

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black; Citizens Ashley Ross, JoAnne Chandler, Bruce and Ann Nelson, Rey Lloyd Hatt, Eduard Korycan, Julie Steuer, Trenton Bennett, from Johansen and Tuttle Engineering Jonathan Johansen,

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Philip Engleman.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. **Motion:** Penney Riches moved to approve all of the minutes on the consent agenda. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Phillip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

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2. Presentation Drug and Alcohol Policy. Ann Nelson addressed the Mayor and City Council. She said that she and her two daughters are involved in a business out of Rifle Colorado and Vernal Utah that does drug and alcohol testing. They work as Third Party Administrators (TPA's). Their company will write the policy for the City. They follow Department of Transportation guidelines. She explained some of the guidelines and rules. The cost for the complete services is \$200 which is a one time fee. The test is taken by her company, sent to a lab and a doctor reviews the results and makes the final decision. Mayor Brady asked if companies who have employees with Commercial Drivers License's are required to have a drug and alcohol policy and testing. Mrs. Nelson said yes. Mayor Brady asked how much a test cost's. Mrs. Nelson said probably \$45 a test. She doesn't think that anyone at the Medical Center is a certified collector for drug and alcohol testing. She can come right to City Hall and collect the samples. She gave some examples of how samples are taken and the procedures that they take.

3. Presentation on Capital Facility Plan. Jonathan Johansen from Johansen and Tuttle Engineering addressed the Mayor and City Council. He was asked to present to the Council the advantages to having a Capital Facility Plan. He stated that one of the biggest reasons for a plan is the city will be prepared for when and if industry comes. The city would be required to expand upon water and sewer services. It is always good to know your base line where you are currently at and have water modeling done to know what your capacities are. From that you can have a spring board to know where you need to go. For example Castle Valley Special Service District has a General Obligation Bond. Their five year plan helps them to know how much to tax the power plants and coal mines and they know how much money they will have to update their infrastructure. An option that Green River City could have if the nuclear power plant arrived is to tax them or assess a one lump sum such as \$20 million dollars for the infrastructure that they will need. Another advantage of a plan is any funding agency requires a Capital Facility Plan and modeling in order to qualify for their funding. What he has seen in the past from CIB is they will fund ½ of the cost of a plan. It is important to know the capacities for the current system. For

example just hearing some of the concerns for Green River is a storm drain back up. The Engineer's always hear about it when it is a problem and it goes away when it is not flooding. If you have a Capital Facility's Plan then you can prioritize what is going to be done and it is set in motion and no matter who is serving on the Council it will get done. The Engineer's has talked about some of the needs in Green River with Conae Black, Bryan Meadows and a little bit with Philip Engleman and one thing that was desired is to have all of the utilities mapped for the city, the software and the ability to see a meter, lateral or valve and have the exact coordinates and know where that is instead of in someone's memory. If there were anyone new then the city would be in trouble. That was part of the proposal that Johansen and Tuttle Engineering submitted. The cost for that is \$6,000 which includes the software and the Facility Plan was around \$31,000. About a year ago we proposed a culinary water modeling which cost around \$38,000 and afterwards we were asked to put a proposal together for a Facility Plan and if those were done together the cost would be changed from \$38,000 to \$22,000 because the work is the same and there would not be any duplication and the overall total for the utility mapping, computer software, modeling and plan would be less than \$60,000. He said that he is not a sales person and was asked to present this to the Council. He said they think it is important and a very good idea to have these things in place. Conae Black said she can remember the cost for the Water, Sewer and Drainage Master Plans prepared by Sunrise Engineering was about \$60,000 each. Philip Engleman said it is something that we need to do but we need to find the funding for it. Kathy Ryan and Gary Riches agreed. Conae Black said the city will need to coming up with a new CIB list soon and suggested they put this on the list.

4. Discuss/approve/deny funding for an art show. Jo Anne Chandler said the theme for the art show is "All About the West." This is an event the JWP Museum has hosted since 2004 except for last year it was not held. All types of median are accepted except photographs. There has been some fantastic art work come in. They are in need of some funding to put on this art show. They get enough from the entrance fees to cover some of the prizes but not enough to cover the cost of the ribbons, mailing or judge fees. In the past Mr. Venus has spent \$1,000 of his own money to judge. They have plans to try and raise some money for this event. They would like to ask for \$1,000 from the city. There was some discussion on advertisement for this event. **MOTION:** Gary Riches made a motion to allow another \$1,000 in the Museum budget to allow for the art show expenses. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny modifying Museum basement door. Rey Lloyd Hatt, JWP Museum Director, said when the museum was built the lower floor was intended for exhibits. As he looks at the door to the lower floor exhibit room it is not very inviting. It looks like a big storage room. He thought about putting in some big glass doors that you can see through and then people would see that it is another exhibit room. He contacted a glass company and soon found out that it would be too expensive to put in glass doors. There are more dinosaur bones that are from the Green River area that can be displayed in that room. It is against the law to display dinosaurs without it being approved by the State of Utah. He contacted someone from the State who could assess the museum and let them know what needed to be done in order to display dinosaur bones. One of the first things this person said about the lower floor is the door needed to be a lot bigger. He thought that perhaps an accordion door could be put in there instead of a glass door. Philip Engleman asked if a door was needed. Rey Lloyd Hatt said when meetings are held it is good to have a door there to shut out the public. He contacted four different contractor and they were not interested in this project because it wasn't a big enough project. There was more discussion on how to enlarge the opening. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to approve modifying the Museum basement door. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny amended Annexation Policy Plan. Conae Black said the only changes to the original draft are adding in a summary of the public hearings that have been held and responses to comments. Another change is Grand County asked for more distinction on the county lines and shading was added to the expansion area map. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the amended Annexation Policy Plan. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:**

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

7. Discuss/approve/deny hiring a code enforcement officer and an animal control officer. Gary Riches said he has the job descriptions for this position and will get a final draft to everyone. He knows that they have been working on amendments to the personnel policy but doesn't feel that the city needs to wait for all of the changes before someone is hired. Mayor Brady agreed, he said the drug and alcohol policy was the biggest change in the policy. Philip Engleman said he saw where Castle Dale hired an animal control officer for \$9.00 an hour. Kathy Ryan and Kent Johnson agreed that a code enforcement officer needs to be in place. Philip Engleman asked if this person would be Deputy Recorder also. Gary Riches felt it best to hire a code enforcement officer first and get this person trained then if there are other duties that need to be added that can be done at a later date. He said that in most municipalities a code enforcement officer is generally a peace officer to a certain degree. He said that if the nuclear power plant does come to Green River then we will have to look at having our own law enforcement. He said this will be a full time job. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to approve to advertise hiring a code enforcement officer. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/approve/deny a new contract for building inspection services. Trenton Bennett said that he attended the last City Council meeting and presented his proposal then. Philip Engleman asked if the builder would still pay a building permit to the county or would it be to T.C. Builders. Mr. Bennett said the city would collect the building permit fees. Philip Engleman said the city would take over the obligations instead of the county. Philip Engleman asked if the inspections were included in the building permit fees. Mr. Bennett said yes unless he had a problem with three or four inspections then there would be additional fees. Gary Riches said this takes the County out of it and it is done in house. If he wanted to get a building permit right now then he would have to go to Castle Dale to get it but if the city went with T. C. Builders then he would go to city hall and they would contact T. C. Builders. Philip Engleman asked if a line item would have to be created for the collection of building permit fees. Gary Riches asked if the city would have to come up with an ordinance to add this service. Conae Black said no ordinance or resolution needs to be created for this service it is a contract between Green River City and T. C. Builders. Philip Engleman asked if all current building permits would stay under the county. Mr. Bennett said that would be up to the city but other communities have been doing that. Mayor Brady said almost one year ago at a Council of Governments meeting it was decided that each municipality could decide whether to contract with the county or go out on their own. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to approve a contract with T. C. Builders for building inspections. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss/approve/deny deeding over city property to the Positive Action Community Team. This property is on South Broadway right next to where the old Community Center used to be. It was deeded over to the city at no cost. Mayor Brady said Bryan Meadows has been over there to see if the playground equipment can be moved. All they want is the land. Conae Black said the property did not cost the city anything. Penney Riches asked for a history as to why the city had the property. Conae Black said it was vacant land owned by Key Bank and she had plans to build a new Community Center and asked Key Bank to donate the property. Key Bank probably would not donate to the Positive Action Community Team but would to the city. Kathy Ryan asked where the city would use the playground equipment. Conae Black said she would like to see it moved to the baseball fields on Pirate Avenue. Conae Black said Bryan Meadows has looked at moving the playground equipment and says he didn't think he could move it without damaging the equipment. **MOTION:** Philip Engleman moved to deed the city property on South Broadway to the Positive Action Community Team but the playground equipment stays with the city based on the safety factor. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Discuss/approve/deny Christmas budget and Christmas bonuses for employees. Mayor Brady stated that in the past the full time city employees have received \$100 bonus for full time

and \$75 bonus for part time. Kathy Ryan does not to give a Christmas bonus at all this year because all employees just received a raise. Kent Johnson agreed. Philip Engleman suggested getting clothing for the public works department instead of a bonus. Kathy Ryan said she is up for that. Gary Riches said you still have the office employees to consider. Mayor Brady said Karen Smith will need an additional \$750 for lights at the park. Conae Black said \$1,500 was already spent on lights for Broadway. This year \$3,000 was budgeted for and half of that has been spent. What comes out of that budget is a Christmas party, bonuses, a ham or turkey, lights and the Chili Cook-off. It was decided that there will not be any bonuses; a Christmas party is in line but limit the gifts and whatever is left can be spent on lights. The Council would like to have the party on Saturday December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

11. Department Reports. Kathy Ryan is still waiting on Keith Brady and the Epicenter for a design on the billboards. The Council went over with her what was discussed at the last meeting that she was not in attendance to. The school signs are up. Penney Riches said the public works department has begun changing over the lights at the museum. Philip Engleman said the new equipment has been purchased. He asked about the drilling at the Premium Oil property newly purchased by the City. Conae Black explained the geotechnical study that was being done on the property. Gary Riches said there has been some illegal dumping of trash at the closed land fill. Conae Black reported that there was vandalism on the playground equipment. It was decided not to replace it due to the cost of replacement. Mayor Brady said the Halloween Spectacular sponsored by PACT was a great success. There is also an exercise class once a week and some other activities.

12. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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