

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

ATTENDING: Mayor Travis Bacon, Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman, Employees Conae Black, Julie Spadafora, Robin Hunt, Phillip Stubblefield, Bryan Meadows. Citizens Kevin Mortensen, Maria Sykes, Scott Ryan, Bridgett Meadows, Kim McFarlane, Robin Sant, Burt Sant,

CONDUCTING: Mayor Travis Bacon, the meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Larry Packer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Discuss/approve/deny application for State OHV Fiscal Incentive Grants (FIG) Kevin Mortensen of "At Your Leisure" (a trail and destination show) spoke to the Council about the Fiscal Incentive Grant available to municipalities. Right now this fund has about \$8 million dollars. Last year municipalities were awarded \$300,000 out of that \$8 million, and this is because no one knows about it. The FIG Grant can be used toward anything OHV related, it is part grant and part match which can be in kind match. All donated hours can be used towards the match, they can appreciate the value of labor. There is no limit to the grant or the size of grant. There is also another fund available (RTP) Recreational Trails Program for trails and access to trails of any kind, with this being the 50th year the Utah OHV program. At Your Leisure has joined with Utah State Parks and created a web site called Outsiders.com. There are 40 trails uploaded on this site, with 360 imaging of the trails, GPS, and a rating of easy or difficult, plus an estimated time to complete the trail. They will be mapping one trail per week costing about \$3500.00 per trail, a very time consuming job. It will take about 1 week to map one trail. They are very excited to map White Wash Sand Dunes; it is really going to be popular. A lot of people think this is the best ride they have ever been on. The plan is to do three trails, three showings of each trail and run commercials for 6 months. We are asking "At Your Leisure" to help create the media, by helping to control the narrative creating responsible recreation. Kevin Mortensen has written two FIG grants for Green River City. One for a total of \$12,775 for mapping. The FIG portion is \$10,500 with an in-kind match of \$2,275. The second one is for promotional advertising with a total of \$52,220. The FIG portion is \$38,100 with an in-kind match of \$14,120. **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made a motion to approve the application for the State OHV Incentive Grant (FIG). Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

Public hearing began at 7:44 pm

2. Public Hearing on the issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bond. Conae Black spoke to the public about the \$300,000 loan that was received from the Community Impact Board to go towards our River Restoration Project. The City will be using the Sales Tax revenue to pay the debt and we will need to bond for it. Bo Harrison asked, what is the interest rate is? Conae Black answered .05%. for 10 years. Bo Harrison said, that is \$1500.00 per year, that is very cheap. Conae Black commented, she put in a Recreation Trails Program Grant for this project and was turned down because the project is mostly river and very little trails. There is a plan for a handicapped trail of 750 feet on the river front, which will decline so it is not so steep. They are also working on some seating for the small stage they have planned and the plans also include a boat ramp. It will be reseeded in the trail and a marker showing the historical levels of the river, the plans are about 60% complete. We have money from the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant of \$150,000, Emery County will be giving their TRT money of \$12,500 and also the Coal Country Strike Team Grant of \$20,000. With the CIB loan money of \$300,000 from the City we have about \$632,000 for this project. Conae Black said, the swimming hole is not going to look quite like you would

think, it is the river. Kids will be able to jump off the boat ramp and float down the river, but I wouldn't recommend doing that during high water. When the river is low in the spring the water is going to be too cold and in the fall the water would be ok. We will be meeting with Eric McCulley with River Restoration who has been helping on this project. Bo Harrison asked, so the loan will be for 10 years for \$10,000 plus \$1500.00 in interest? Conae Black commented, CIB was really excited about this, we originally put in for \$180,000 with \$ 115,000 cash match from the City. CIB said, keep your money and we will just give you a \$300,000 loan for 10 years at .05% interest. Conae Black informed the Council as soon as we get this phase completed then the funding for the other two phases will come a lot easier. She invited the Council to come view the design for the project any time. She felt confident that on phase #2 I know the City would be able to get Recreational Trails money. Marie Sykes asked, if it is a \$300,00 loan or grant? Conae Black answered, it is a loan and that is why the City is required to bond for the loan. CIB requires anything over \$100,000 to be bonded. The City has a bonding attorney helping us through this process. CIB was actually very excited about this project. Robin Sant asked, what is the damage doing these projects in phases? Do the River Restoration phases bring more people to the museum more? Conae Black commented, I am sure it will, this is a River History Museum, everyone flocks to the beach maybe more people will come to this location. Robin Hunt said, it will really help our Swell River Fest Event. Mayor Travis Bacon commented it will be good for everyone, it will bring more tourist and museum traffic. It is a win win situation. Marie Sykes said people can safely access the water. Conae Black said, there will be easier ADA access.

Public hearing closed at 7:50 pm

3. Discuss/approve/deny EMS Stipend Contract. Conae Black stated that the Memorandum of Understanding contract between the EMTS and Emery County was approved and this EMS Stipend Contract will help in managing the EMTS wages. This will be a contract between the EMT and Green River City. **MOTION:** Bo Harrison made a motion to approve the EMS Stipend Contract. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny leasing the city property to BR Sant Enterprises Robin Sant spoke to the Council about parking their Snow Shack business at the Teen Center parking lot. That property is owned by the City. They will need access to electricity. They also spoke with Jamie Richardson about parking at his business on Main Street, which is already leased to the state and he will be contacting them to see if it could be a possibility. Kent Nelson asked, where would you put it at the Teen Center? Robin Sant answered, we are thinking about the very front where you drive in next to the storage shed. Bo Harrison asked, will the power come from the Teen Center by the city shop? Is there any access there? Bryan commented that he wasn't sure how much power they would use. Burton Sant answered, there will be a 50 amp hook up and the trailer is equipped with 15 amps and the ice freezer is about 25 amps. Bryan Meadows said, that would be something they would have to add on somewhere. Kathy Ryan asked, could they have their own electrical hook-up and utility bill? Conae Black cautioned the Council about allowing a business to be on City property and if they let one business they would have to let other businesses do the same. Robin Sant commented that maybe the City could just say this is how much you'll need to pay per month if we were to use the City's power bill or if we were able to have our own hook up. She stated that they were willing to rent their spot. At Ace Hardware they paid \$200 per month. Conae Black said it would be hard with all the trucks pulling in and out at the truck fill. Philip Stubblefield commented, he felt a corner at the city park would be a much better place for it to sit with lots of access to people visiting the park where it would be more centralized and visible. Robin Sant said her main concern would be to make sure they are visible from Main Street, maybe the corner next to the Sleepy Hollow. Bryan Meadows commented we may need to trade out one of the amp boxes. Bo Harrison asked if they could take some time to decide what would be the best option for them? Kim McFarlane suggested you delegate to Conae Black the responsibility to have an appropriate fee schedule and location. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve leasing the city property to BR Sant Enterprises. Bo

Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Parker, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny contract with Emery County for election services. Conae Black addressed the Council about using Emery County's election service's as we have used it in the last election. The service has a vote counting capability, it will be a mail in ballot which is a confrontational issue across the country today. Conae Black said we would like to use this service again for this year's election.

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the contract with Emery County for election services. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny Co-op Agreement with UDOT Conae Black spoke to the Council about the traffic calming light signs on main street. It will flash if you're going over the speed limit, it has been very effective in other communities and UDOT will be partnering with the city on this. The City's fiduciary responsibility will be \$4,000 for one of the lights and the expense of an electrician for the electrical connection. **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made motion to approve the Co-op agreement with UDOT. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Dakota Farnsworth as for the Public Works Crew Member position. Conae Black stated that he interviewed very well and the selection committee was impressed. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve hiring Dakota Farnsworth for the Public Works Crew Member position. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Ann and Emily Roundy as JWP Museum Clerks

MOTION: Kathy made a motion to hire Ann and Emily Roundy as JWP Museum Clerks. Kent Nelson seconded the motions. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda.

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January 2021 financial report

February 2021 Treasurer report

March 2021 Payment Approval report

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda with one correction. Larry Parker seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Council and employee reports. Robin Hunt reported the dirt bike rally went very well and she is receiving a lot of positive feedback. She has found an exceptional sound system and trailer for an amazing price since the one the city currently has is a very old system. We will be able to use it for our bands and for 4th of July and Melon Days as well. She is meeting with the Swell River Fest Planning Committee every other week and it's a really great committee with a lot of people who have a great influence in the river community. She reported they are planning to have a completely normal Melon Day's celebration with bouncy houses, vendors etc. Cindy Bowerman will continue to be over the parade. She also commented, Bo Harrison just poured cement for foundation of the swim façade for Outlaws Day's in November. She has sent out a prevent survey and save the date to a bunch of different Gun Clubs throughout Utah and Facebook, hoping this will spark more interest and she has gotten lots of responses there. Bryan Meadows has had a short month working after contracting Covid. The Vetere lift station is completed and now we just need to transfer the power from the city to them. He has done a sewer management plan for you to review and sign, but it hasn't gotten here. It was completed and submitted to the state. They had a water leak behind the proposed Steele Towing site and runs behind the Shady Acres Gas Station which turned out to be a 6-inch tee stubbed off to nowhere. He spliced the tee off and spliced it back together. They burned weeds on the old UPL fence line and cleaned it up for the Bike Rally. Whenever the water gets in the ditch we have issues in front of Sandi Silliman's, with

water coming up in the road, but they were able to get it fixed. Lift station #2 was a problem this last weekend. Bryan was out of town and we do not have and back up pumps because they were off being fixed. We ended up with four 1 ½ inch pumps which had to be watched 24/7. Bryan spent the night on Sunday night checking every hour on the hour making sure it was working. Phillip Stubblefield has been sending out notices of weed control and notifying owners of trailers parked on their properties. He did attend the March Emergency Management Exercise at the GRHS. Phillip asked his wife to help clean up the Public Safety Restrooms that were looking pretty bad. We are still looking for someone to do the cleaning. The whole town is short employees. Phillip reported he delivered the documents for the Land fill from Bingham Engineering to Johnsen & Tuttle Engineering. Candice Cravins reported on the Water Ways Exhibit at the Museum. Conae Black reported the curb and gutter project in front of the Chow hound is almost completed. She has three Airport Grants out, one is a 350,000 FAA grant, to enlarge the runway. A \$20,000 Cares Act Grant and the \$9,000 CRSSA grant. The County has 6 EMTS signed up two local and four from the other side of the county.

9 Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Travis Bacon, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: June 8, 2021