

# City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 9, 2018

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Anna Evans and Kim Andrus; Employees Conae Black, Chet Hunt; Citizens Jeff Black, Frank Anderson, Christopher Henderson, Brenna Hunt, Steph Crabtree, Dr. Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Stephanie Olsen, Lindsey Briceno, Eduard Korycan, from Sunrise engineering Devan Shields

**ABSENT:** Penney Riches

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Travis Bacon, the meeting began at 7:04 p.m.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Kathy Ryan.

1. Presentation and discussion on Crystal Geyser. Dr. Kathy Ryan from Canada addressed the City Council. She has brought students to study the geyser for several years. She came up with ideas on how to improve the eruption of the geyser. She asked for permission to remove the metal grate from the casing in order to get a better view point. Permission was given. Council Member Kathy Ryan asked if the geyser polluted the river. Dr. Kathy Ryan said it does. The river is fresh water and the geyser has a lot of minerals an salinity that it puts into the river.

2. Department and employee reports. Michael Silliman reported on the progress of the new Public Safety building and parks. In July, which is the beginning of a new fiscal year, there will be a new curb, gutter and sidewalk project going. Kim Andrus said they are starting to trap cats again but animal control needs more traps. The Shooting Sports Park held another successful shooting event. She would like to get water to the SSP and restrooms were discussed. Devan Shields from Sunrise Engineering addressed the Mayor and City Council. He has been updating the Water Master Plan and gave a brief summary of what will be in the plan. A full report is coming soon. Kathy Ryan reported on the canal, planned activities from GRIT and cleaning of drainage. Anna Evans suggested getting a volunteer group together to clean up weeds at the cemetery. She would like a garbage dumpster placed at the cemetery for the clean-up. There is still a Grand County sign there that needs to be taken down. She has read over the Professional Agreement with Armstrong Consultants for the Airport Master Plan. Conae Black has been working a lot on economic development with Better City and the County Commissioners. She is still working on getting natural gas to the community. She attended the CIB meeting where they acted upon the vehicle and equipment grant application. There were more requests for funds than they had money for and the Board gave us a 10 year loan at 2.5% interest for everything except the generator. They felt we could get funding from another source for that. Mayor Bacon would like us to look into what it would take to lease the vehicles and equipment rather than purchase. Mayor Bacon reported that he met with the County Commissioners about placing an Inland Port in Green River. It is very competitive but we like our chances. He announced the Rascal Martinez concert on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We should have a decision from Dominion Energy in about two weeks whether they will provide natural gas to Green River. If not we have other plans in place. The new city website is up and running.

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

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February 2019 Recorder's financial report

March 2019 Treasurer's report

April 2019 Payment Approval report.

4. Discuss/approve/deny revision of sick leave policy. Mayor Bacon said this has been a point of discussion for a long time. They have taken a close look at what Emery County's policy is on sick leave and how what they do with the accrued hours when an employee retires or leaves county employment. They have discussed a lot of other practices and they greatly vary. The city would like to reward employees who have shown up for their duties and not taken sick leave when it is not necessary and being responsible. The city would like to suggest amending the employment policy for sick leave as follows. There would be a cap of sick leave at 900 hours that would be payable at 50% of their wage upon retirement. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to amend the sick leave policy that upon retirement an employee will be able to be paid out 900 hours of their sick leave at 50% of their wage based upon job performance. Anna Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. Michael Silliman abstained and Kim Andrus voted nay. Because this is a tie vote Mayor Bacon voted with an aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny consent to Love's Travel Stop and Love's Country Store for an off-premise beer retailer license pursuant to the provisions of 32 B-7, Utah Code, for the purpose of storage and sale of beer off-premises. Conae Black Love's has purchased the Conoco and Chevron on the west end of town. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to give consent to Love's Travel Stop and Love's Country Store for an off-premise beer retailer license. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny Professional Services Agreement with Armstrong Consultants Inc. Conae Black said it is time for a new Master Plan at the airport. 93.6% of the cost of this plan will be paid for by the FAA. The remainder will be split between the State of Utah and the City. Before this agreement could be made the FAA required Armstrong to provide what the scope of work would be and how much they would charge for those services. The FAA then required an independent fee estimate from an outside source to be conducted. That was completed and they found the fee of \$329,506.00 conformed to the FAA standards. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Armstrong Consultants Inc. to complete a Master Plan for \$329,506.00. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discussion on zoning changes. Conae Black explained the proposed zoning for the West Industrial Park and a change in zoning for in the open space in the old river bed where there are private land owners from the Planning Commission. The next step is for the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing.

8. Discussion on 2020 budget requirements. Conae Black said according to State Law the city needs to adopt a tentative budget on or before the first meeting in May. She submitted a budget worksheet to each official present. Because there are two new members of the Council who have not been through the budget process a budget work session was set for April 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

9. Discuss/approve/deny appointing Kent Johnson to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommended to the Mayor and City Council to appoint Kent Johnson as a new member. Mayor Bacon said he would like to appoint Kent Johnson to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve appointing Kent Johnson to the Planning Commission. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Travis Bacon, Mayor  
Approved: May 14, 2019

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Conae Black, City Recorder