

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 4 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING: *Councilmember Nicholas Porter moved to acknowledge and approve this special meeting. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with the Councilmembers O’Driscoll, Foley, Porter, Everett and Munford voting in favor for a unanimous vote.*

REVIEW THE TALLY OF PROTEST AREAS FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREA 2 AND DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ADEQUATE PROTESTS: Quinn Bennion requested a review of the tabulations of protests for Special Assessment Area 2 (SAA2). He mentioned that they had received two protest letters, which accounted for 13.9% of the total protests, well below the 40% threshold required to halt the project. None of the submitted protests were withdrawn. Councilmember Munford noted the lack of opposition from business owners is a positive sign and commended Quinn Bennion and Councilmember Foley for their hard work. Quinn Bennion mentioned that they had met with both property owners to explain this project.

He further explained that one easement was required for the project to work effectively, and without it, the project wouldn't be viable. However, one protestor owns eight feet of land and could decide whether they want improvements in that area. Councilmember Foley added that the project seemed to be on track, and he stated that Keith Despain was working on an updated plan with a minor change regarding one American with Disability Act (ADA) ramp to be moved from its original position to the east side where it will not interfere with parking. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the project. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded. 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 FOR BID ON 500 NORTH STREET PROJECT: Quinn Bennion presented a bid for the 500 North Street project. He explained that the City had been awarded a grant from UDOT a few years ago, and the project involved various improvements, including curb, gutter, and pavement rebuild. He mentioned that the bidding process had undergone some challenges, but they had received two bids. The lowest bid was above the engineer's estimate, and UDOT requested an additional \$155,000 to complete this project.

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He suggested that the County be asked to contribute to cover this amount since 25% of the project is within the County's jurisdiction. He proposed a trade to compensate for the \$155,000, which would need approval from the County Commission. The City had previously agreed to contribute to County projects, and the Council supported this proposal. The Council discussed the sufficiency of funds and potential infrastructure challenges, and it was clarified that the power company and Strata would handle their overhead.

Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the bid in the amount of \$1,723,545.50, bidder 92BEC. Councilmember Robin O'Driscoll seconded it. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Bennion expressed his gratitude to all attendees for their attendance on a Saturday morning.

ADJOURN: There being no further business; *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ted Munford 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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