

# City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

**ATTENDING:** Council Members Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Anna Evans and Kim Andrus; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows, Robin Nelson, Tim Glenn; Citizens Frank Anderson, Kim McFarlane, Larry Packard, Stephan Mayall, Julie Steuer, Kent Nelson, Stephanie Olsen, Tanner McFarlane, Eduard Korycan

**ABSENT:** Mayor Bacon, Michael Silliman

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Pro Tempe Kathy Ryan, the meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Kim Andrus.

1. Discussion on housing project. The Council went over the Housing RFP and made comments. Anna Evans felt there should be some timeline milestones. It was suggested to have a financing plan provided. There needs to be a conceptual building design. She would like to see certain energy, material and appearance standards. She really feels the RFP needs to sell itself to a Developer as well as Developer wants to sell themselves to the City. There also needs to be deed restrictions included so people are not buying the houses and turning them into short term rental homes. She felt the site description needed more details. She questioned whether there should be a timeline for full development and did not want this project drawn out for ten years. Penney Riches said the construction could possibly take that long or otherwise it would be cost prohibitive and felt a timeline could be negotiated with the Developer. Anna Evans would still like to see some kind of a timeline given. She was concerned that the RFP did not specifically address that this is for low to moderate homes. There was more discussion on this. Anna Evans also wanted to add to the RFP if there were going to be rental units then they should provide a management plan. There was some discussion on whether the city should give away the property, the utility connection and impact fees or not. There was a review on the specifications and Conae Black asked Anna Evans to write up what she thought the specifications should say.

2. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Leann Chidester for the Seasonal Museum Clerk position. Tim Glenn said Addison Gee is now working part time at the Emery County Library and there is a need to hire someone who can fill those hours that she cannot work. **MOTION:** Penney Riches made a motion to hire Leann Chidester for the Seasonal Museum Clerk position. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Penney Riches, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Cameron Wilford as the Financial Director/HR Specialist. Conae Black said this position is for less than 10 hours a week and Cameron Wilford was the only applicant. He is qualified for the position and currently works 30hours a week for the Green River Medical Center as their Financial Director. Kathy Ryan asked if he would be writing grants. Conae Black said yes he will help with grants and will also be helpful in our missing areas of Human Resources. She really doesn't know specifically what the Mayor has in mind for him to do nor did Cameron Wilford when she spoke with him but we both think we can make this work. Kathy Ryan asked about his hourly wage. Conae Black said it would be \$40 an hour. This job is not to exceed 10 hours a week so there will not be any benefits. Kent Nelson questioned how the job was posted because he did not see it posted around town and felt it was written just for the one applicant. He thought there would be qualified people who live in town that missed out on the opportunity to apply for the job. There was some argument and discussion as to whether

there would be a qualified person in the community to fill this job. The Council held more discussion on the wage. **MOTION:** Penney Riches made a motion to approve hiring Cameron Wilford as the Financial Director/HR Specialist at \$40 an hour. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Penney Riches, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Set a date for Code Enforcement Officer interviews. Conae Black said that if a job is posted on the Indeed web site these job applicants want a quick response to their inquiry or they will go elsewhere for a job. The way it has worked in the past is the selection committee has taken up to a month or more to get back to the applicant to set up an interview. She cautioned the Council that if they want to take advantage of the applicants who submit on Indeed then they need to respond to them within one week. It was decided to set up interviews Friday of this week then Monday and Thursday of the following week.

5. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Anna Evans made a motion to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Penney Riches, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

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6. Department and employee reports. Bryan Meadows completed replying for the sewer discharge application. They have been flushing the water lines. He collected the lead and copper samples that is required once a year. He also collected water for the DBP's testing. They have been hitting it hard on getting control of the weeds. Tim Glenn is getting ready for the River Runners Hall of Fame event. They are working on a good story of the use of the river water. They put in some of the new dog signs and replaced with dog stations. He replaced the water fountain. Robin Nelson said the Melon Cruz show is this Friday. She reported on the progress of the Melon Days event. She is officially a member of the Emery County Trails Committee. She is working on the Cowboys Days and River Festival events. Anna Evans has been working with Better City on the working with Better City on the Housing RFP. She has been doing some research on becoming a Dark Sky community. She is working with GRIT on their projects. Kim Andrus said they have been working on the shoot for Melon Days. She has not had any reports on dog poisoning. EMS will be meeting next week. Penney Riches said as usual Tim Glenn has been taking care of the museum. She is grateful that Robin Nelson is on the Emery County Trails committee. She is willing to man the city booth at Melon Days. Conae Black reported that she has been working a lot on natural gas and preparations for the table top discussion. Kathy Ryan will be bringing the river visioning concept to the citizens soon and would like community input. The curb, gutter and sidewalk project will be finished this Friday.

7. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Travis Bacon, Mayor

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Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: December 10, 2019