



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Present:

City Mayor:

City Councilmembers:

Joe B. Lyman

Kd Perkins

Robert Turk

Cheryl Bowers

Logan Monson

Kellen Nielson

City Manager:

David S. Johnson

City Finance Director:

Kim Palmer

City Engineer:

Terry Ekker

City Community Development Director:

Bret Hosler

City Recreation Director:

David Palmer

City Police Chief:

JJ Bradford

Others: Erik Grover, Paul Murdock, Elaine Gizler

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

Declaration of Conflict: None

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Monson moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting and consent agenda. 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 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

City Manager, David Johnson told Council that staff is still gathering information regarding the installation of the shade structures. The City crew is unable to complete the work and so a contractor will be necessary. \$40,000 is expected for the preliminary engineering on the Westwater project and the Recreation RFP is still being put together. Councilmember Bowers inquired about pickleball courts at the tennis courts. Mr. Palmer reported that courts have been established inside the Wellness Center and discussions are continuing about replacing the sand volleyball courts at Central Park.

4. Staff

a. Accounts Payable/Finance Report - Kim Palmer

No Questions.

b. Recreation Report - David Palmer

No Questions

c. CFPP Update Report - Terry Ekker

Mr. Ekker reported that the project is progressing forward. The Class 3 Project Estimate and COLA Final notice to progress was approved in August. These approvals allow for the critical path core bore drilling to begin.

d. Economic Development & Visitor Center Update - Pratt Redd

Mr. Redd reported that \$59,850 in grant funding has been received or is expected at this time. He also shared that visitation at the visitor center has increased over 2020, but is still below 2019. Mr. Redd told Council that 2019 was a record year statewide for visitation and international visitors have declined due to Covid-19. Council provided positive feedback regarding the changes made at the center over the past several months. In conclusion, Mr. Redd gave a brief overview of the recent Dutch Oven Days event.

PRESENTATION

1. San Juan County Economic Development Director - Elaine Gizler

New San Juan County Economic Development Director, Elaine Gizler introduced herself to the Council and shared information about her experience in economic development.

She told the Council that while many fear Blanding will become Moab, there is no way the area would become that. The area does not provide the resources needed to be Moab. She also commented that each San Juan County community is unique and a one size fits all will never work. Ms. Gizler has been completing a listening and learning tour throughout the County.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Trailers Parked on City Streets - Councilmember Kd Perkins

Councilmember Perkins expressed concern about the many vehicles/trailers that are parked on the streets near intersections and blocking the view. She said Chief Bradford has expressed the same concern. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Johnson stated he will do some research on what others are doing to reduce the risk associated with vehicles parked on the street near an intersection for any length of time.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Energy Fuels Raw Water Sales Contract - David Johnson

Mr. Johnson told Council that over the next year staff will be evaluating the pricing for raw water for all entities that use it.

Councilmember Bowers moved to approve the Energy Fuels Raw Water Sales Contract and further stated that pricing equity will be studied over the next year. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Perkins moved to adjourn the meeting. 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

Those voting NAY

NONE

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

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

By: _____
Kim Palmer, Deputy Recorder

Audio: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmU4yPHGx_E