

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Public Hearing and
Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 2012

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black

ABSENT: Penney Riches

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing on the 2011/2012 budget amendments. There were not any citizens present to give comments. Conae Black pointed out a few areas of concern that needed to be amended. In the General Fund there were some departments that over spent or under spent from what was budgeted and there was also more revenue received than what was budgeted. The following is an accounting of the suggested revisions.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Taxes	745,000	870,400
Licenses and permits	3,235	4,190
Intergovernmental	15,700	18,795
Charges for services	2,225	4,906
Interest	100	1,620
Contributions & transfers	75,000	97,628

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Administrative	260,280	308,121
Buildings & grounds	47,000	41,995
Medical Center	27,000	27,050
Fire	22,250	15,830
Animal Control	6,000	1,740
Streets	52,200	56,210
Airport	72,200	168,800
Parks	35,150	36,345
Community & eco dev	6,320	4,000
Transfers	231,460	257,048

CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Contributions & Transfers	424,500	509,559

WATER FUND EXPENSE

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
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Operating expense	371,400	197,600
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RECREATION FUND REVENUE

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Charges for services	8,000	8,985
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,940
Contributions and transfers	34,850	37,810

RECREATION FUND EXPENSE

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Recreation	44,850	48,735

2. Public Hearing on the 2012/2013 budget. There were not any citizens present to give comments. Kent Johnson said he would like to add \$25,000 to his parks budget to replace the chain link around the tennis courts, some upgrades to the electrical, remove the rocks around the area that children are playing on which could cause personal injury and purchase cameras to place at the park so that they can identify who is vandalizing. Mayor Brady would like to renew the current contract with Mike McCandless. He sent over a letter to explain what services that he would provide. Gary Riches was not completely convinced that Green River City should be paying for him. Kathy Ryan gave her point of view in favor of renewing his contract and explained what she had observed of Mike McCandless and felt he could benefit our community. After listening to Kathy Ryan's explanation Gary Riches said he would agree with renewing the contract but wanted to see some improvements and would like Mike McCandless to attend some city council meetings and give a report on what he has been doing. There was some discussion on future employment opportunities and how to best meet the needs of the city. Mayor Brady read portions of the Memorandum of Understanding the city has with the Museum non-profit. Conae Black read from the notes she took on a previous budget work session for the museum budget requests. \$9,000 to be given to the museum non-profit, \$6,000 to repaint and fix the parking lot and refinish the floor inside the museum, \$9,350 for cameras and \$8,000 to replace HVAC units. The Council determined there wasn't enough money this year to install cameras. The Council felt there was a greater need to get the building back in shape than to finish the exhibits. Mayor Brady reminded the Council that they had agreed to use the \$15,000 ear marked for Green River City from the Emery County Travel Bureau for museum maintenance. The Council decided to give the non-profit \$1,000. They also decided not to fund for the cameras. The Solid Waste funds expenses are greater than the revenue and running \$13,400 in the negative. The Council discussed raising the city's fee for waste collection. After getting a report on how many residential and commercial customers there were for garbage collection it was decided to raise the city's collection fees. Kent Johnson said to raise the residential fee .50 cents and the commercial fee \$1.50. He said that will not close the gap but it will help. Mayor Brady questioned the negative fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund. Conae Black said that there were more money budgeted in expenses than revenue. She felt that could balance out by either transferring more money from the General Fund or increasing the budget for the appropriated fund balance. Philip Engleman felt that Bryan Meadows had more responsibility and liability than Conae Black and Conae Black did not feel she should receive the same amount of pay. Mayor Brady said in a conversation he had with Kathy Ryan they felt Conae Black did have as much responsibility and assisted Bryan Meadows with some of his duties and responsibilities. Philip Engleman said the things that do not get done does not put peoples lives at risk. Bryan Meadows responsibilities of insuring the water is safe and the sewer is working properly are very important. Gary Riches said also they have been discussing hiring a part time deputy recorder who would help Conae Black with her responsibilities. Kathy Ryan said Conae Black would then be able to write more grants for the city and for the museum. Mayor Brady said Conae Black would still be over the deputy recorder and ultimately responsible as the City Recorder. If you are not going to give her a raise then she doesn't need to be office manager and in charge of it all and have those worries. The discussion led to the different types of responsibilities but the value in each position.

Mayor Brady said Bryan Meadows does have a big responsibility of making sure the water is safe to drink and the sewer is running properly but without Conae Black we wouldn't have the money to run the city. The discussion led to performance and the standards the Council would like to see in the employees. Kent Johnson said that Conae Black will be required as office manager to supervise the employees and make sure their job performance is up to standards and that deserves a pay increase. The Council decided to raise Conae Black wages to \$18.00 an hour, Howard Burnett wage increase to \$9.50 an hour and all other employees would get a 1.5% pay increase.

Mayor Brady ended the Public Hearings at 7:53 p.m.

The Public Meeting began at 7:53 p.m.

3. Discuss/approve/deny amendments to 2011/2012 budget. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to approve the budget amendments as discussed in the public hearing. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Gary Riches, Philip Engleman, Kent Johnson and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny 2012/2013 budget. Mayor Brady stated that all city employees would be getting a pay increase. Conae Black's wage will be \$18.00 an hour. There will be a 1.5% increase in wages for Kent Brewer, Chet Hunt, Bryan Meadows, Roy Pfander, Loni Meadows and Karen Smith. Jo Anne Chandler, Donna Hatfield, Verna Perrin, Charlotte Pogue and Julie Steuer will get a .5 cent pay increase. JoAnn Wetherington will not get a pay increase but will continue to receive 401K retirement benefits. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to approve the 2012/2013 budget as discussed. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Gary Riches, Philip Engleman, Kent Johnson and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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