

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

ATTENDING: Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Penney Riches and Kim Andrus; Employees Conae Black, Travis Bacon, Tim Glenn, Jackie Nelson, Travis Newland; Citizens Annalee Howland, Tammy Howland, Jeff Black, Anna Evans, Steph Crabtree, Stephanie Olsen, Lindsey Briceno, Melody Conover, Jordan Lenard, Russell Goodrich, Eduard Korycan, Keith Johnson, Sheriff Funk, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, Kent Wilson and Gil Conover

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Penney Riches.

1. Budget Public Hearing.

Conae Black explained that a few months ago the City Council approved a \$500 donation to MECCA Bicycle Club. By State law all donations require a public hearing to allow the citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions on whether this is the best use of the tax dollars. She also stated that the city is in need of a sewer vacuum truck that will assist the public works department on any emergency or maintenance item within the sewer system. The city feels that a good used vehicle will be sufficient for our needs but have not been able to find a lending agency who will loan money for a used vehicle. So the city felt that in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to purchase the used vehicle from the reserve sewer funds. The anticipated cost for the used vehicle will be about \$80,000. The budget increase will also be in the water department. The City has worked on coming into compliance with the State standards on the water. They have learned that it would be best to be able to test the water from the water treatment plant and is in need of lab testing equipment. The cost for that is \$70,000. Again the city feels that it will be best to use some of the reserve funds in the water department and not wait to seek funding elsewhere because that could take up to eight months to obtain that funding.

Tammie Howland asked how much money was in the sewer and water reserve funds. Conae Black said about \$250,000 in the sewer fund and \$450,000 in the water fund. Tammie Howland also asked how the lab testing equipment would help with the State requirements and if that would make the water safer to drink. Travis Newland explained that the city has had qualified professionals who have recommended to them that if they could test the water at the water treatment plant where it is processed before it is sent out into the system and they would have better knowledge of what total dissolved solids and other minerals that may be harmful to ingest.

Mayor Bacon asked if there were any further comments or questions. There were none. The public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

2 Discuss/approve/deny budget amendments. The proposed budget amendments are as follows:

MECCA Bicycle Club donation \$500
General Fund

	Original Budget	Revised Budget
Revenue:		
103120 STATE COLLECTED SALES TAX	\$220,000	\$220,500
Expense:		
104157 COMMUNITY ACTIVITY GRANTS	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000

Sewer Vacuum Truck \$80,000
Sewer Fund

	Original Budget	Revised Budget
Expense:		
524074 CAPITAL OUTLAY – EQUIPMENT	\$280,235	\$122,000

Lab Testing Equipment and supplies \$70,000
Water Fund

Expense:		
514024 WATER SUPPLIES	\$ 4,000	\$ 74,000

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the budget amendments. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Introduction of the Rural Online Initiative. Russell Goodrich and Jordan Lenard , who are with the Utah State University Extension, stated that Governor Gary Herbert signed a Bill in March 2018 that was designed to solve the exportation crisis of young adults moving away from rural counties in the State of Utah in search of sustainable employment. They explained the program.

4. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to the January 9, 2019 minutes. Penney Riches seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

January 9, 2019 regular city council minutes
December 2018 Recorder’s financial report
January 2019 Treasurer’s report
February 2019 Payment Approval report.

5. Discuss/approve/deny Ordinance No. 2019-01, amending Title 8 of the Green River ordinances with respect to Water Use and Service. Kathy Ryan said after much discussion and research she feels that it is in the best interest of the city to eliminate the idle connection fees. She feels that the way the ordinance is written it could be a liability to the city to continue assessing those fees. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-01, amending Title 8 of the Green River ordinances with respect to Water Use and Service. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny giving consent to the Bruce and Polly Billings, Billings Distribution Inc., and Michele and John Corrigan for an off-premise beer retailer license at the Gas-N-Go, BP Chevron and Shady Acres pursuant to the provisions of 32 B-7, Utah Code, for the purpose of storage and sale of beer off-premises. **MOTION:** Kim Andrus made a motion to approve giving consent to Bruce and Polly Billing Distribution Inc. and Michele and John Corrigan for an off-premise beer retailer license. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny activities for the GRIT Community Event. Jackie Nelson said GRIT is planning on a community event held at the Park on June 7th. This event will run the same as it did last year except they would like to add a mechanical bull riding activity and charge a minimal admittance fee. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the mechanical bull riding activity for the GRIT Community Event. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/approve/deny Work Release with Sunrise Engineering for a Wastewater Capital Facilities Plan. The City will be applying for a grant with Water Quality for an update on the

Sewer Master Plan. This work release is to allow Sunrise Engineering to do the updated plan. **MOTION:** Penney Riches made a motion to approve the Work Release with Sunrise Engineering for a Wastewater Capital Facilities Plan. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss/approve/deny ratification of the Shooting Sports Association's new Executive Committee. Kim Andrus stated that the Shooting Sports Park Inc. met and made a change in the Executive Board. **MOTION:** Kim Andrus made a motion to approve Mike Keener as Chair, Jeff Black as Vice Chair and Cindy Bowerman as Secretary/Treasurer of the Shooting Sports Park Inc. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Discuss/approve/deny hiring bonus for two new Emery County Deputies. There was some discussion on this and statements from Sheriff Funk who said Emery County is having a difficult time hiring any Deputies for Green River. There has been a lapse in time where there has not been any police protection. There are other agencies who have offered a hiring bonus and it has been successful. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to open the budget and allow a \$5,000 each sign on bonus for the two new Emery County Deputies. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

11. Discuss/approve/deny bid to upgrade the museum's phone system. Tim Glenn said Emery Telecom gave him the following quotes to upgrade the phone at the museum. To lease the equipment the up-front non-recurring cost is \$1,784.98 and the monthly recurring cost is \$185.63. To purchase the up-front non-recurring cost is \$3251.97 and monthly recurring cost is \$137.95. He felt the best choice was to purchase the equipment and not lease. Members of the Council asked him to check with Emery Telcom on the lease option. They thought the lease option would allow him to upgrade the equipment at no extra cost which is a much better deal. **MOTION:** Kim Andrus made a motion to approve an upgrade of the museum's phone system with Tim Glenn checking on the best option between the lease and purchase agreements. Penney Riches seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

12. Discuss/approve/deny voting options for the 2019 Municipal Election. Conae Black said she attended a meeting with Emery County Clear/Auditor, Brenda Tuttle, who said the State, is no longer allowing the use of the computerized voting machines and the County will now be doing their elections by the "vote by mail" option. They will be purchasing an electronic scanner that will count the votes. The County gave all municipalities the option of contracting with them for their elections. The municipalities have a choice to have paper ballots, vote by mail without the use of the county's scanner or contract with the county. She would prefer to contract with the county and not have to count all of the ballots as that takes many hours to do so. The electronic scanner will save the city a lot of time. **MOTION:** Michael Silliman made a motion to approve contracting with Emery County for the 2019 Municipal Election. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Kim Andrus and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

13. Department and employee reports. Tim Glenn reported on the activities at the museum. Travis Newland reported on what the public works department has been working on this past month. Kathy Ryan, Kim Andrus, Penney Riches, Michael Silliman and Mayor Bacon reported on their departments.

14. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Travis Bacon, Mayor
Approved: March 12, 2019

Conae Black, City Recorder