

# City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Gary Riches and Kim Andrus; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows, Tim Glenn; Citizens Phillip Stubblefield, Julie Steuer, Steph Crabtree, Annalee Evans, Christopher Hendricks, Annalee Howland, Lindsey Briceno, Lydia Thompson, Stephanie Olsen, Tammy Howland, Eduard Korycan

**ABSENT:** Penney Riches

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by ~~Penney Riches~~ Kim Andrus.

1. Comments from Charlotte Uptain. Charlotte Uptain was not present to the meeting. No other comments were made.

2. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

December 11, 2018 regular city council minutes

November 2018 Recorder's financial report

December 2018 Treasurer's report

January 2019 Payment Approval report.

3. Public Hearing to discuss size, scope and nature of funding request to be submitted to the Community Impact Board. Conae Black said the City of Green River is putting in a grant to the Community Impact Board for trucks and equipment. The following vehicles and equipment will be included in the grant. Mini Excavator - \$52,500, Full tilt trailer - \$5,999, F150 truck - \$37,275, F250 truck - \$29,384, 125 KW Generator - \$68,982, Sewer Vacuum Truck – between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and an SUV for Animal Control – between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The difficult part is making all of the arrangements on a used sewer vacuum truck. CIB will require specifications on the vehicle that we will be purchasing which is a challenge for a used vehicle. It takes a few months to be approved by CIB and then get the funds and having a dealership hold a used vehicle that long will be tricky. The high total for all of the vehicles is \$334,140 and the low total is \$274,140. This will all depend on the price of the sewer vacuum truck and SUV. CIB is not in a position to grant all of their funds. Their current position is 50% grant 50% loan with zero to 2% interest. The City has done their due diligence on obtaining the best prices as possible for the vehicles and equipment.

Kathy Ryan said she is not in favor of an Animal Control SUV. She feels the animals can be transported in a cage placed in the back of a truck. She does not want to share a vehicle that has been used to transport animals. She said "God gave them a fur coat and they will be OK." Mayor Bacon said the City may be able to pick up a used vehicle from Moab City who will be getting rid of a couple of their animal control vehicles. Phillip Stubblefield said Meeker Colorado will also be getting rid of some vehicles that Green River City may be able to pick up for a low price. Mayor Bacon asked if there were any more comments. There were not any so he closed the public hearing.

4. Discuss/approve/deny allowing Rio Verde Adventures, LLC to use the City owned Crystal Geyser property for river and trail recreational activities. Mayor Bacon moved this agenda item

to the front of the meeting. Phillip Stubblefield, a partner in the Rio Verde Adventures, LLC, addressed the Mayor and City Council. Rio Verde Adventures is asking for access at the Crystal Geyser along the river for them to drop off or pick up mountain bikers, kayakers, boaters, paddle boarders and hikers. They would use the existing road and then trail off closer to the river across the city owned property. They are obtaining a BLM permit which requires permission from the property owners. At no time will Rio Verde Adventures, LLC or its employees drive onto the immediate area where the geyser exists or the area containing minerals deposited by the geyser. They are obtaining BLM permits through the Moab and Price, Utah offices. They will have a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy which would cover the drop off/pick up location as soon as BLM issues those permits. They are not asking for exclusive right to use the property. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to allow Rio Verde Adventures, LLC to use the City owned Crystal Geyser property for river and trail recreational activities as shown on the map. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. Gary Riches was not present for the vote. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny giving consent to the Good 2 Go Store, LLC for an off-premise beer retailer license pursuant to the provisions of 32 B-7, Utah Code for the purpose of the storage and sale of beer off-premises. Conae Black stated that this is the same situation as was done last month with the Melon Vine Food Store. The State of Utah is now regulating all businesses who sell beer off-premise to obtain a State license which requires local consent. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to give consent to the Good 2 Go Store, LLC for an off-premise beer retailer license. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss sick leave policy. Mayor Bacon said this has been discussed previously. The Council has been provided information on what Emery County's policy is on accrued sick leave when an employee retires. He feels there should be some value to an employee who has not used all of their sick leave when they retire. He feels it encourages judicious use of sick leave. He doesn't think it will be that big of an expense to the city especially when you are speaking of employees who have been working for 30 plus years and are looking to retire. He gave the amount of money that would be paid out to Chet Hunt, who will be retiring this year, at 100%, 50% and 25%. Police Chief, Phillip Stubblefield, said in Meeker Colorado they get 1/3 of their sick leave after five years of employment and 25% after 20 years of employment. There were no further comments or discussion.

7. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution No. R01-2019 establishing a fee schedule for the use of city employees and equipment for emergency sewage clean-up on private property. Conae Black asked if anyone had any questions on this resolution such as what would constitute an emergency for city employees to take care of a sewer issue on private property. Gary Riches felt liability insurance should be included in the resolution. Conae Black said the city has liability insurance coverage in all areas, departments or city functions. Gary Riches said if they came into his house and knocked down his walls then he would be a little bit upset. Conae Black said the city would not be in your house. If the sewage is spewing out on the ground and into the street and running down the curb and gutter then that constitutes a city emergency. If sewage is running into your house that does not constitute a city emergency that is your emergency. Kim Andrus asked how the hourly rate was determined. Conae Black said Orion Rogers who is with the Health Department told her that is what Moab City charges. **MOTION:** Gary Riches made a motion to approve Resolution No. R01-2019. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/approve/deny hiring James Lunsford for janitorial services at \$10.00 an hour. Mayor Bacon said this would be for all janitorial services needed for the city which includes City Hall, JWP Museum and the Park restrooms during the summer months. This is to replace the former Janitor who quit. Kim Andrus questioned the hiring process. Mayor Bacon said he talked to Mr. Lunsford because he has never met him. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve hiring James Lunsford for janitorial services at \$10.00 an hour. Kim Andrus seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss/approve/deny promoting Travis Newland to Public Works Supervisor and increasing his wages to \$19.50 an hour. This position was posted and Travis Newland was the only one who applied. Gary Riches asked about Travis Newlands certifications for the water and sewer departments. Bryan Meadows explained that he has gone above the required certifications for the water department but still needs to get his certifications for the sewer department. Mayor Bacon feels that this position will help with the overall efficiency of the city. **MOTION:** Gary Riches made a motion to approve promoting Travis Newland as a Public Works Supervisor and increasing his wages to \$19.50 an hour. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Department and employee reports. Bryan Meadows, Public Works Director, reported on the recent water leaks within the system. There had been some sewer back-ups and expressed his concern of not have a sewer vacuum truck. He has been advised to have some lab testing equipment at the water treatment plant and has looked into that somewhat. He is finding that the lab testing equipment is quite expensive but it would be beneficial. The snow plow needed new tires and he has ordered them. He explained the water leak at the water treatment plant and the town nearly ran out of water. Tim Glenn, Museum Director, reported that the museum was closed for a couple of weeks during the holidays. There has been some deep cleaning done. He has obtained Moab Heat and Cool for maintenance on the HVAC units. He will be looking into a security system for the museum. Council Member Gary Riches asked about a zoning issue. Council Member Kathy Ryan said Mulberry Street is holding its own and has been working on replacing street lights to LED. Council Member Kim Andrus asked about the new animal traps and laptop computer. She is still hoping to make some changes at the Shooting Sports Park. Council Member Michael Silliman said the Public Safety building is moving along and starting to take form. Mayor Bacon reported on the meeting with the Emery County Commissioners to discuss the Tax Increment Financing. The Commissioners were very receptive. He has been talking with Tim Glenn on extending the river walk trail. With the help of the County Commissioners we are looking at potential funding for natural gas. There may be some really good funding opportunities through the Travel Council in the near future. There was some discussion on signage.

11. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Travis Bacon, Mayor

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Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: February 12, 2019