

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black; Citizens Jack Forinash, Maria Sykes, Keith Brady, Luke Shorts, Irene Daw, Gaylene Erwin, Amy Wilmarth, Doris Randolph, Chris Lezama, Eduard Korycan

ABSENT: Philip Engleman

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by ~~Philip Engleman~~. Mayor Brady.

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

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December 2011 Recorder's report

January 2012 Treasurer's report

February 2012 Payment Approval report

2. Discuss/approve/deny a residential water connection outside of city limits. The property owner asked to submit this request in at a later date due to other issues.

3. Discuss/approve/deny website controller bid. There was one bid submitted from Brady Creative. Keith Brady from Brady Creative presented to the Mayor and City Council. He stated that his vision is to put Green River on the map with web sites. He suggested having a Melon Days, Medical Center, Community Center and Golf Course web sites. His bid included set up and design for the city and museum web sites. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to approve the bid from Brady Creative. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Gary Riches, Penney Riches, Kent Johnson and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny funding request from the Green River Business Group for advertising. Various businesses have gathered that can relate to travel and tourism and have come up with ideas of what they want advertised and how they want it marketed. They are working together to implement marketing strategies to promote tourism in Green River. They plan to have printed material at local businesses, the Tie Fork rest area, Thompson rest area and our museum. It will also be distributed at shows and events the Emery County Travel Bureau attend. These include national and international attendees. All of the print and digital material will direct people to the destinationgreenriver.com web site. They will have flyers, brochures and business cards. They will have a youtube video and have a facebook page and twitter. They are asking for \$4,365.62 from the city to add to what they already have from the Emery County Travel Council along with his in-kind labor and the Epicenter's in-kind labor. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to approve awarding the Green River Business Group \$4,365.62 for advertising. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Gary Riches, Penney riches, Kent Johnson and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny Memorandum of Understanding between the City of GR and CHEER. Mayor Brady said CHEER stands for Creating a Healthy Environment and Encouraging Respect. This organization started four years ago and since then they have become a "City That Cares" entity which means the city had to put in funds to match the State funds to run a "city that cares" organization. This organization works with pre teens, teens and young adults to try and prevent drug and alcohol abuse. This MOU is something that should have been in place last July when

the city agreed to fund \$10,000 for this organization. We are just trying to come into compliance with the requirements. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Green River and CHEER. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Gary Riches, Penney Riches, Kent Johnson and Kathy Ryan voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discussion on recreational activities. Luke Shorts addressed the Mayor and Council. He said that he was asked to be in charge of Little League this year and the soccer program last year and held a flag football program. He agreed to do these sporting activities to give the kids something positive to do with their free time. To hold these programs it takes money to supply the children with equipment and uniforms. The city ball fields are not used very much and he thinks they should be utilized. There is also some maintenance work that needs to be done on the city ball fields. He feels that if there is something positive in a child's life they will become better youth. He is asking the city to donate some money to the program. Penney Riches asked if he had his own company or if he was a nonprofit organization. Luke Shorts said he was a nonprofit organization. Penney Riches asked if he had liability insurance. Luke Shorts said the city has the liability insurance. He said he also has some insurance. He said that he is trying to do everything he can to get the registration fees down for the kids. He explained what some of his ideas were for his programs. He said that he has already gone before the Emery County Recreation and did not have good success there. He is hoping that with the city's support he will be able to get their support also. Mayor Brady asked Luke if he would be willing to have sporting activities for ages 18 and up. Luke Shorts said yes. Kent Johnson said he has spoken with Luke Shorts about this at length and is aware of his desires. He would like to know specifically what he is using the money for before the city awards him anything. Luke Shorts is asking for \$1,500. Kent Johnson explained that the parks and recreation budget is already over budget at this time and he will have to take a closer look at the budget before he can spend any more. He told Luke that he has great ideas and would like to take a closer look at things before a decision can be made. Luke Shorts mentioned the poor condition of the ball park equipment that the city owns due to lack of care and attention. He said he is willing to see that everything is taken care of. He explained that he had people who are willing to donate their time and materials to get a shed to place the equipment in. There was some discussion on the best way to handle the care of the equipment. Kent Johnson told Luke Shorts that the \$1,500 that he is requesting falls under the purchasing policy so that it does not require all of the city council approval and he will look into his budget and see if there is any where that he can come up with the \$1,500.

7. Discussion on burn season. Mayor Brady said he put this on the agenda and right now the fall burn season everything is still green and in the spring there is the same problem. He would like to see the burn season changed to better fit Green River's seasons. Keith Brady explained the things that he had researched as a member of the city council. He said the State will allow Green River to hold a burn season whenever they want all they have to do is request it. He felt the problem with the dates was not getting cooperation from the fire chief. Gary Riches said he will start talking with the fire chief about the changes in the burn season.

8. Department Reports. Gary Riches said there were some fire fighters who have attended some training. The county is looking at purchasing some more equipment. He is reviewing the nuisance and animal control codes. He is working with Conae Black on job descriptions for a code enforcement officer. There was some discussion on the manure pile in Elgin. Conae Black said the council needs to be thinking about the upcoming new budget year. Penney Riches said she found out that there is a heater that needs to be replaced and the roof needs to be redone. They will be doing an inventory on the gift shop this month. She would like to see more museum board members. She visited with Roy Pfander on the weeds. Kent Johnson would like to see the back stop put up at the little league ball field. He is going to be moving the control for the lights into the shed because they are expensive to run the lights and the city will have more control. He wants to do something different for the lights at the pavilion at the park. He wants to lock them up also. He may be able to get a building donated for Luke Shorts. County Commissioner Laurie Pitchforth contacted Conae Black and was told that country singer Charlie Jenkins is willing to come and do a free concert for the public at Melon Days this year. The majority of the cost would be donated by Blue Castle Holdings. Kathy Ryan said she needs money. There are two

drainage culverts that need to be replaced. The city crew needs some equipment to work with. She saw to it that some maintenance was done on the city billboards. Mayor Brady discussed a job request form that he would like every member of the city council to look at. He would like their input on it.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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