

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

ATTENDING: Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Larry Packer and Kent Nelson; Employees Conae Black, Julie Spadafora, Robin Hunt, Jackie Nelson, Phillip Stubblefield, Bryan Meadows; Citizens Gayna Salinas, Kim McFarlane, Justin Queen

ABSENT: Bo Harrison

CONDUCTING: Mayor Travis Bacon, the meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Pledge of Allegiance directed by Kathy Ryan.

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

August 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes

July 2020 financial report

August 2020 Treasurer's report

September 2020 Payment Approval report

2. Report from Brown and Caldwell consultants. Jeremy Williams, Project Engineer, addressed the Mayor, City Council and those present. He reported on what the problems they found with the treatment of the water at the city water treatment plant. They came up with some solutions to resolve these problems and what it will cost to do so.

3. Public Hearing to hear comments on submitting a request for funding from the Community Impact Board. The City will be submitting a grant application to the Community Impact Board (CIB) requesting \$194,460 grant for the River Enhancement Phase I Main Street Focus Area. This is a \$606,960 project. The City will provide \$150,000, Emery County awarded \$12,500 and Utah Outdoor Recreation awarded \$150,000. A grant application was submitted into the Federal Recreational Trails Program for \$100,000 and they denied us funding. Conae Black will be submitting in a grant for other State funding that is due the end of October. Even though the city applied for all grant there is that possibility that if awarded it may be part grant, part loan or all loan. Gayna Salinas asked what the project included. Conae Black said a slab stone terrace, overlook, about 250 feet of pedestrian trail, boat ramp, swimming hole, and interpretive signage at the JWP Museum. The city is having a difficult time finding funding for engineering, design and permitting. The CIB grant will cover those costs. Mayor Bacon said not a lot of funding agencies will fund that aspect of things. Gayna Salinas asked if there would be a need to change the museum parking. Conae Black said no. Gayna Salinas asked if there was a drawing of the plans and are they available for the public. Conae Black said there is a preliminary design. Mayor Bacon said the preliminary design is on the city's web site. Conae Black said the most important information that CIB wants the public to know that even though the city is asking for 100% grant we may not receive that. Mayor Bacon said CIB has a lot of competing priorities and there is never enough finding to go around. Kent Nelson asked if the city was awarded part grant and part loan could the city just accept the grant and not the loan. Conae Black said no. She said this is a four phase project that we are just beginning phase one. Everybody has loved the project. Recreational Trails Program asked us to submit in another application for phase two which has a lot more than the planned 250 feet of trail in phase one. The Mayor asked for any more questions or comments. There were none. The Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

4. Discuss/approve/deny Interlocal Agreement between Emery County and the City. Mayor Bacon said all members of the Council have a copy of the agreement. The city received the

Federal CARES Act funds to help with COVID 19 related expenses and impacts. The money each county and municipality received depended on the population. In the Coalition of Governments meeting they decided to pull all of their resources together and give out business grants to those businesses that have been impacted by COVID 19. The Mayors and County Commissioners have been really great to work with. They have already approved several applications. About 80% of the applicants have been from Green River and probably 85% of the funding will go to Green River. Commissioner Wilson spoke with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) about administering the CARES Act funds which is keeping track of all of the regulations and reporting to the federal government. When this first came out Conae Black said that this is going to be a nightmare to keep track of. This way she will not have to do that. This agreement will allow the County to work with UAC. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Emery County and the City. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Department and employee reports. Robin Hunt reported on the progress of the Melon Days celebration, trails and Outlaw Days. Bryan Meadows reported on the status of the repairs of the river pump. They cleaned out the settling ponds. Lift Station #2 and #4 needed some maintenance repairs. Phillip Stubblefield reported on the fall burn season, the Crystal Geyser and Airport water rights. He met with the State to discuss the requirements needed for the landfill to accept construction waste. He has been working with two people who have been working off community service hours. Kent Nelson said the FAA requires us to send out a request for qualifications for engineering services every five years. It is time to do so this year. The BLM approved their final travel plan for the trails. It was highly favored to leave most of the roads open. Kathy Ryan went with the State on the bridge inspections. The Conservation District is having a day where you can get some good weed spray on October 22nd. She is working with UDOT on some speed limit signs. Larry Packer said they have been going through the process to hire a new Museum Director. He thanked the city employees at the museum for stepping up in the interim. Conae Black said they are gearing up for the annual September 21st through the 23rd. She, Mayor Bacon and Cameron Willford have been working diligently on an employee compensation plan. They would like to call a special meeting with the City Council at a time that Cameron Willford can be present. It was determined to hold that meeting on September 24th at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Bacon will be meeting individually to go over what he has been working on. The charity hunts will be every Thursday, Friday and Saturday in October. Kim McFarlane said at the Public Lands Council meeting SITLA announced that the lease with Emery County is due to be renewed.

6 Executive Session. **MOTION:** Larry Packer made a motion to go into an Executive Session. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

Being the presiding official over the executive meeting I do hereby affirm that it was held for the purpose of discussing: Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares, if public discussion of the transaction would:

1. Disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration, or
2. Prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms.

This is in accordance of the Utah Code Section 52-4-205.

7. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Travis Bacon, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: October 13, 2020