

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
AUGUST 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main,
Vernal, Utah 84078.

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

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Dave Everett.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2022:
Councilmember Corey Foley moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2022. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, O’Driscoll, Foley and Porter voting in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12 TO VACATE ASHLEY MEADOWS SUBDIVISION: Allen Parker reported that this item was presented previously to change the subdivision plat back to one large parcel of land and the Council approved it. The City Attorney reviewed that action and determined that with new legislation the plat needed to be vacated by ordinance so there is an official document. Mayor Doug Hammond clarified that if the subdivision is vacated the property is open for whatever the owner wants to build there. Allen Parker agreed. He noted that there are several condos there that will be converted to apartment units under one ownership. Councilmember Dave Everett asked how many units are there. Allen Parker stated around 30. Councilmember Corey Foley stated the only concern is the property owner has to bring it up to code before any additional development. Allen Parker agreed and informed the Council that the property owner has a plan to bring in shipping containers that will be converted to living units. *After further discussion, Councilmember Nick Porter moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-12. Councilmember Corey Foley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ADD EXTERIOR SCULPTURES TO THE ELIGIBILITY LIST TO THE FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM: Quinn Bennion reported that the City has had nineteen applications for the façade grant program with sixteen of them being approved so far and two of them being paid out. He noted there seems to be a ripple effect when one property owner replaces the windows and the neighbor wants to do the same thing. The program offers an incentive for 23 types of improvements with a smaller list of ineligible improvements. One thing not on either list is exterior sculptures and there has been an inquiry for

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that type of improvement. Councilmember Dave Everett asked where it would be located and what is the vision for that request. Quinn Bennion stated it would be a full metal sculpted dinosaur. Councilmember Dave Everett asked how the City was sitting on revenue. Quinn Bennion answered that there is \$2.1 million dollars through the CRA and have committed approximately 40% of \$1.2 million dollars of improvements. Councilmember Dave Everett stated he thought it would be a nice fit for the grant program and property owners should have the ability to add that feature. Quinn Bennion agreed that art is a nice component of a downtown to add depth. Councilmember Corey Foley stated it would have to be a permanent fixture. Councilmember Nick Porter agreed, however, he noted that signs are included and can be removed and taken with them. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll suggested the committee look at the overall appearance of the business and determine if it has the need for funding to make it look more personable. After further discussion, *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to add public sculptures to the list of eligible items for the façade grant program with the option to review the funding request at the City’s discretion. Councilmember Robin O’ Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Joint City – County Meeting:

Quinn Bennion reminded the Council of the special joint city – county meeting scheduled on Monday to discuss Kids Canal. The meeting will not be to make a decision, simply learn what has occurred and look at options.

Summer Festivals:

Quinn Bennion reported that it was a busy weekend with Riverfest and the treasure hunt with a lot of participants. The Balloon Festival has 37 balloonists committed and the Budweiser Clydesdales will be here that weekend.

CLOSED SESSION: *Councilmember Nick Porter 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 and convene back into open session when that discussion is concluded. Councilmember Dave Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

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

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Councilmember Foley..... aye.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURN: The Council reconvened into open session. There being no further business; *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to adjourn. Councilmember Corey Foley 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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