

City of Green River
460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

ATTENDING: Mayor Travis Bacon, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Larry Packer, Bo Harrison and Kent Nelson; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows, Tim Glenn, Jackie Nelson; Citizens Grace Whathey, Lindsey Briceno, Stephanie Crabtree, Maria Sykes, Ren Hatt. Amy Wilmarth, Julie Steuer, Anna Evans, Stephanie Olsen, Bridget Meadows, Eduard Korycan, Lacy Harrison, Emery County Deputy Dylan Keele, from Better City LLC Adam Hughes, per telephone Cameron Willford

CONDUCTING: Mayor Travis Bacon, the meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Kent Nelson.

1. Public Hearing on Budget Amendments. Conae Black explained the different funds to the new City Council Members. She said one of the suggested budget changes in the General Fund that Mayor Bacon has talked about is \$50,000 to go towards EMS. Mayor Bacon said that amount has changed to \$20,000. She is proposing that the fire department funds be decreased \$42,500 because they were not able to go on any wildland fires nor have they applied for any grants. Budget changes in the Transient Room Tax Infrastructure Fund would be appropriating \$5,000 of the fund balance to pay for the Emery County canine and just adjusting line items where actual expenses were taken from. In the Sewer fund there is a sewer vacuum needs some repairs. I am suggesting a line item change that does not increase or decrease the budget but allows for the maintenance to be done. In the Museum fund there was more grant funding that was received than was expected and the inventory at the gift shop needs to be replenished. This will be a budget increase in the gift shop revenue and expenses, an increase in grant revenue and the money from the grant will be used for exhibit supplies and upgrades to the bathrooms. She said that projecting sales tax revenue is very unpredictable.

Kent Nelson asked if there were only two increases which would be for EMS and the Emery County canine. Conae Black said there is also an increase in the museum budget \$20,000 in grant revenue and an additional \$25,000 for the museum gift shop sales and expense. Mayor Bacon said the museum gift shop sales have increased and need more funds to keep it stocked. Jackie Nelson said in 2019 the gift shop revenue was up \$25,000. She is trying to run it more like a retail outlet so that it is actually making money. She has learned if you keep the shelves full then people buy more. That is what they are trying to do. They have been back and forth with Conae Black, Mayor Bacon and Tim Glenn to decide the best way to get a handle on inventory and decided that opening the budget would be the best way if more products are needed. If the economy is down and sales are down then we obviously would not need as much money to restock and there would not be a need to ask for more money. Doing it this way we can balance where we are at and what our needs are in filling the needs of the gift shop so that we can continue to make money. Mayor Bacon said you need to have product to make a profit.

Bryan Meadows said he ended up getting a used sewer vacuum truck on auction. They were expecting to spend up to \$100,000 on a used truck and he purchased one for \$32,000. He just wants to transfer some of the money budgeted for the purchase of the truck to do a little bit of maintenance and repairs. Mayor Bacon said Councilman Silliman, Ryan and Bryan Meadows did an excellent job in locating that truck. The city could not get grant funding to buy a used vehicle. This is a piece of equipment that you really need to have because you never know when an

emergency is going to happen. A new vehicle costs \$250,000. The cost for the used vehicle all together is about \$65,000. Bryan Meadows said he doesn't think he will need all of the money he has budgeted for the repairs. The repairs are minor but he wanted to make sure he transferred enough just in case so he didn't have to open up the budget again

Bo Harrison asked for clarity the money needed for EMS services and what that increase is for. Mayor Bacon said we all know our EMS services have seen better days. . We were down to one driver and two EMT's that were giving it the best they can and giving it their all but they are only three people. We need to work on our EMS in a lot of ways. Initially Commissioner Wilson talked to him about getting \$50,000 from the State, Emery County contributing \$50,000 and wondered if the City would give \$50,000 to help get EMS back up and running. It has since evolved quite a bit and at this point right now the County has made it a priority one issue in no uncertain terms. It is definitely on their radar and they are absolutely aware and all over what a critical issue this is. He can't think of a whole lot that is more important than EMS. They have identified from at least four or five sources for a total of \$285,000 to go towards EMS services for the county. With that updated figure Commissioner really didn't think we needed to budget anything at all. In his mind for a long time it has been largely symbolic. You never know what is going to happen with funding issues but that money would be there if we absolutely needed it and the County had expended all of their funds and there was still a short fall. At this point that will probably not happen. Commissioner Wilson feels they are in great shape and appreciates the city's support. Mayor Bacon continued that it was his thought to still allocate the \$20,000 just in case it is needed and there might be some things that we should expend some funds on that the county is not able to do. Everything the county has to do they have to do it six times because there are six different EMS garages. It has been a very dynamic situation and they are making great strides and are encouraged with the way things are going. We have a very dedicated great crew. As Conae Black has pointed out to us property tax was down last year but we brought in about \$241,000 and budgeted \$230,000 so we left some wiggle room there but quite honestly that is a little bit tenuous. The same thing with the State collected sales tax. Last year we brought in \$259,000 and this year we only budgeted for only \$240,000. Neither he nor Conae Black was comfortable in upping those budget line items because it is anybody's guess at this point. However the Resort Community sales tax last year's actual was \$441,000 and this year we budgeted \$400,000. Because he sits on the Emery County Travel Council and they just got the year end numbers for 2019 Resort tax for Green River came in at \$445,000 and change. So we are trending very, very positively and that fund is much more stable than property tax or sales tax. He feels completely comfortable unless barring catastrophe that the \$20,000 would be expended it is still largely symbolic and we want to do our part to help them help us and ensure that EMS needs are met and that they have the funding, training, equipment and personnel they need to provide the service that they want to provide for us. It is really not a reach to up the Resort tax revenue to \$420,000 when the prior year we brought in \$440,000 and we are trending up already. Bo Harrison asked if EMS was handled by the county. Mayor Bacon said EMS is entirely a county entity. Bo Harrison asked if there were any other cities in the county that is putting in money for EMS. Mayor Bacon said no they are not. Bo Harrison asked if Green River City is required to contribute any funds. Mayor Bacon said no. Kent Nelson said they just looked at the budget and it is tight and he has some concerns. He said he is new and is concerned about spending more money when he doesn't quite understand everything that is going on. He said the city just built a new building and EMS is housed in that building. As far as he understands the city is not charging the county anything for utilities or use of the building. He believes in the critical needs of the EMS services but it sounds like the county has it funded and we are really tight he is not seeing where the city needs to throw in another \$20,000. Mayor Bacon again stated that \$20,000 is probably not going to be spent. He stated that our Public Works Crew would like to have the county's old EMS garage to store some equipment and use the bays to work on equipment out of the weather. The county has agreed to lease that garage to the city free of charge. That is in exchange for the city providing a new facility for EMS. The city's financials is overwhelming and the budget is tight and he is conservative but he has no qualms about doing this because the budget is not that tight and would be shocked if even half of that is spent. Bo Harrison suggested reducing the EMS budget request to \$2,000. Mayor Bacon said that could be

done if the Council was more comfortable with that. Conae Black said from last month to this month the budget request has gone down from \$50,000 to \$20,000 which means that the county is negotiating and working out the budget needs to make this work. She suggested that the city wait until the county has worked everything out and then come to the city and ask for money to help with the shortfalls if necessary. She feels like that right now they are still in the working stages. Once you put that in the budget then it will get spent. Mayor Bacon said not necessarily. Bo Harrison said once it is in the budget then it is out of their hands. Mayor Bacon said that would depend on what the expense is but essentially yes. He said barring some catastrophic event such as both of the ambulances crashing at the same time he cannot think of a scenario that would expend all of those funds. Conae Black said right now all she is hearing is we need money for EMS but she has not heard why the money is needed and what the money is going to be used for except for what Commissioner Wilson said at the last City Council meeting that he attended. Mayor Bacon gave a summary of some of the thoughts and process he, Commissioner Wilson and Medical Center Director Paula Dunham discussed. He said since that initial meeting it has evolved and the County Commissioners have identified other funds and made this a top priority. The county is absolutely taking the lead and understands that some of the concern is that EMS is a department run by the county and questions as to why the city should allocate funds for a county run department. Not every garage is in fantastic shape but the Green River garage has more needs than any other garage in the county. He used the example of how Transient Tax Funds are generated and expended as an example and compared that to the mineral lease funds that are wholly generated on the other end of the county and how Green River benefits from those mineral lease funds. The days of the county not being helpful and supportive of Green River have gone and can say that with full confidence. The way the Green River EMS garage operates and functions has changed.

Kent Nelson asked Amy Wilmarth how this \$20,000 would benefit EMS. Amy Wilmarth, who is an EMT, stated that she does not have privileged information to the operational portion of EMS. Conae Black said one of the changes that Commissioner Wilson stated when he last attended a City Council meeting was they were looking at hiring one or two full time employees and that is only part of it. Mayor Bacon said that is not out of the realm and is largely driven by input from our EMS providers. Conae Black said that is why she is not sure that this one time amount of money is really going to work. She knows they are working hard on it and it would be good for city and the county and it would be helpful but does not recommend budgeting for it at this time. Mayor Bacon repeated again that he highly doubts that even half of that will be spent. Bo Harrison asked if the county could come back to the city at a later time and request some money because they are in dire need. Mayor Bacon said that could happen. Bo Harrison said then we could deny this request at this time and address it later. Mayor Bacon said he didn't know if he made the point that this \$20,000 budget request for EMS services was totally his idea to show that Green River is taking a part and making a good showing and potentially fund a few things that they might need. The county provides the baseline service and they do the best they can at it. If the city has the means and ability to make it even better why not do it. What is a better expenditure than EMS services even if we spend it all. Bo Harrison said from his point of view he spends a lot of money on taxes for this service and he doesn't know if he needs to forfeit any more towards it. If they need help then he thinks they should come and ask. Larry Packer said in his mind the county is one responsible for the mistakes made with the EMS services in Green River.

Mayor Bacon asked if there were any more questions or thoughts. Bo Harrison felt they had discussed this enough unless someone else disagreed.

Conae Black said this is a public hearing to ask questions or give comments on any part of the budget amendments.

Bo Harrison asked about the Emery County canine and said he attended last month's meeting where this subject was discussed. He said once again he thinks he pays enough in taxes. He doesn't doubt that it would be a wonderful asset and a good thing here in Green River but he

feels like if the county wants one and needs one then they should provide it. Mayor Bacon said that is \$5,000 that is well spent. The funding for this is coming out of the Transient Room Tax (TRT) infrastructure fund which is an eligible expense. This fund has restrictions for its use. Kent Nelson asked what some of the other uses are. Mayor Bacon said emergency services, infrastructure that would help generate more TRT funds like infrastructure that would enhance your tourism. Kent Nelson asked if sidewalks or trails would be an eligible infrastructure expense. The answer was yes. Maria Sykes said she sits on the Emery County Travel Board and the County has already given \$50,000 of TRT funds for EMS services. She wanted to make that clear and is not saying that the Council shouldn't give more if it is needed but like Mayor Bacon said 97% of all TRT revenue is generated by Green River. Mayor Bacon said in light of how the TRT funds can be used between infrastructures and marketing he thinks it was like \$30,000 but they did talk about allocating up to \$50,000. Maria Sykes said that feels like Green River has already given \$50,000. Deputy Dylan Keele said that \$50,000 will not only go to the Green River garage it will be shared by all of the County EMS services. Mayor Bacon said all of the revenues generated by Green River EMS will go straight back to Green River EMS. The only slight caveat is 20 to 25% will be held in reserve for things like a new ambulance or equipment for Green River. This has not been the case traditionally. Conae Black said 4.25% of TRT funds collected go to the county and 1% goes to the city. Mayor Bacon said the county also gets TRCC funds. Kent Nelson said at the last City Council meeting it was decided that the county drug dog would stay in Green River unless there was a special need. He asked if that stipulation was accepted by the county. Mayor Bacon said he spoke with the Sherriff quite a bit and he assured him that he has no plans for that deputy and the canine to go anywhere else. That Deputy also prefers to serve in Green River. Michael Silliman said they bought the dog Wednesday and he has been in Green River for the last four days. Deputy Dylan Keele said 90% of the training will be in Green River. Bo Harrison asked if Emery County said they would not replace the dog if Green River did not put money towards it. Mayor Bacon said he didn't know. This was his idea. He asked if this \$5,000 would make a difference and it was the caveat that made it happen. The Sherriff's department share will be six figures easily. He went on to explain the benefits of having the dog as was explained at the last meeting. Bo Harrison said they are debating whether the dog is a valuable asset because he is not arguing that. He just doesn't know if it is Green River City's responsibility to provide that dog. Mayor Bacon said it is not the city's responsibility but looks at it like the county does the best they can for a baseline service to provide law enforcement for the county. Green River has the means to take it to the next level and enhance public safety. That is what this is doing. Kent Nelson pointed out that the Deputy who the dog is assigned to does not live in Green River. He gave an example of why that is a problem. He said at 2:00 a.m. he received a call from High School Principal Kacey Fluckey telling him that he need to go get passengers from a Grey Hound bus that was broke down so he did. The people on the bus are different and he was thinking to himself that the officer that was there was not Deputy Smith. After he delivered the passengers to the motel the Officer searched the school bus to make sure there were not any drugs left behind. Because that Officer does not live in Green River it was not possible for them to call in that dog to do the search on the school bus. Kathy Ryan said they could have but it would have taken a while. Kent Nelson said yes that would have been unreasonable. If that Deputy who handles the dog lived in town then they could have used it. Kathy Ryan said Deputy Smith would have liked to live in Green River but no one would sell him any property. Kent Nelson said that is his concern with the dog is how usable will it really be for Green River. It will be for 40 hours a week while that officer is on duty but not for the remainder of the hours in the week. Mayor Bacon said he would rather the dog and deputy was a resident in Green River but it is still more than worth it. Bridget Meadows said Officer Elsworth served in Green River and he really liked it here but he had an opportunity with better interest for his family and he moved. So if the city gives \$5,000 for this dog that stays with the Officer and Deputy Smith has a new interest for his family and he left and moved what then? Mayor Bacon said you can retrain a dog to a new handler. The dog would stay with the Emery County Sherriff's office. Jackie Nelson said she has a personal interest because of where she lives. She asked if they are going to use the dog to clean up the drug problem that we have in Green River. Mayor Bacon said yes. Bo Harrison said we don't need a dog to find out where the drugs are at in Green River. Jackie Nelson said there is a problem and there are some of us that live right next to it and we see it

daily. Mayor Bacon said again the answer to that is yes. He said Bo Harrison is right but there is what you know and what you can prove and what you have probable cause to do. Not all criminals are dense. If you stop a vehicle for a traffic stop and you suspect for whatever means but you don't have probable cause to get into a vehicle to look for drugs or weapons or whatever it is and you ask for consent and they tell you no and you don't have probable cause on your own then you are dead in the water. That has happened numerous times. The great work that our deputy sheriffs will do will go through the roof. Basically the canine has been determined by the Supreme Court which is called a free air sniff. You have that same vehicle stopped and he doesn't give you consent then you get the dog and run it around the vehicle and if the dog alerts on the vehicle you now have probable cause to search the vehicle. Bo Harrison said there has been a dog with Deputy Gardner and it will just be the same. Mayor Bacon said it wouldn't be. Bo Harrison asked if this dog was better than Deputy Gardner's dog. Mayor Bacon said he thinks we will see an even more enhanced ability to hit our drug problem and take more people off of the streets that won't get to our kids. He thinks we will be even better than we have been. Michael Silliman said it will be a more aggressive deputy. Lacy Harrison asked if the dog will still be in town whether we pay the \$5,000 or not or is the dog only here if you donate the \$5,000? Mayor Bacon said that was the catalyst that made it happen. He doesn't know if it would have happened or not without the \$5,000.

Mayor Bacon asked if there were any other questions. There were none. The public hearing closed at 7:59 p.m.

2. Discuss/approve/deny amendments to the 2020 budget. Mayor Bacon wanted to make one more comment and that this is a very good thing, "trust me." Bo Harrison said he is not against the dog he just doesn't think it is the city's financial responsibility to provide a dog. That is his concern. Mayor Bacon asked if he wanted that increased service and capability. Bo Harrison said not if we were going to receive it anyway. Mayor Bacon said he honestly did not know if we would. Bo Harrison said if they want to look good because Green River is a good place to be because they could take Grey Hound almost daily. He remembers when the Highway Patrol was there every day. **MOTION:** Bo Harrison made a motion to approve the budget amendments presented earlier to the 2020 budget but to remove the \$20,000 for EMS services. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman voted nay. Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted yea. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve/deny proposal for Residential Housing Development. Adam Hughes from Better City, LLC addressed the Mayor and Council. He said one of the strategic/economic development initiatives they have talked about with the city is the need to address housing. There is a housing shortage within the community particularly workforce housing to accommodate those that are in the workforce. In order for us to move forward with economic development we need some affordable housing within the community. Better City has been working with the city in identifying a strategy in which they might be able to facilitate housing development. Various properties were looked at and considered but the property that seemed like the best fit was the property that was included in the request for proposal. Part of that request was to solicit respondents to provide a proposal for affordable housing that fit within a certain parameter. The parameter we wanted that fit between \$600 - \$900 a month in rent and also housing that was at or below the price of \$200,000. We also addressed some concerns of what we could do to protect the city if the city were to move forward selling this property or incentivize it in some way to meet those affordable thresholds. What they suggested was they could build protections through purchase and sale agreement. The city could include things like a buy back provision if there was not performance on the project the city would have the ability to buy it back. You could have deed restrictions in terms that run with the land so you won't have a bait and switch. Also having a time fuse in place so that if there are not certain things put in place within a period of time then you terminate the contract. There are a number of other provisions or contingencies that could be built in to a purchase and sale agreement that makes sense. We did that because as you go through the process you are looking at a partner that you are going to be putting a lot of trust in to perform what they are promising to do. As part of the distribution of the request for

proposal they reached out to the Realtors Associations and the State Homebuilders Association to distribute through their network and they were willing to pick up the phone and call homebuilders whom they felt would be interested in building in this community. It was also distributed locally as well and to some who had expressed some interest in the project but they lacked the capacity to do so. The Epicenter was the only respondent and their response is very professionally done. They spent a lot of time putting this together looking at strategic partnerships of others that have experience in this area of development to help guide them. There are obviously questions and concerns and one might be is this investment worth ten units. Could there be more units on that property to get a full value of the property. Is there a way that there could be some compensation to the city for this property? Bo Harrison asked Adam Hughes if he had any concerns. Adam Hughes said he felt that there was adequate green space within the design and the cottonwood grove could be used for more housing units. Bo Harrison asked the Epicenter if they would be willing to add additional housing units to where the groves of cottonwood trees are. Maria Sykes said they have the financing for the ten units. This is their first development and adding more units makes it an uncomfortable risk for them. From community input that grove of trees has some historical value. Once we can prove the buying and selling of the ten units then they will take another look at that area in the future. There were other comments from the Epicenter that explained their proposal. Kent Nelson asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the cottonwood grove area. The Epicenter said they would contract out that service. Maria Sykes said rather than pay the city \$109,000 to the city for the land they will offer their in-kind services and time to the city. **MOTION:** Bo Harrison made a motion to approve the proposal from the Epicenter for Residential Housing Development with deed restrictions to be determined by both parties on the purchase sale agreement for the land owned by the city as well as an approximate dollar amount for the in-kind remuneration. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Public Hearing about applying for Community Development Block Grant funding.

Mayor Bacon opened the public hearing for the CDBG program. City Recorder Conae Black stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow for discussion of possible application for the 202 funding cycle. It was explained that the grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The South Eastern Utah region in which the City of Green River is a member, is expecting to receive approximately \$707,000 in total for this new program year. The breakdown is as follows: \$174,000 for single family housing rehab program, \$50,000 for CDBG Administration and Planning, \$483,000 for cities, counties and agencies grant. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it at any time at jobs.utah.gov. Conae Black read several of the eligible activities listed including examples, such as Construction of public works and facilities, e.g., water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters. Conae Black indicated that in the past the City of Green River has applied and received CDBG funds for replacement of sewer manholes and a new repeater station to receive better radio coverage for emergency services. The city has handed out its capital investment plan as part of the regional "Consolidated Plan". This list shows which projects the city has identified as being needed in the community. It was asked anyone had questions, comments or suggestions during the hearing please identify themselves by name, before they speak. She will record their names in the minutes and they would like to specifically respond to your questions and suggestions during the hearing.

Stephanie Crabtree made a suggestion to use this funding for housing infrastructure. Conae Black said this is part of the Epicenters housing development package that they would apply as a sub-recipient for CDBG funding infrastructure needs to develop much needed housing in Green River.

Amy Wilmarth asked if there were any other pending projects that are a necessity. Are there any other projects that should be added to the list? Conae Black said not any that the city would use CDBG funds for. Mayor Bacon agreed. Conae Black said CDBG funds are very restrictive and competitive. There is only \$483,000 that San Juan, Grand, Carbon and Emery Counties compete for. CDBG grants are awarded on a point system and housing is the highest priority.

Kent Nelson said if only that much money is available how much will Green River City receive. Conae Black we don't know for sure but again they have a point system and you receive the highest points for housing. The grant is graded by points and the application with the highest amount of points will determine who is funded or not. Stephanie Crabtree said at the workshop they assessed where they would come in on the points. Having secured the land and with the area median income, they were confident that they would be funded. Lindsey Briceno said Moab City has received the majority of the funding for the last three years for housing and as far as they know Moab City is not applying for funds this year.

Conae Black said the Epicenter would be applying for these funds as a sub-recipient of the City. They are not an agency eligible to apply for this funding. It needs to be a municipality or a county so the city would be the applicant. Kent Nelson asked if these funds would be available next year. Conae Black said yes. These funds are only available once a year and the grant deadline this year is January 31, 2020. Amy Wilmarth asked if the Epicenter would be able to make that deadline. Conae Black said they have been working on it for a while. In order to apply for these funds they were required to attend the CDBG workshop. They have been working with Jade Powell from the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments who is over CDBG funds for our Region and he is very familiar with their project and what they intend to apply for.

Mayor Bacon asked if there were any other comments or questions and there were none. The public hearing came to a close at 8:29 p.m.

5. Discuss/approve/deny proposal for Moonshot Camper Van Feasibility Study. Adam Hughes stated that this is a group that reached out to the city and expressed an interest in relocating their business from Philadelphia area to Green River. This is an entrepreneur who has started a couple of businesses but this one in particular is a campervan customization company. Green River is equal distance to a number of really great recreational assets that is their target market. Before they made a decision they wanted to have a determination from a third party to provide them with information on the best way to address relocation and give their investors' confidence in the relocation plan. Parker Whitehead, the owner of Moonshot Camper Vans, has been out to the community to visit and knows what to expect. We worked with USDA in drafting an application for a grant that was secured to fund the money for the feasibility study. The request for proposals was put together and distributed. Ground Floor Partners out of Chicago responded to the proposal and Adam Hughes feels it is good. They have experience in doing feasibility studies for a wide variety of different businesses. Conae Black said Ground Floor Partners proposal is for \$24,000 to do the feasibility study and the USDA grant is for \$25,000. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the proposal from Ground Floor Partners for the Moonshot Camper Van Feasibility Study. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny renewing contract with Better City LLC. Adam Hughes, CEO of Better City, LLC, addressed the Mayor and Council. They were hired in 2016 by the City of Green River to conduct a Strategic Development Plan and assist with implementation services. He showed a slide presentation of the needs that the community has and what the future could bring moving forward and ways they have helped and will continue to help the city. He explained the See Source program that Better City created which is a tool to gather and collect data to help attract and market travelers to come to Green River. The creation of this program was inspired by Green River and has a value of about \$70,000. They are going to include this program to Green River for free. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve renewing the contract with

Better City, LLC. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny proposal for Engineering Services to analyze the water system.

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the proposal from Brown and Caldwell for Engineering Services to analyze the water system the cost not to exceed \$33,162. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Mayoral appointments. Mayor Bacon said he would like to table this because he needs more time to flush out the details.

9. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kent Nelson, Bo Harrison, Kathy Ryan and Larry Packer voted aye. The motion carried.

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10. Department and employee reports. Bryan Meadows thanked the council for approving the engineering services. He reported on maintenance and repairs he has had on water lines. Tim Glenn said Kelsey Hart has been working hard on the Smithsonian exhibit. The HVAC units are in really bad shape. Michael Silliman reported on the kiosk signs that have been taken down and the park restrooms are open this winter. Kathy Ryan said there was water shed meeting tonight that the city should be involved with. She is working with Johansen and Tuttle on another sidewalk replacement on Main Street. Mayor Bacon read a report from Code Enforcement Officer Phillip Stubblefield. He also reported on the upcoming events scheduled in Green River.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Travis Bacon, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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