MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main, Vernal, Utah 84078.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Nicholas Porter, Dave Everett, Ted Munford, Bert Clark and Travis Allan and Mayor Doug Hammond.

WELCOME: Mayor Doug Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION OR UPLIFTING THOUGHT: The invocation was given by Councilmember Bert Clark.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Ted Munford.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2020: *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2020. Councilmember Nicholas Porter seconded the motion.   The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Munford, Porter, Allan and Clark voting in favor.*

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP OF DINO-SAUR DAYS - BECCA SUMMERS: Becca Summers reported that the Dino-Saur Days event is scheduled for Mother's Day weekend and they have 28 hot air balloons confirmed for the event this year.   The main goal is to attract visitors and support the local economy.   She asked the Council to consider sponsoring this event.   The night glow is scheduled for Friday night, then Saturday night a candlestick will be done on South Vernal Avenue. Councilmember Ted Munford asked for the dates of the event. Becca Summers answered it is scheduled for May 8th, 9th and 10th.   Mayor Hammond asked if this event is in the budget.   Quinn Bennion stated that there is $1000 in the budget and he serves on this committee to coordinate the street closures etc.   After further discussion, *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to sponsor Dino-Saur Days in the amount of $1000. Councilmember Travis Allan seconded the motion.   The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

> *Councilmember Munford ....aye;*
> *Councilmember Allan ....aye;*
> *Councilmember Everett ....aye;*
> *Councilmember Porter ....aye;*
> *Councilmember Clark..aye.*

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE STORYTELLING FESTIVAL - VERNIE HEENEY: Quinn Bennion reported that Vernie Heeney was invited to the meeting and must have decided not to attend.   Mayor Doug Hammond asked if this event was in the in budget.   Quinn Bennion answered no it was not budgeted and Ms. Heeney was aware of that.   *Councilmember Dave Everett moved to politely deny this request for sponsorship.   Councilmember Travis Allan seconded the motion.   The motion passed with Councilmembers Everett, Allan, Porter, Munford and Clark voting in favor.*

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR WAYFINDING PROJECT AND SIGNS: Quinn Bennion

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explained that this project has been ongoing for two years and now the next phase is to actually build the signs. A request for proposals we sent out and the committee selected a design company. There will be 75 signs that point to all different areas. These will be very unique rural highway signs that have been approved by UDOT. The committee recommends Intermountain Traffic Safety (ITS) to design and build the signs as they are the only company who bid who is also able to provide the poles and brackets. UDOT has indicated that they will also participate financially. Each entity that has signs in their jurisdiction will be responsible to maintain the signs. Councilmember Ted Munford asked what that will take. Quinn Bennion stated that the hope is the signs will last twenty years and the signs will have a coating to help take off graffiti and stickers; however they are not bullet proof. Councilmember Ted Munford asked what the replacement cost is. Quinn Bennion stated it will depend on the size of the sign and could cost anywhere from $200 to $500. *Councilmember Ted Munford moved to approve the bid from ITS as the preferred vendor and directed the staff to keep working with them for the final sign design. Councilmember Bert Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

> *Councilmember Munford* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Allan* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Everett* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Porter* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Clark* ....*aye.*

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CRS ENGINEERING FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT FOR 500 WEST SIDEWALK : Quinn Bennion explained that the Council approved the contract with UDOT for the safe routes to school project slated for 500 West. Now the Council needs to approve the engineering to move forward with this project. Councilmember Bert Clark asked if the contract has a not to exceed amount. Quinn Bennion answered yes, that amount is $24,000. *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to approve the contract with CRS Engineering for the Safe Routes to school program not to exceed $24,000. Councilmember Nicholas Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

> *Councilmember Munford* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Allan* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Everett* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Porter* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Clark* ....*aye.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Rural Water Conference:
Councilmember Bert Clark reported that he attended the Rural Water Conference in St. George and the classes were very informative.

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CLOSED SESSION: *Councilmember Bert Clark 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 discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and return to regular session once the discussion is completed. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:*

> *Councilmember Munford* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Allan* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Everett* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Porter* ....*aye;*
> *Councilmember Clark* .... *aye.*

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURN: The Council reconvened into open session. There being no further business; *Councilmember Bert Clark moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was declared adjourned.*

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Mayor Doug Hammond

ATTEST:

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Roxanne Behunin, Deputy Recorder   (S E A L)