

MINUTES OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD
MAY 24, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Vernal City Council room, 374 East Main, Vernal,
Utah 84078.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING: *Councilmember Nick Porter moved to acknowledge and approve this special meeting. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION REGARDING NFT’S TO FUNDRAISE: Quinn Bennion reminded the Council of the discussion to use NFT and Crypto to raise funds to repair T-Rex. The GoFundMe account has raised \$17,872, and direct donation payments have raised \$3485. One final donor has given \$10,000 for a total of \$31,357 so the City has reached the \$30,000 goal. The City also has \$10,000 budgeted that can be used for safety and landscaping features. He noted that the NFT fund raising is not needed for the T-Rex, however, it I the Council’s decision if they want to enter into a contract with Quest Crypto. Councilmember Ted Munford stated he did not think they needed to move forward with more fund raising efforts. Councilmember Robin O’Driscoll agreed as the City has met the goal for the T-Rex with all local donations. Councilmember Dave Everett commented that although the possibility of using NFT for fund raising was intriguing, with the last private donation it is not necessary. This was a positive community effort that he is proud to be a part of and it worked. Not that Mr. Waters wasn’t impressive and saw an opportunity. In this case, the Council needs to acknowledge and appreciate what the community has done. Mayor Doug Hammond agreed the community needs to be given credit for this accomplishment. Councilmember Nick Porter stated that it does not reflect negatively on the community if they look at another way to raise funds, however, the City met the goal. Councilmember Dave Everett stated the NFT may be able to be used for other things. Councilmember Corey Foley agreed that NFT’s may be a good fundraiser in the future when more people understand them. After further discussion, the consensus of the Council was to not move forward with a contract with Quest Crypto at this time. Quinn Bennion reported that the GoFundMe account will also be shut down. The repairs will be completed this summer and the Council will need to discuss what to do with the site such as removing the trees or closing off the road that enters Highway 40.

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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