center Concessionaire RFP - David Johnson

Mr. Johnson requested Council review the RFP and make comments, suggestions and changes. Councilmember Perkins requested that the Visitor Center Staff be informed of the agreement.

c. Recreation Report - David Palmer

Mr. Palmer reported that baseball and softball seasons are continuing. Tournaments will be held to complete the seasons. Staff is working to reduce the amount of water being used in the parks.

d. 4th of July - Robert Turk

Councilmember Turk expressed appreciation for the efforts of Pratt Redd in coordinating the celebration. He also gave kudos to staff and others who helped in organizing and helping with the activities. Mark and Kari Bake were the celebration chairs for the past two years and did a great job, stated Councilmember Turk. Councilmembers echoed his compliments and appreciation to all involved.

e. Water Report - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker told the Council that water use was down 7% from June 2020. Staff is currently gathering information regarding the USDA water grant.

f. Recreation Report - David Johnson

Mayor Lyman reminded staff to reduce the amount of water being put on City properties.

g. Police Report - Chief Bradford

Chief Bradford told Council that citations were up from last year. He also expressed appreciation to the Highway Patrol and San Juan County Sheriff's Deputies for their help with the 4th of July Celebration. He also said that the community really stepped up in their safe use of fireworks this year.

h. CFPP - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker presented an update on the Carbon Free Power Project. He stated that dropping from the original 12 pack of tubes to a 6 pack, has driven the increase to \$58 as the economic competitive price. The increase from \$55, still makes this power source reasonably priced in comparison to other sources. Mr. Ekker reminded the Council that staying in the project at this point is still the best option. If the ECP climbs beyond the \$58 the project will dissolve and the City has no cost, but if the City pulls out there would be a cost.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Youth Council - Logan Monson

Councilmember Monson discussed the design and implementation of a Youth Council. He has been working with the San Juan School District to get their support and help. When asked what the Council would do. Councilmember Monson responded that there were several areas they could participate in, including the 4th of July, parades, activities etc. Council was supportive of the idea and asked that Councilmember Monson continue to explore the idea.

2. Wellness Center Sprinkler System - David Johnson/Kim Palmer

Council held a lengthy discussion regarding the Wellness Center Sprinkler System. Questions regarding the actual need for the \$400,000 sprinkler system were raised by Council members. The Council requested attendance numbers from events held at the center, before determining the actual need for the system. Council also discussed the capital projects that were budgeted for the 2022 fiscal year. Staff was directed to move forward on those projects by collecting proposals for those projects, which include shade structures at the ballpark, a park pavilion and the recreation master plan.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Visitor Center Guide Contract - David Johnson

Councilmember Perkins moved to approve the Visitor Center Guide Contract with Sunrise Outfitters. 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 Monson Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Turk Councilmember Nielson
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Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Lyman declared the motion carried.

2. Airport Lease Agreement - Kim Palmer

Councilmember Nielson moved to approve the updated Airport Hangar Agreement. 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 Monson Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Turk Councilmember Nielson
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Those voting NAY	NONE
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Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Lyman declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Turk moved to enter a closed session. 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 Monson Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Turk Councilmember Nielson
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Those voting NAY NONE

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

Council entered a closed session at 9:14 p.m.

Councilmember Perkins moved to re-enter an open session. 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 Monson
	Councilmember Bowers
	Councilmember Turk
	Councilmember Nielson

Those voting NAY NONE

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

Council re-entered an open session at 9:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Turk moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Nielson 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 Monson
	Councilmember Bowers
	Councilmember Turk
	Councilmember Nielson

Those voting NAY NONE

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

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

By: _____

Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

Audio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNBK5wBTL3s&t=297s>