

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Public Hearing
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 public hearing began at 7:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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.

The Green River Wastewater sewer lagoons are no longer capable of meeting the demands of the system as a total containment lagoon. Because of this the City of Green River will need to discharge occasionally into the Green River. Up until 1996 the sewer lagoons has not needed to discharge water from the system. In 1996 the City was issued a discharge permit and discharged into the Green River. After a series of upgrades to the sewer system the City no longer needed to discharge and let the permit lapse. However, due to some failures of some of the upgrades and recent high precipitation in the area the City reapplied for a discharge permit. In 2009 the City applied for ARRA funds to expand the City's total containment lagoon. The cost for another sewer lagoon cell was over 1 million dollars and would have required 100% grant funding. At the April 2009 Water Quality Board meeting staff recommended modifying the City's discharge permit rather than fund additional storage capacity and additionally it was indicated by the Water Quality Board that if the City went through the process of modifying the discharge permit the City would qualify for a grant to construct a disinfection system because the cost would be significantly less than the cost of expanding the lagoon system. The modified permit was issued but the new permit explains that since the Green River flows into the Colorado River the City must also conform to the Colorado River Salinity Control Forum Policy which the City cannot discharge more than one ton of salt a day, or 366 tons per year. From the self monitoring data collected on previous discharging it showed that the salt level was too high to meet the Colorado River Salinity Control amounts. Through a study conducted by Johansen and Tuttle Engineering it is recommended to the City that in order to comply with the discharge permit for salt loading an option of using both land application and chlorination system be used. The study was produced under the direction of the Department of Water Quality. It was conducted in order to acquire funding for the needed improvements from the Department of Water Quality. This project was presented to the Utah Water Quality Board on April 18, 2012 for funding. Because the Department of Water Quality's current funds were depleted, Green River City was told by this board to approach CIB for funding.

Conae Black said Water Quality Board was informed that the City could not take on any additional debt at this time and if CIB did not grant 100% then Green River City would come back to Water Quality for funding. We are hoping to put this application into CIB by the June 1st deadline.

JoAnne Chandler said she did not see any postings on the public hearing. Conae Black said she posted the notice last week.

There were no other comments from the public.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: _____