

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black; Citizens Kim and Cindy McFarlane, Melinda Durrant, Irene Daw, JoAnne Chandler, Chris Lezama, Jack Forinash, Lindsay Toman, Maria Sykes, Max McNamara, Doris Randolph, Amy Wilmarth, Eduard Korycan, Charlotte Uptain

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by ~~Gary Riches~~ Mayor Brady, Gary Riches arrived at 7:06 p.m.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to approve the consent agenda. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. Kathy Ryan made some corrections to the minutes. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. Gary Riches was absent for the vote.

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2. Discuss/approve/deny traffic/pedestrian concerns at the Book Cliff Elementary. Cindy McFarlane who is part of the Book Cliff Elementary Community Council addressed the Mayor and City Council. They are required to approve a safe route to school plan. They have realized there is a traffic issue on South Solomon Street in front of the elementary school. Parents drop off and pick up their children from school at that location. They park on both sides of the street in front of the school. The students are crossing that street and there is not a cross walk there. These children are young and do not look for traffic and will dart out into the street. In a two week period of time she saw three children almost get hit by a vehicle and a near miss auto collision. She realized that their safe route to school was not effective. They discussed some of the things that they could do and asked the teachers to talk to the children about how to cross the street safely but it has not had good results. The next thing they felt would help is to ask the city to put a cross walk on South Solomon Street but found that it was not that simple. They decided to send home a survey they found on the national safe routes to school web site. They feel they had a good response back from this survey and learned the distance from the home to the school and how many of the children are transported to school by private vehicles, walking or riding their bike. There are parents who park the wrong direction and in some cases there have been parents who have stopped in the middle of the road to distribute their children. Parent education is a huge issue and they are planning on addressing that. Their biggest concern is there is not a safe way to cross the street. They have discussed getting law enforcement involved to have a presence their so parents would park and drive safely. She has contacted the Utah Safe Route to School organization and was told that whoever owns the streets is responsible for placing cross walks. Before cross walks are painted there needs to be survey conducted to find out where they are appropriate and where they will be used as long as it meets two criteria. One criteria is more than ten children have to be involved in that route and the other is a daily average of 50 vehicles on the road. Our survey shows that those two criteria have been met. They feel that if something is not done there will be an accident. They cannot encourage kids to follow a safety plan if there is not some kind of safe route.

Kent Johnson told Cindy McFarlane that she certainly did her homework and it certainly qualifies for a cross walk. One thing that the city can do is lower the speed limit on that road to 5 mph during school hours. Philip Engleman said it didn't get congested until the school closed of the drop off and pick up location on school grounds. Cindy McFarlane said one her reasons for driving her children to school is due to a bullying problem. There is also a concern of strangers at the city park and her children had to pass by that park. She said although the problem is a little bit worse because of the closer of the turn around On school grounds the safety problem still existed and it just shifted to the street. Mayor Brady suggested painting a no parking area on one side of the street. Cindy McFarlane said part of the problem is there is no way to enforce that and people will not abide by the no parking rule. Philip Engleman said another problem is there is not adequate parking at the school and people are forced to park on the street and the school created the problem. Kathy Ryan agreed and felt the city council should meet with the school board. She said you can't just paint cross walks or set signs. It needs to be done to legal standards. Kent Johnson suggested building a one direction turn around on 175 South. Cindy McFarlane said the School District is willing to participate in the solution to the problem. Kent Johnson suggested having the children escorted to the vehicles. Cindy McFarlane said you can corral kids but where would you have them cross the road safely. Miss Durrant said that UDOT has experts who can help resolve this issue. Kathy Ryan said she would talk with the League of Cities and Towns and she what they suggest.

Cindy McFarlane said they are requesting the city find a safe solution for the school children to get to and from school by the time school begins next year so they can present a safe route to school. This has to come from the city no matter how much they would like to make that decision. Without city backing it won't be effective. Mayor Brady felt this needed to be readdressed at next months meeting. There was not any action taken on this agenda item.

3. Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss amending the Permanent Community Impact Fund list for the 2012/2013 fund year to include the treatment of the sewer lagoon discharge for the sewer system and apply for Permanent Community Impact Funds for this project. Items to be discussed include: funding options, project scope, implementation schedule, and its effects on residents.

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The public hearing began at 7:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

4. Discussion on sewer containment. Kent Johnson said he requested this to be put on the agenda just to start the discussion on the potential growth that could occur with the coming of the nuclear power plant. It may break ground in five years time. Philip Engleman said with the upgrade to the sewer system it has the potential to take more flow. Kent Johnson said the city council needs to start planning for all growth potential and not just the sewer. There are drainage problems, increased traffic at the school and medical center that will come with the growth and we need to start thinking about it. We need to start planning for that. Philip Engleman said there will need to be modifications to the water treatment plant. Mayor Brady said it would be good for all of the city council to make a list of things they see coming into the future and what the council needs to do to meet those needs.

5. Discuss public comments on future needs for the city. Gary Riches requested this to be put on the agenda and said if falls right into what is already being discussed. He said the potential problems that we haven't even began to think of yet. They need to take a look at what the future may bring and it might not hurt to contact Delta or other communities that boom because of industry and find out what issues they had to face with their growth. One issue that was brought to his attention that was evidenced on the plat maps are the established property lines. There seems to be a discrepancy on some property lines. Kent Johnson said he was told by Howard Tuttle from Johansen and Tuttle Engineering that it depends on whether you start on the south end of the city or the north end of the city. When you meet in the middle you are ten feet off either way you do it. Mr. Tuttle said this is not unique to Green River and has experienced it

everywhere he has surveyed. Gary Riches wondered if the city council could circumvent any property battles. Kathy Ryan said when they began to GPS everything it made a mess but if it is recorded property then that defines your property. Gary Riches said this could perhaps be a question for the city attorney. Is there a way to establish a code saying "established property lines on plat maps are established with a said date?" Kent Johnson said that is generally that way under State law. If a fence line has been there for a period of time then it becomes the property line. Kim McFarlane said the recordings are different than the property lines. The question is are you going to accept the GPS coordinates or the fence line define the property. What are you going to tell the bank that you have to move that fence before we loan you money on the property. Penney Riches asked if this couldn't be resolved between the seller and buyer of the property. Kim McFarlane said the problem is there will need to be many different agreements as each property owner buys and sells. Rather than forcing a conflict every time property is sold it would be better if the city came up with an ordinance that says "the existing boundaries are the existing boundaries. As property is sold it will be so described in the new survey." Then that will be the end of the story. Joanne Chandler said when property lines were first established there wasn't GPS. Gary Riches said again he would like to talk to the city attorney and find out what his or her recommendations are. Falling right in line with that is he needs to get code enforcement officer. He feels that it is going to be a hard sell to get anybody to be the Code Enforcement Officer. Gary Riches brought up the potential growth and the need to plan for that again. Conae Black said one thing that Blue Castle Holdings has suggested if forming a committee to come up with what needs should be met. The committee members could be endless such as an engineer, attorney, someone from the county, someone from the State, someone from Blue Castle Holdings, a business owner a resident etc. This committee sits down at a table and starts making recommendations on what they see needs to be done.

6. Discuss/approve/deny establishing a Shooting Sports Park enterprise fund. Kent Johnson said in talking with Walter Maldonado who is over the Shooting Sports Park there is a need to get things going out there. They need to get the trap houses finished in order to have any shoots out there. The shotguns are going to be the big draw and the trap houses should have been done first. He would like to put the Shooting Sports Park in as an Enterprise Fund and have that be city department. Mayor Brady said in talking with Walter Maldonado he is very excited about the potential that the Shooting Sports Park has. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to establish a Shooting Sports Park enterprise fund with the understanding that this doesn't mean that it will absolutely happen. He just wants the council to approve it and the Shooting Sports Park will decide if it is the best thing for them. Gary Riches seconded the motion. Kathy Ryan was not in favor of the city taking on this project. She felt that the city had more pressing needs than the park. Kathy Ryan said at one time there was a lot of volunteer hours put into the park and someone did not follow through with what was promised. Philip Engleman said if it becomes a city department does that mean the city will have to maintain the weeds. Kathy Ryan felt the city was already stretched too thin. Conae Black asked Kent Johnson what he wanted to budget for it. Kent Johnson said right now it would be about \$2,500 to cover the cost of cement and insurance which is about \$600 a year. Conae Black asked Kent Johnson if he needed to open an Enterprise fund for \$2,500. Kent Johnson said no, his purpose was to move forward and get some pressure from the city to complete the trap houses. If it is a city department then maybe something could get done. Right now there is not any money and all of the favors have been called in. The restrooms and trap houses need to be finished. He thought the county may participate in funding. They have the tanks in the ground for the restrooms and about \$2,000 left to finish the trap houses. Conae Black said the Shooting Sports Park is city owned property and it is under the city for that reason. She suggested budgeting money for the Shooting Sports Park and that would be a start. Kathy Ryan said if she saw something moving out there then she if for it because she can see the potential it has but if the city is going to keep putting money and nothing is being done then it bothers her. The city has so many other projects that take priority. Kent Johnson said unless the city spends some money on the park they are not going to be able to make any money. Kathy Ryan said do as Conae Black suggested and budget some money to go towards the needs. Conae Black suggested requesting funds from Emery County Travel Bureau. **Kent Johnson withdrew his previous motion. MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to deny establishing the Shooting Sports Park as an enterprise fund. He will move forward with line item budgeting and revisit this again at another point. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:**

Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Information from members of the Friends of the PACT Management Team. Lindsay Toman and Jack Forinash addressed the Mayor and City Council. Lindsay Toman explained the different divisions of PACT. There is the Community Center, Senior Citizen meals, the Food Pantry, the Thrift Store, the Epicenter and the low income apartment. Jack Forinash gave the Council and Mayor a table showing the percentages of income and expenses at the different divisions of PACT and stated they would like to be more transparent and would provide more detailed reports if they would like. Lindsay Toman offered an invitation for people to stop by and visit these divisions. Jack Forinash explained some of the different things the Epicenter has done in behalf of the city such as the housing plan, the conceptual design of the public safety building for the county to view and other things. Mayor Brady praised the Epicenter for their work.

8. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution 03-2012 establishing fees for archival services. Joanne Chandler said she came up with these fees after researching other archives fees. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve Resolution 03-2012. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Department Reports. Gary Riches reported on the inspections and maintenance of the fire trucks. He said that we are really dry and be careful where you burn. He would like to see something done about the weeds at business locations along Main Street. Fire Chief Howard Burnett would like to get a temporary building or covering for the fire department vehicles that are not inside. He and Philip Engleman discussed adding animal control duties to the city crew members. He would like to see an organizational chart of all city employees. Penney Riches has discovered through the lease agreement with the Medical Center that they are responsible for weed control at the facility. She would like to know if Roy Pfander can spray weeds early in the morning. She thanked the city crew for their cement work at the museum. Two new janitorial positions have been filled. Greg Parsons will be working at the museum and Stephanie Hales will be working at City Hall and Greg Parsons days off. The sprinklers at the museum need some work and Bryan Meadows has been trying to resolve the problem. She had some complaints on how collective some citizens are and would like to see the nuisance law enforced. Kent Johnson asked for suggestions on how to approach a property owner whose tree is planted next to the sidewalk and the roots are disturbing the sidewalk. He feels this tree needs to be removed. He would like the city to pay for the removal of the tree. He will speak with Carlos Mendez and go over his contract for grounds maintenance. He will work on a solution for killing the morning glory at the city park playground. Kathy Ryan had the city crew replace concrete sidewalk on some areas that were it was heaped up. They are going to look into getting a grinding blade to grind down the sidewalk trip hazards. She has been looking at replacing the billboards. The life expectancy of a billboard is two to three years. The cost of a billboard is \$1,800 for one sign. She wondered if the city may want to down size the sign and it will last longer or just replace it every three years. She is still working on the railroad crossing signs. She is going to finish chipping some roads. Conae Black said that Richard Walker for Rural Communities Assistance Corporation has written a \$95,000 grant for Green River City assist with our housing needs. She has just recently learned that our city attorney, Gerald Kinghorn, has stage four cancer and is not expected to live much longer. We should consider a replacement. Karen Smith, Gary Riches and herself has scheduled a meeting with the County to begin going over the agreements on the public safety building. She would like to get an engineer involved in this process as soon as possible. Mayor Brady said the Inter Collegiate Rocket competition will be in town again this year June 21– 23. Green River High School just got its five year accreditation. He would like to implement the work request forms. Every member of the council has a copy of the work request form. Another budget meeting was scheduled for May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Conae Black asked the council to give her their budget requests and she will put those numbers in so we can see where we stand. He mentioned a meeting amongst the nonprofits that was held. He felt that it was a good meeting. There is going to be a demonstration against the nuclear power plant on the 19th of May on the west side of town outside of city limits.

10. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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