

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

ATTENDING: Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Anna Evans and Kim Andrus; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows, Jackie Nelson, Phillip Stubblefield, Robin Nelson, Tim Glenn; Citizens Stephen Mayall, Tammy Howland, Annalee Howland, Gwen Ambrose, Kent Nelson, Scott Ryan, Amy Wilmarth, Larry Packer, Bridget Meadows, Julie Steuer, Stephanie Olsen, Stephanie Crabtree, Eduard Korycan, Emery County Commissioner Wilson, Dylan Keele, Justin Queen

ABSENT: Penney Riches

CONDUCTING: Mayor Travis Bacon, the meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Anna Evans.

Recess as the Green River City Council.

Convene as the City of Green River Local Building Authority

1. Discuss/approve/deny Final Bond Resolution relating to the loan from the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board.

Recess as the Green River Local Building Authority.
Convene as the Green River City Council.

2. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Phillip Stubblefield as the Code Enforcement Officer. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve hiring Phillip Stubblefield as the Code Enforcement Officer. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Appoint Ben Lehnhoff as Fire Chief and to represent the Fire Department on the Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District Board. Mayor Bacon said the Fire Department held elections and Ben Lehnhoff was selected as the Fire Chief. **MOTION:** Kim Andrus made a motion to approve appointing Ben Lehnhoff as the Fire Chief and to represent the Fire Department on the Emery County Fire Protection Special Service District Board. Ann Evans seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution No. R03-2019 Establishing an Enterprise Zone. Conae Black explained that this is a tool that can be used by the businesses to obtain tax credits from the State of Utah. Along with that the city needs to put in some local incentives which are:

Simplified procedure for obtaining permits

Dedication of available government grants

Waiver of business license fees for the first year

Private contributions

Small business incubator programs

MOTION: Anna Evans made a motion to approve Resolution R03-2019 Establishing an Enterprise Zone. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss museum budget regarding grant funds. Tim Glenn stated the Museum received a \$20,000 grant from the State and would like to ask the Council to open the budget for these funds.

6. Discuss agreement between the City and Chevron USA Inc. Conae Black stated that this is an agreement that was made in 1983 between the City and Chevron Inc. for the extension of a sewer line to the Chevron gas station on the west end of town. This agreement states that when a customer connects onto that line the city would pay Chevron Inc. \$400. The most recent connection is the Holiday Inn Express. So that means the city would owe \$400 to Love's who now owns the gas station. The total balance the city owes is \$17,200. Kathy Ryan asked if this is owed to Gary Anderson. Conae Black said the agreement is with Chevron Inc. and not Gary Anderson who originally owned the gas station. Gary Anderson sold the property to Bruce Billings and Bruce Billings just sold to Love's and the agreement goes with the property owner. This agreement has been on our books since 1983 and she would like to be able to talk to Love's and she wouldn't be surprised if different arrangements could be made. The City Council was in agreement to allow Conae Black to renegotiate this agreement with Love's.

7. Commissioner Wilson EMS Information. Emery County Commissioner Wilson said he and Mayor Bacon have been working on making changes and improvements to the EMS problems for about the last six months. He said there is something that we can all agree on that we are in a crisis and this is not acceptable. They have been brain storming for a solution. The Green River Medical Center, the City and the County formed a partnership to try and come up with a solution. We felt that Green River EMS could manage on their own with the help of Emery County. At the time it felt like we could take this partnership and Emery County could put \$50,000 into it, Green River City could put \$50,000 into it and the Medical Center could apply for \$50,000 through the State. EMS has an additional \$150,000. That would be a total of \$300,000 to get started with. They set a goal to analyze the busiest 10 hours of the day to determine how to set up employee status. But since these goals were set and the motion started the Medical Center has decided not to participate. He spoke on his ideas on employment. It is difficult to staff EMS 24 hours' day 360 days a week from a community that has a population of 800 to 900 people. He is asking the City to budget \$50,000 for EMS that may or may not be used depending on if they can come up with a plan that everyone can agree with. He expressed that he knows there is a problem but does not have an answer on how to resolve it but wanted Green River to know that resolving this is very important to the Emery County Commissioners. There was some discussion on the responsibility of the health, safety and welfare of the numerous amounts of people who travel to our town and questions as to why the State is not willing to help. Commissioner Wilson is looking into a USDA grant to help with EMS equipment and vehicles. He is also in contact with the State to free up some funds to help. All of these solutions are going to take one to two years to pan out. This is a critical service. Anytime we call 911 we expect results. He said he does not come before the citizens of Green River at this time with a solution and asked for any comments. Comments and suggestions were given.

8. Discuss/approve/deny allocating up to \$50,000 in Matching Funds for EMS if needed. Mayor Bacon said as Commissioner Wilson talked about we are very aware and do not want to throw money at it. These funds would be very project specific and put to good use. We may not end up spending any of that money. To him this is symbolic on how serious we take this and how committed we are. It will be there if it is needed and it will not be wasted or a bad investment. He thinks it shows our commitment and willingness to the County and be an engaged partner and active participant. Conae Black reminded the Mayor and City Council that per State law they cannot allocate any funds without opening up the budget. She said a motion can be made stating they are willing to open the budget and allocate the \$50,000. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to table this until the budget can be opened. Anna Evans seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Canvass votes. Conae Black provided to the Council a comparison of the unofficial to the official count. The results are as follows:

Number of Registered Voters	380
Number Voted	223
Percentage of Voting	58.98%

Green River City Mayor TRAVIS BACON	175
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Green River City Council 2 Year PENNEY RICHES	104
LARRY G. PACKER	117

Green River City Council 4 Year KIMBERLY K. ANDRUS	80
ANNA EVANS	97
KATHY RYAN	151
BO HARRISON	121
KENT HOMER NELSON	119

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the canvass of the votes. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda with correction to the September 11, 2019 minutes. Kim Andrus seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kim Andrus, Kathy Ryan and Anna Evans voted aye. The motion carried.

- September 11, 2019 special meeting minutes
- September 2019 financial report
- October 2019 Treasurer's report
- November 2019 Payment Approval report

11. Department and employee reports. Bryan Meadows reported that Chad and Justin Pinneo is attending classes to become certified for water distribution. He has spent a lot of time trying to get figure out different ways to lower the water DBP's. He and Conae Black have been working on an RFP for engineering services to help with this problem. There were a couple of sewer line issues that turned out to be the property owner's problem. Two new houses required water and sewer connections. The new Holiday Inn Express has run a water line to up to where the building is going to be. They blew out sprinkler lines. He is looking at keeping the park restrooms open this winter. The problem he has with that is the power is not sufficient for large heaters so he is trying smaller heaters. Robin Nelson reported that Cowboys Days was a success. She sent out a post survey to all of the shooters and will implement the suggestions that were received. The next event is the Christmas event and she is gearing up for that. Phillip Stubblefield reported that he has sent his time reviewing codes and looking at where changes could be made. He has contacted some specific owners that have a weed problem that could be a fire hazard. He is starting an awareness campaign to hopefully get people to volunteer to clean up their property. He would like to hold a workshop with the City Council maybe some time in February. He said he can do a lot of things but in the end if he doesn't have Council support then it is all for nothing. It is going to be a long process to get some of the things done. He is willing to help out in other departments if the city needs his help. He is currently taking a grant writing class. Michael Silliman said his departments are going well. The new fire house is almost complete. Kim Andrus reported that her animal control officer broke her leg so some things are on hold if Ben Lehnhoff can't get to it. She turned the time over to Scott Ryan who is the EMS Garage Lead. Scott said most of this has already been resolved but he wanted to ask the city for some help with some supplies that EMS needs. He spoke with Commissioner Wilson and he will be able to get some of these supplies. He is still in need of an office desk. Conae Black said there is money in the budget to get EMS an office desk, chair and chair pad. She will get that ordered and

delivered to the new building. Kim said they ordered a new trap shoot. She reported the turkey shoot was a success. She said they got a dumpster but would still like water brought to the gun range. Conae Black said she will not put water out to the property until there is something to connect the water to. Kim said they have plans for a building. Conae said when the building plans are submitted and construction begins they the city can easily bring water to the gun range. Mayor Bacon said he found a sponsor for the gun range who will help out with prizes for the shooting events. Kathy Ryan said UDOT is having a meeting soon. She spoke with Sovereign Lands about river restoration. She has been working with GRIT on the spring clean-up project. Anna Evans has been working closely with Better City on the residential housing RFP. She has also been working on a dark skies designation for Green River. Conae Black reported that she has been working on elections. There are currently three RFP's out that she has either written or consulted on. She has been working on final decisions for the Public Safety Building and will help get the building ready for Philip Engleman's services. Mayor Bacon he met with BLM with the intention of commenting on their plans for the San Rafael Swell and the desert. He asked them to keep them open and give us more because it is important to our economy and for recreational use. One proposed trail in our plan was on Monument Hill but hit a roadblock when trying to work with the railroad. We needed to be able to work with Union Pacific and have now in contact with the right people who will examine the trail plan.

12. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Travis Bacon, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: December 10, 2019