

# City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Anna Evans and Kim Andrus; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows, Jackie Nelson, Loni Meadows; Citizens Frank Anderson, Stephanie Olsen, Annalee Howland, Tami Howland, Gwen Ambrose, Steph Crabtree, Amy Wilmarth, Eduard Korycan

**ABSENT:** Penney Riches

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

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The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Anna Evans.

1. Budget Public Hearing. Mayor Bacon stated that for the 2020 budget year the following city employees will be receiving a raise. Conae Black will be going from \$22.00 an hour to \$24.00 an hour. Jackie Nelson will be going from \$12.00 an hour to \$13.00 an hour. Addi Weighing will be going from \$9.00 an hour to \$9.94 an hour. Kelsie Hart will be going from \$15.00 an hour to \$17.40 an hour. Across the board all employees will be getting a 3% cost of living raise which hasn't happened in five years. There has been a budget increase for the City Council Nominal Fee from \$20.00 a month to \$200.00 a month. This also requires an amendment to the City Ordinances. The Community Grants or donations will be as follows: \$250.00 to the Parent Teacher Student Association, \$250.00 to the Special Olympics, \$500.00 to PACT, \$500.00 to the Green River Medical Center, \$500.00 to the MECCA Bicycle Club, \$5,000.00 to Emery County for a sign on bonus for a new Deputy Sheriff, and \$4,200.00 to CHEER Collation. The CHEER funds are generated by the beer and liquor tax which has to go to a program like that. The City will be doing an updated Airport Master Plan that will cost \$330,000 with FAA and State funds paying all but 2 ½% of that cost. There will be a new curb, gutter and sidewalk on Main Street to which the city received State funds for that. There will be an updated Sewer Master Plan, updates to the water treatment plant, stripping of the city owned parking lots and will continue to work with Better City on economic development, housing and trails and recreation. Mayor Bacon asked for any questions or comments.

Tammy Howland asked who was doing the Airport Master Plan. The answer was Armstrong Consultants.

Conae Black stated that the amendments to the 2019 budget are line items that are either over or under the budget.

Annalee Howland said she is grateful that there are some employees who are getting raises and the city does not need to justify why you are paying your people more money. Mayor Bacon said Green River is a small city and our financiers are limited but we try the best we can to adequately compensate our employees for the great job that they do. Amy Wilmarth said it also helps with retaining the good employees. Mayor Bacon said it is great all around with recruitment, retention, moral, everything. Annalee Howland asked if the city will be taking on a policy to evaluate a cost of living raise every year because five years seems like a long time to go without a cost of living increase. Mayor Bacon agreed and said at least as long as he is in office he would make it a point to take a look at it and ask the Council to consider it as well. Amy Wilmarth asked for funds just under \$100 for supplies for an EMS Class. Mayor Bacon stated that there are a couple of areas where that expense would be applicable. Training is extremely important. Mayor Bacon asked if there were any other comments or questions on the 2019 or 2020 budgets. There were none. The public hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

2. Discuss/approve/deny amendments to the 2019 budget. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the amendments to the 2019 budget pending upon any other changes as needed. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve/deny the 2020 budget. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the 2020 budget. Anna Evans seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

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

April 29, 2019 special city council minutes

May 14, 2019 regular city council minutes

April 2019 Recorder's financial report

May 2019 Treasurer's report

June 2019 Payment Approval report

5. Housing report from the Epicenter. Stephanie Crabtree addressed the Mayor and City Council. She reported on the Housing Open House that they held. The purpose of the Open House was to get community input on where they would like to see housing, what type of rental housing they would like to see and what amenities for rental housing would be important. They asked people what they loved about their home. There were about 20 people who attended the Open House. They also reached out individually to different people. This way they were able to diversify to different age groups and types of people. They asked how they would like to design rental housing. A private yard was the most important amenity. Another question was if they liked the idea of mixed-use. Surprisingly 53% polled like that idea. They have identified six different sites where housing could be built. Some of the discussions they have had are designing single-family home or duplexes, handicap accessible, rent to own purchase options. Deed restrictions and/or financing in phases. They have been working with Better City who has been giving them some great advice and connecting them with people. They have also been working with Rocky Mountain Community Reinvestment Corporation who packages financing.

6. Discuss/approve/deny advertising with Hooked on Utah. Mayor Bacon said the marketing packet that he would like for Hooked on Utah is \$28,000 for 4 full episodes that would be aired 52 times. He will be taking this to the Emery County Travel Council meeting tomorrow to pay for ½ of this expense. Hooked on Utah airs every Saturday night and again on Sunday morning on the KUTV and KMYU stations. That totals out 208 airings a year. When you break it out it comes to \$135 an episode. It is also posted on their outdoor website which has a huge following. Mayor Bacon promoted this advertising for Green River and stated that there is money in the budget. Kathy Ryan was concerned that the city was not ready to direct people to enough recreational places. She felt perhaps it would be best to have all of the planned trails in place. Jackie Nelson said the travel information center is already directing people to places within the San Rafael Swell and Book Cliffs. She said it is just a matter of teaching people where these places are. There was some discussion. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve advertising with Hooked on Utah contingent upon Emery County Travel Council participation. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny promotional material purchase. Mayor Bacon said he would like to order 150 knives and Hydro Flasks to promote Green River. Last year he ordered the Hydro Flasks and they went over very well. Again this would be with Travel Council participation. **MOTION:** Kim Andrus made a motion to approve purchasing promotional materials contingent upon Emery County Travel Council participation. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/approve/deny equipment leases. Mayor Bacon said he would like to look into leasing the needed equipment rather than getting a loan from CIB. He was not pleased with the outcome of the CIB application for vehicles and equipment submitted by the city. Travis Newland came to him and explained that it wouldn't be wise to lease the Mini Excavator because they hold their value very well especially where we wouldn't be putting an enormous amount of hours on it. Mayor Bacon felt it would be a good value to lease the trucks. He got the idea from Grand county Sheriff's office who leases their equipment and it has saved them a lot of money. Mayor Bacon said the city has spent roughly \$15,000 over the last three fiscal years on vehicle maintenance. Conae Black said that is on all vehicles and equipment. Kathy Ryan said our vehicles are very old. Mayor Bacon said there are about four vehicles that are driven daily and one more that is used often but not daily. The only maintenance the city would be responsible for is tire rotation and oil changes. The lease is for twelve months and then the city would get new vehicles which would be under factory warranty. The CIB loan payment is about \$12,000 a year for the next ten years. After the age of the vehicles go up the maintenance will go up. The annual lease payment for new vehicles every year is \$9,500 every year. If there is any damage to the vehicles then the city would be responsible for any cost over \$1,500 in repairs. The city wouldn't be responsible for a dent in your door from parking in parking lot or a rock chip or similar things. These vehicles are loaded and the way they make their money is when they are turned in they sell them for a good price. Kim Andrus asked if the \$9,500 a year is for all five trucks. Mayor Bacon said no it would only be for two trucks. Kathy Ryan asked if the leased trucks came with a utility bed. Mayor Bacon said they would not provide a utility bed. The city will need to purchase the utility beds which will cost an additional \$6,500. Kathy Ryan said not all utility beds are compatible for other trucks. There was more discussion. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to deny leasing equipment. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss possible ambulance acquisition. Mayor Bacon said Police Chief Stubblefield from Meeker Colorado let him know that there will be an ambulance available from Meeker City. He described the details of the vehicle. This vehicle has four wheel drive which would be useful calls that need four wheel drive and wildland fires. This vehicle may sell for around \$15,000 or maybe even free. There were some questions and concerns from EMT's that was present.

There were some reports from City Council Members and City employees.

**MOTION:** Kim Andrus made a motion to go into an Executive Session. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. . **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING STATEMENT IN LIEU OF MINUTES**

I do hereby affirm, being the presiding official over the executive meeting held on June 11, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. that it was held for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. This is in accordance of the Utah Code Section 52-4-205.

10. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Travis Bacon, Mayor

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Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: August 13, 2019