

City of Green River
460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

ATTENDING: Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Larry Packer, Bo Harrison and Kent Nelson; Employees Conae Black, Robin Nelson, Travis Newland, Phillip Stubblefield, Jackie Nelson, Kelsie Hart; Citizens Nick and Andrea Erwin, Dave and Cindy Elsenrath, Martin Mendez, Lance Robbins, Gayna Salinas, Scott Ryan, Dean King, Lance and Erwin, Dylan Keele, Nancy Dunham, Ann Roundy, Royd Hatt, Kim McFarlane, Eduard Korycan

CONDUCTING: Mayor Travis Bacon, the meeting began at 7:03

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Pledge of Allegiance was directed by Mayor Bacon.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Larry Packer made a motion to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

- May 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes
- May 28, 2020 special meeting minutes
- April 2020 financial report
- May 2020 Treasurer's report
- June 2020 Payment Approval report

2. Discuss/approve deny granting a water service outside corporate limits. Conae Black stated that Kevin Chase Clyde approached her and requested a water connection on the east end of King Lane which is outside of city limits. She consulted with Bryan Meadows who suggested that Mr. Clyde get an approval from an engineer because there are 10 single-family residential homes on a 2 inch water line. Mr. Clyde obtained Johansen and Tuttle Engineering firm who came back with a report stating that one more connection would be possible and expressed concern that there are not any fire hydrants on that line. The city owns the water but the 2 inch water line is owned by the other 10 customers who are connected to the line. She sent out a letter to those customers letting them know that this connection was requested and a copy of the engineer's report. Dean King noticed that the engineers had left out about 1,000 linear feet of water line. Dean King notified Johansen and Tuttle Engineers of the additional line and they recalculated and still determined that there would be enough pressure to allow for Mr. Clyde's connection. Dean King spoke for the other customers on the water line and they do not want another water connection onto their line. They feel that they are "maxed out" unless someone can ensure that there will not be any other additional connections or money has been exchanged. He gave a history of the water line. The engineer gave him an estimate of about \$100,000 to \$150,000 to upgrade the 2 inch line to 8 inch water line. That is for 2400 linear feet of water line and one fire hydrant. He stated that Mr. Clyde did not talk to any of the property owners. He called Mr. Clyde and the call did not go well. Kathy Ryan said if Mr. Clyde does not have permission from the owners of the water line to connect onto that line then the city cannot provide the water. She thought that when Dean King built his new home the line was maxed out. Dean King said Phillip and Dawna Dinkins applied for a connection on this same line and was denied that connection so they sold their property. There was more discussion on the decreased pressure on that line with another connection, the property owners not willing to allow the connection. Mr. Clyde' still has the ability to obtain city water through the bulky water truck fill station which would require hauling the water. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to deny granting Mr. Clyde water service because he has not gone to the other property owners but the city can still provide water to him

through the truck fill station. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve/deny restructuring Melon Days to accommodate COVID 19 restrictions.

Robin Hunt, Special Events Coordinator, addressed the Mayor and Council. She stated that due the Health Department restrictions for mass gatherings the city is faced with either canceling Melon Days or doing something different to meet the restrictions. She reported on what those restrictions are. After speaking with the Melon Days Committee they will do as much as they can to follow the restrictive guidelines. Their thoughts are to do a hybrid Melon Days where they focus on social media and celebrate it that way and came up with other ideas. This way there won't be a mass gathering but people will still feel a part of Melon Days. Instead of having vendors from out of town they would just allow local vendors and business to set up booths at the park and that way revenue would be turned back to the businesses who have suffered during this time rather than that business going out of town. She had a discussion with the Health Department who advised her. She invited Lance Robbins to give a sneak peak of a video that he is preparing to go on the web site and social media. Robin Hunt said she worked with him on another event and he did a great job. She thinks that doing a promotional video with the current and past melon growers will give a historical aspect to Melon Days. This video can be used as we move forward into future years. The only way for the event to grow is to get the word out on social media. There were members of the Council who supported the video and discussion on who would be able to use it. There was discussion on the ideas and suggestions given to Robin Hunt. She stated that she almost has a full park of vendors at this time. Bo Harrison expressed concern that if the event was canceled and held on the same weekend that many would not get the word because it has been held at the same time as long as many remember. Robin Hunt agreed that very little advertising is necessary because everyone is used to the event being held on the third weekend of September. She felt that most people are looking to see if this event will be canceled because most everyone else is doing the same thing. Nancy Dunham said it is four months away and a lot can happen in that time period. The country could be completely open by then. Jackie Nelson said the problem is if you set up and plan for it and we get closed down then the city has lost a lot of money. Robin Hunt said even if it is opened up more there are still some strict restrictions. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to cancel Melon Days due to the COVID 19 Health Department restrictions and proceed with the modified plan for the local citizens. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny granting an easement to Zayo to access fiber-optic shelter. Conae Black said Zayo is putting in some fiber optic line and a structure on Michael Silliman's property by the sewer lagoons. She has provided the Mayor and all members of the City Council a copy of their request. They are requesting an easement across city owned property to get access to their building. Bryan Meadows said this access is on Silliman Lane and did not have a problem with granting access. **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made a motion to approve granting an easement to Zayo to access the fiber-optic shelter. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. Michael Silliman abstained from voting. The motion carried.

5. Discuss amendments to the sign ordinance. Royd Hatt, Planning Commission Chair, addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that when the Planning Commission were reviewing this ordinance to make the necessary changes they took into consideration the existing signs and incorporated that into the ordinance. He went over the main points of discussion the Planning Commission had. Kathy Ryan asked the Planning Commission to work on lighting standards for the signs.

6. Department and employee reports. Phillip Stubblefield gave the Council a written report on what he has been doing that also gives the city documentation. He will be adding animal calls into his reporting program. He has been working on the landfill to allow for construction and demolition materials. Travis Newland reported that the engineers came to the water treatment

plant and they have learned that they are not too far off with their treatment process and ways they can produce more water. Conae Black said Armstrong Consultants sent out Working Paper #3 on the Airport Master Plan that has been distributed to the committee. She reminded the Council of the upcoming budget meeting to adopt the 2021 budget and amend the 2020 budget. Michael Silliman said work on the Shooting Sports Park bathrooms will be done next week. The new curb, gutter and sidewalk on Main Street will begin in July. Kathy Ryan reported on the flower pots along Main Street. Nancy Dunham and Gayna Salinas would like to see more flower pots and gave some ideas to help with that. She is still gathering more information for the new reader board sign. Jackie Nelson reported on activities at the museum. Robin Hunt reported on the Swell Scavenger hunt that she will be working on with the Emery County Travel Bureau. Mayor Bacon has been working on economic development such as the manufacturing of hand sanitizer. The Emery County Commissioners are looking to appoint him to the new Economic Development Board created by SB95. Lance Robbins has been hired as the new Assistant Director for the Emery County Travel Bureau.

7. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Travis Bacon, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: July 14, 2020