

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 3, 2012

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows; Citizens Chris Lezama, Jack Forinash, Julie Steuer, Carol and Lance Riches, Amanda Clark, Amy Wilmarth
ABSENT: Gary Riches

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Penney Riches.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried.

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2. Discuss/approve/deny budget request from Special Olympics. Carol Riches addressed the Mayor and city Council. She asked for support for the Green River Special Olympics team. They bowl and swim in Moab and attend the games in Provo Utah at Brigham Young University. This is an expense to them and they need some support. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to open the budget to include awarding the Special Olympics \$1,000. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss water department. Bryan Meadows addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mayor Brady put this on the agenda because while he, Council Member Philip Engleman who is over the water department and Water Superintendent Bryan Meadows were all gone out of town there was a big problem at the water treatment facility and the town almost ran out of water. Bryan Meadows said while he was on vacation he received a phone call from Roy Pfander who stated the water treatment plant was not running. It seemed to be a problem with the computer program. He went through the debugging process with Roy Pfander over the phone as best as he could remember and it helped a little bit but they continued to have problems. The next step taken by public works was to call for the computer programmer for support and that helped a little bit. The next day they asked Robert Smith for help and he called the computer programmer and was able to work through some of the problems and make a little bit more water. Upon Bryan Meadows return home he spent another hour on the computer program and was able to locate the problem and the water plant is now running. Through this they learned that the computer program and controller needs to be updated. Mayor Brady said there were several problems that arose from this issued. First of all he thanked public works for their dedicated service in keeping the town in water. He said that there needs to be more cross training on the computer programs so that you don't have to depend on just one person. There was some discussion on getting some more training on being able to run the plant manually and getting some remote system in place in order to control the plant from any location they are at.

4. Discuss fire department. Mayor Brady put this on the agenda because he is concerned about a proper chain of command and having enough people around to cover a fire so that citizens are not fighting a fire which could be a liability to all involved. The SCBA equipment is out dated and inadequate. The volunteers are all working full time jobs and most of them work out of town.

5. Department Reports. Kathy Ryan said a citizen asked her if the city could get a base flood line elevation from Green River Boulevard east. This would be very helpful for anyone interested in building a house in Elgin. FEMA has established that area in a flood zone and that areas elevation is higher than the town on the west side of the river. Conae Black said Karen Smith has been working with John Crofts who is the State liaison for FEMA on the flood plains and it will take a very long time to get FEMA to make that change. Kent Johnson said there was a drainage issue on Kings Lane that flooded into the yards of some residences that public works had to take care of. The problem was the line on private property and that property owner had some cinder blocks blocking that line and it also needed to be cleaned out. There was some discussion on the best way to handle this problem. Part of that discussion was on whether to pipe that area of irrigation water. Mayor Brady visited Conductive Composites at the airport. They have upgraded their electrical system and are very pleased with the upgrade. They hope to be hiring more employees. He plans on taking the AB Operator licensing test for the airport so the city will become compliant with State requirements. Conae Black put a group of volunteers to work on cleaning up some weeds on city grounds. The Medical Center would like to hold a volleyball tournament at Melon Days and they are asking the city to provide portable toilets. The Melon Days committee would like to hold one more meeting with Keith Brady to get all of the events on the web site.

6. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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