



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Council in Attendance:

Mayor Logan Monson  
Council member Cheryl Bowers  
Council member Len Gasser  
Council member Erik Grover  
Council member Kellen Nielson  
Council member Cris Ewald

Tuesday August 22, 2023 at 7:00pm

50 West 100 South Street,  
Blanding, Utah 84511

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<https://www.youtube.com/@blandingcity7442>

### Staff Members in Attendance:

City Manager -  
City Engineer -  
City Finance Director - James Francom  
Judge- Kelly Laws

City Community Dev. Dir. - Bret Hosler  
Economic Dev. Dir. -  
Police Chief-  
Fire Chief -  
Recreation Dir. -

### Others:

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Mayor Monson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. A prayer was offered by James Francom
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Councilmember Grover moved to approve the consent agenda and approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023 Council meeting. Councilmember Bowers seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

**Those voting Aye:**

**Councilmember Bowers  
Councilmember Gasser  
Councilmember Grover  
Councilmember Ewald  
Councilmember Nielson**

**Those voting Nay:**

**None**

**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

4. Declaration of conflict - None
5. Public Comment - None

## REPORTS

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## **1. Mayor Report**

- Mayor Monson reported that he was at the UAMPS board meeting in Wyoming last week. It went well. There is a lot going on with the carbon free project.
- He met with Hans Hurst with Tri-Hurst. He reported that the sprinkling system at the wellness center is done. They are still working on some of the cleanup. They will start working on the showers the week after the pool closes.
- The sound barrier is coming down at the deep well site. Council member Grover asked if they know how much water there is. Mayor advised that he hasn't seen a report on that yet.
- The pickle ball courts-they are trying to find someone to finish the cement for that project.

## **2. Council Reports**

- Council member Grover reported that the grant with the TPA was approved. He was in a meeting with them last week.
- Council member Bowers reported that she has spoken with San Juan County commissioner Stubbs and they want to form a committee to address the housing problem that all of San Juan County is facing. The council, along with Bret Hosler had a general discussion about short term rentals and zoning and how the state can possibly help in the way of grants and funding. They talked about possible legislation from the state that will regulate short term rentals. They discussed the rights of property owners and having the choice of what to do with your own property. Mayor Monson said that he was recently appointed to the Olene Walker Housing board, and that might be a source of help.

## **3. City Manager Report**

## **4. Finance Report**

## **5. Public Works Status Report**

## **6. Water Report**

## **7. Police Report**

## **8. Recreation Report**

## **9. Economic Development**

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **1. Sanding Equipment, Barricades, Court Building-Council member Grover**

- Council member Grover advised that he has talked to a San Juan County representative about making some trades involving the sanding equipment (a piece of machinery that spreads sand on icy/snowy roads) and some barricades. Barricades would be used to secure the justice court building. They would be put in the driveway area at the court building.
- Bret advised that the truck and the sanding equipment were bought at the same time. It was required to buy the sanding equipment, it was purchased for \$500. Bret talked about some mowing and weed spraying that needs to be done at the airport and possibly having that included in the trade deal made with the county.
- Big concrete barriers would also be used for additional weight in the back of the plow truck for better traction.
- The court building needs to be put on the list for bug spray. It needs a new coat of paint. Judge Laws has already taken it upon himself to fix the wood work in the courtroom.
- The council, along with Judge Laws, discussed the needs, safety and requirements of the courtroom. They talked about IT, cameras, windows, window covering, a pass through drawer. They discussed the requirements of receiving money and how that is to be handled. Judge Laws stated that the court is supposed to be open to the public for at least two hours a day.

- Council member Bowers recommended that the court be added to the budget meeting so that the court needs can be met.
- Judge Laws advised that a court recertification is coming up in a few months, it has to be done by the end of the year. There is a checklist of things that have to be done. One of them being the Judge sitting down with council and the financial director and going over court, its operation, its financial needs, the budget, etc.
- Council member Bowers expressed her appreciation to Judge Laws for being present and for communicating the needs of the court.
- Mayor Monson said that he would get a list of things that need to be done and pass it on to staff in the next staff meeting.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

**Councilmember Nielson moved to enter a closed session for personnel. Councilmember Grover seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

<b>Those voting Aye:</b>	<b>Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Grover Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Nielson</b>
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<b>Those voting Nay:</b>	<b>None</b>
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

Council entered a closed session at 7:27p.m.

**Councilmember Grover moved to leave the closed session. Councilmember Nielson seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

<b>Those voting Aye:</b>	<b>Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Bowers Councilmember Grover Councilmember Ewald Councilmember Nielson</b>
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<b>Those voting Nay:</b>	<b>None</b>
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**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

Council re-entered an open meeting at 8:42p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilmember Nielson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Bowers seconded the motion. Mayor Monson repeated the motion and asked for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote.**

<b>Those voting Aye:</b>	<b>Councilmember Gasser Councilmember Bowers</b>
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**Councilmember Ewald  
Councilmember Grover  
Councilmember Nielson**

**Those voting Nay:                   None**

**Constituting all members thereof, Mayor Monson declared the motion carried.**

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:43p.m.

By:

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Nicole Holliday

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