



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Council in Attendance:

Mayor Logan Monson  
Councilmember Cheryl Bowers  
Council Member Chris Ewald  
Council Member Len Gasser  
Council Member Erik Grover  
Council Member Kellen Nielson

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:00pm

50 West 100 South Street,  
Blanding Utah 84511

**Meetings are live streamed at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NfPWTITp6A>

### Staff Members in Attendance:

City Manager - David Johnson  
City Finance Director - Kim Palmer  
City Engineer - Terry Ekker

**Others:** Scoot Flannery

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Prayer was offered by Cheryl Bowers

Declaration of Conflict: None

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Councilmember Ewald moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 City Council Meeting and consent agenda. Councilmember Nielson seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

**Those voting Aye:**

**Councilmember Bowers  
Councilmember Ewald  
Councilmember Gasser  
Councilmember Grover  
Councilmember Nielson**

**Those voting Nay:**

**None**

**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

### PUBLIC INPUT

1. None

### REPORTS



## **1. Mayor Monson**

Mayor Monson told Council that the Tree For All was scheduled for Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd at the Wellness Center. He also stated that the Student Council has started a Kindness Campaign.

## **2. Council Reports**

Councilmember Grover applauded the youth in the community for the good things they are doing. He also expressed concerns regarding wildlife traps that have been set around the 4th reservoir. Individuals who are walking there have reported their dogs being caught in them. State wildlife personnel have been notified of the situation.

## **3. City Manager Report**

Mr. Johnson reported that three proposals had been received for the General Plan and staff has reviewed them. A request for approval of one of them will come to Council for approval at the December meeting.

## **4. Staff Reports**

### **a. Finance/Council Report - Kim Palmer**

Ms. Palmer reported that all expenses were approved in the budget.

### **b. Public Works Report - Terry Ekker**

Mr. Ekker discussed the current public works projects taking place.

A detailed report on the CFPP project was presented to the Council by Mr. Ekker. He told Council that an Economic Competitiveness Test will be conducted on the project to determine the cost of energy over the 40 year life of the project. A cost over \$58 will lead to the termination of the project. The project is still seeking additional participants to join the project. The additional participants will reduce the risk to all involved.

He also shared that the increase in the price of the project is a result of the ever changing financial market and inflationary pressures on the energy supply chain. Pressures that have not been seen in 40 years. UAMPS has investigated other non-intermittent, non-carbon, dispatchable energy sources and has found CFPP to be cost-competitive with them.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **1. Resolution 11.22.2022-1 - Deep Well Bid Award - Terry Ekker**

Mr. Ekker told Council that two bids had been received to construct the new Blanding Treatment Plant Well. The low bidder's qualifications, experience and references have been evaluated by Jones & Demille Engineering. It has been determined they have the ability to complete the project.

The total bid submitted by KP Ventures is \$1,365,724, which is \$311,724 above the engineer's opinion of probable cost, but not necessarily over budget. The total cost of the project cannot be determined without drilling the well first. Through value engineering and if needed additional funding acquisition, the project can be successfully funded and built.

**Councilmember Bowers moved to approve Resolution 11.22.2022-1 Deep Well Bid**

**Award to KP Ventures Well Drilling & Pump Co. LLC. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

<b>Those voting Aye:</b>	<b>Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Nielson</b>
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<b>Those voting Nay:</b>	<b>Councilmember Grover</b>
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

**2. Resolution 11.22.2022-2 - Natural Gas Master Plan - Terry Ekker**

Mr. Ekker told the Council that proposals from four different firms were received. Staff has evaluated each proposal and recommended B3PE, LLC., be awarded the project.

**Councilmember Grover moved to approve Resolution 11.22.2022-2 - Natural Gas Master Plan and award B3PE, LLC with the project in the amount of \$30,000. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

<b>Those voting Aye:</b>	<b>Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Grover Councilmember Nielson</b>
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<b>Those voting Nay:</b>	<b>None</b>
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

**3. Resolution 11-22-2022-3 - Bears Ears Cooperating Agency MOU - David Johnson**

Mr. Johnson shared that the MOU allows the City to have a voice at the table as discussions are held on how to manage the Bears Ears National Monument.

**Councilmember Nielson moved to approve Resolution 11.22.2022-3 - Bears Ears Cooperating Agency MOU. Councilmember Bowers seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

<b>Those voting Aye:</b>	<b>Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Grover Councilmember Nielson</b>
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<b>Those voting Nay:</b>	<b>None</b>
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Councilmember Grover moved to enter a closed session for legal discussions. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated**



the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.

Those voting Aye:	Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Grover Councilmember Nielson
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Those voting Nay:	None
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

Council entered a Closed Session at 7:53 p.m.

**Councilmember Grover moved to re-enter the open session.  
Councilmember Gasser seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

Those voting Aye:	Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Grover Councilmember Nielson
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Those voting Nay:	None
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

Council re-entered the open session at 8:12 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Nielson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Ewald seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

Those voting Aye:	Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Grover Councilmember Nielson
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Those voting Nay:	None
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

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

By:

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Kim Palmer, City Deputy Recorder