



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council in Attendance:

Mayor Logan Monson
Council Member Chris Ewald
Council Member Erik Grover
Council Member Kellen Nielson

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00pm

50 West 100 South Street,
Blanding Utah 84511

Meetings are live streamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5u8bodEmI0A>

Absent:

Mayor ProTempore Bowers
Council Member Len Gasser

Staff Members in Attendance:

City Manager - David Johnson
City Finance Director - Kim Palmer
City Community Dev. Dir. - Bret Hosler

City Engineer - Terry Ekker
City Police - Chief Bradford
City Fire - Chief Spillman

Others:

Evan Black, Taylor Black

Prayer was offered by Mayor Monson

Declaration of Conflict: None

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Nielson moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 City Council Meeting and consent agenda. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

REPORTS

1. **Mayor Monson - None**

2. City Council -

Councilmember Nielson reported on the SITLA meeting he and Councilmember Grover had attended. In regards to the proposed SITLA-Federal land exchange, it appeared that SITLA was not interested in input from the local citizens. Of the 150,000 acres being traded only 49,000 will remain in the County.

3. City Manager - David Johnson

- An invoice has been received from Sunrise Outfitting for their project. Staff is currently reviewing the reimbursement request.

4. Staff Reports

a. Finance Report - Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer stated that all accounts are within budget.

b. Project Status Report - Terry Ekker

Westwater Power/Water Project

The primary metering cabinet is set. The meter is being installed for the NTUA side. There has been a delay on the Navajo Nation side of things and an updated schedule of when NTUA will run the distribution to the homes in Westwater has not been received.

The design for the drilling of the deep well is nearing completion. A contract for the drilling of the well can not move forward until funding is secured by others. The project schedule will slip behind until funding is secured and committed to Blanding City. Once the well has been drilled and the pump tested, the design of the permanent infrastructure can continue.

Street Maintenance Project

The pavement surface survey has been completed and project priorities/budgets are being established. Project design, bid, and construction will follow.

Water Master Plan Update

The Water Master Plan is completed and will come back to Council at the July 12th meeting for approval.

Natural Gas Master Plan Update

The scope of work has been drafted. When it is finalized an RFP will be put together for the selection of a consultant to complete the study as soon as possible.

Natural Gas Compliance Audit Update

All corrections to NOPV's were made with the exception of the new Part 114 requirements. On those, we requested a few months to research and incorporate the new requirements into our operating plan.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution 06-28-2022-1, USU MOU, Chief Bradford

Chief Bradford told the Council that the MOU is necessary to formalize the services that are currently being provided to USU by the police department.

Councilmember Nielson made the motion to approve Resolution 06-28-2022-1, USU MOU . Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.

2. Resolution 06-28-2022-2, USU Land Exchange - Terry Ekker

The solution provided by the land and easement exchange will benefit both the City and USU stated Mr. Ekker. The City will sell 6,336 square feet to USU at full market value of \$6,101.57. The City will purchase a utility easement from USU of 10,428 for \$5,026.30.

Councilmember Grover made the motion to approve Resolution 06-28-2022-2, USU Land Exchange. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.

3. Resolution 6-28-2022-3, Fireworks Restrictions - Chief Spillman

Chief Spillman told the City Council that due to the dry conditions the restrictions presented in the packet are necessary.

Councilmember Nielson made the motion to approve Resolution 06-28-2022-3, Fire Restrictions. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.

4. Resolution 6-28-2022-4, Natural Gas Rate - Kim Palmer

Ms. Palmer stated that the resolution formalizes the rates proposed by the Natural Gas Rate Study that has been previously discussed.

Councilmember Ewald made the motion to approve Resolution 06-28-2022-4, Natural Gas Rate Study. Councilmember Grover seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.

5. Resolution 6-28-2022-5, Airport Advisory Committee - David Johnson

Council briefly discussed the resolution regarding the airport advisory committee. A few changes for clarification were made prior to the approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Ewald made the motion to approve Resolution 06-28-2022-5, Airport Advisory Committee. Councilmember Nielson seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Grover moved to enter a closed session. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.



Council entered a closed session at 7:26 p.m.

Councilmember Grover moved to leave the closed session. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the open meeting at 7:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grover moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Nielson seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Council voted unanimously. Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.

Council adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

By:

Kim Palmer, City Deputy Recorder