

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

PRESENT: Mayor Doug Hammond and Councilmembers Robin O’Driscoll, Ted Munford, Dave Everett, Corey Foley and Nicholas Porter.

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Ted Munford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023: *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2023. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Munford, Foley and Porter voting in favor.*

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE AIRPORT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – RESOLUTION NO 2023-10: Ken Campbell expressed his appreciation for the support of the airport and indicated that the FAA is closer to changing commercial carriers. He noted that the Interlocal Agreement with the County has been discussed and the attorneys now have agreed on wording to amend the initial agreement. The County will now pay \$600,000 to fund the airport and the City will pay \$200,000. Those amounts will be renegotiated every two years and any overage will be discussed. Councilmember Nick Porter asked if the County Commission has approved the amendment. Quinn Bennion answered yes they approved it with the addition of anytime there is two years within a five year period where expenses go over \$800,000 then the City and County have to go over the budget and funds. Councilmember Corey Foley asked if the overdue funds will be paid. Carl Morton stated he will invoice them. Councilmember Ted Munford voice his support and is glad they were able to come to terms on this amendment. After further discussion, *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-10 to amend the airport Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Foley.....aye.

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**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UINTAH
COUNTY FIRE SUPPRESSION DISTRICT FOR LEGAL SERVICES – RESOLUTION**

NO 2023-14: Quinn Bennion reported that the Uintah Fire District would like to join the legal consortium and share in the City Attorney’s services. Two of the other entities have approved the District joining which is required by the initial interlocal agreement. He noted that Dutch John has not had a meeting to discuss this issue yet so the agreement needs their approval. *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-14 adding the Fire District to the legal services agreement once approval is received from Dutch John. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Foley.....aye.

REQUEST APPROVAL TO PURCHASE MINI TRUCK:

Carl Morton reminded the Council that they approved the budget of a utility vehicle for the streets department in the amount of \$30,000. This vehicle will be used to water flowers, weed spraying etc. The City requested bids and only received 1 bid from Mini Monster LLC. The bid is for \$27,200. Councilmember Nick Porter asked the make of the truck. Carl Morton stated it is a Daihatsu, mini truck with right-hand steering. Councilmember Corey Foley noted this will be more fuel efficient also. *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve the purchase of the truck from Mini Monster LLC in the amount of \$27,200. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O’Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Foley.....aye.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Downtown Beautification:

Councilmember Dave Everett applauded the street department for the work on the flowers this year. Councilmember Nick Porter agreed and stated that he hears from visitors and residents how beautiful they are.

Holly Days and Mayors Walk.

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Quinn Bennion stated the planning meetings for these events are going well and businesses are getting involved. The hope is to have 100 businesses help with the Mayor's walk. Councilmember Corey Foley asked what will be done for parking. Quinn Bennion stated that amazingly, people find places to park.

Zions Block Parking Lot:

Quinn Bennion reported that the contractor has struggled with the availability of sub-contractors and product. The concrete work will start behind Jade Lion in mid-October and road base will be installed as soon as they finish the grading. It is not looking realistic to install asphalt this year.

CLOSED SESSION: *Councilmember Robin O'Driscoll moved to go into closed session to hold a strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

Councilmember Munford.....aye;
Councilmember O'Driscoll.....aye;
Councilmember Everettaye;
Councilmember Porteraye;
Councilmember Foley.....aye.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened into open session.

ADJOURN: *There being no further business; Councilmember Dave Everett moved to adjourn. Councilmember Robin O'Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was declared adjourned.*

Mayor Doug Hammond

ATTEST:

Roxanne Behunin, City Recorder

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