

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Philip Engleman, Keith Brady, Irene Daw, Dan Harrison; Employees Conae Black; Citizens Katherine Brown, Gwen Ambrose, Amy Wilmarth, Sandy Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Serena Robinson, Bob Dunn, Rey Lloyd Hatt, Shuanee Harrison, Ed Korycan, Charlotte Uptain, from Souder, Miller & Associates Doug Mize, SMA and Clint Allen, SMA, from the Utah National Guard Chaplin David Jones

ABSENT: Kent Johnson

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Keith Brady

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. Mayor Brady asked for the consent agenda to be broken out. He would like a motion for just the minutes and then the financials. **MOTION:** Irene Daw corrected the date for the June 27, 2011 meeting. She explained that the date should be June 28, 2011. She handed Conae Black the typographical errors that needed to be corrected. She moved to approve the minutes as listed with the corrections. Keith Brady seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Dan Harrison, Irene Daw, Philip Engleman and Keith Brady voted aye. The motion carried. **MOTION:** Keith Brady moved to approve the financials for the consent agenda. Irene Daw seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Dan Harrison, Irene Daw, Philip Engleman and Keith Brady voted aye. The motion carried.

- Minutes for June 27, 2011 executive session
- Minutes for August 9, 2011 regular meeting
- Minutes for August 9, 2011 executive session
- Minutes for September 13, 2011 regular meeting
- Minutes for September 29, 2011 special meeting
- Minutes for October 25, 2011 special meeting
- Minutes for November 15, 2011 special meeting
- October 2011 Recorder's report
- November 2011 Treasurer's report
- December 2011 Payment Approval report

2. Introduction of Souder Miller & Associates. Doug Mize, SMA and Clint Allen, SMA addressed the Mayor and Council. They are an Engineering, Surveying and Environmental Firm located in Grand Junction, Moab and Cortez Colorado. They are present to let the City know what kind of services they could provide for us.

3. Presentation and information on a community covenant program. Utah National Guardsman Chaplin David Jones addressed the Mayor and City Council. It is a recognition program for our service men and women. It is a way for community leaders to show their support to these servicemen.

4. Report from Amy Wilmarth on EMS services. Amy Wilmarth, who is an EMT in Green River, addressed the Mayor and City Council. She expressed concerns about the management of the EMS services in Emery County. There is time when there are no medical emergency services available in Green River because no one is scheduled to cover all of the times. She said there are at least three shifts a week where there is no coverage. She also expressed concern with the lack of training provided by Emery County. She said there should be trainings held once a month. The EMS Director does the scheduling and training for the entire county and she feels he has too much to do and that is part of the problem. Also part of the problem is the demographics. Green River distance from the county seat is part of the problem. She feels if a part time employee was

in place in Green River to take care of the scheduling, training and restocking of the ambulance supplies it would solve the problem. The purpose of her coming to express her concerns to the City Council is seeking some advice and help from them on what to do next to get the message across to Emery County to resolve these problems.

5. Discuss/approve/deny Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Museum nonprofit. Mayor Brady said he drafted a this Memorandum of Understanding between the Museum nonprofit and the City of Green River based on the suggestion from Rey Lloyd Hatt and all of the previous correspondence and discussion. He read from the MOU that the City and the Museum nonprofit agree to work together to further enhance the educational and scientific purposes of the Museum. The nonprofit operates exclusively as a charitable organization for educational and scientific purposes. The nonprofit is charged with the responsibility of raising funds to purchase, rent or store artifacts, exhibits and other items, and build exhibits in the museum and to improve both the interior and exterior of the museum. Changes to the exterior of the museum, structural changes to the museum facilities or new permanent construction on the premise of the museum require city council approval. The nonprofit will not be in charge of any of the operation or administration of the museum. The city will be responsible for the day to day administration and operation of the museum including, but not limited to the scheduling of any museum employees and/or volunteers, the coordination of city employees assigned by the city to work at the museum, establishing and maintaining of the hours, days and months the museum is open and the general care of the interior and exterior of the buildings and grounds. The museum will be run by a Director and the Museum Advisory Board under the direction of the Council Member assigned to the museum and/or the Mayor. Through the annual budget process, the city will provide to the nonprofit the amount of money approved by the city council for the uses stated. Dan Harrison said the purpose of the nonprofit is to seek other funding from other sources to improve and enhance the museum. One idea they have is to put a pad on along the river with some interpretive stands explaining the river another idea was to put a walking trail outside in the shape of the river with standing landmarks of JW Powell's traveling points. They are not going to own the building, they are not trying to steal anything. They are just separating from the city to go after different types of funding. The termination date for this agreement is 2015 to hopefully prevent a new mayor from dissolving the MOU and making it more difficult for the nonprofit. He said to let them convince the city that they are trying to do good things. Keith Brady said he has not had time to read through the document. Mayor Brady said then they will wait for him to take the time right now and read through it. Irene Daw said this is a legal document and felt this should be reviewed by the city attorney before they make a decision on it. Philip Engleman asked the Mayor which council member he was going to assign the museum to. Mayor Brady said he did not know at this time. Philip Engleman felt this decision would be better made in January when the new city council was in place. Mayor Brady reminded the council that the city attorney has already advised that the nonprofit can go forward with their organization as long as they are not involved with any of the operation and administration of the museum. He said this MOU makes that point very clear. Keith Brady asked questions to clarify exactly how the nonprofit would function and how the city would function in this partnership. He was confused as to each ones responsibility. Mayor Brady said the nonprofit is a charitable organization that will collect funds to enhance the museum. All controls of the operation, maintenance and administration will be the responsibility of the city. Mayor Brady said the city needs some help supporting the museum and the nonprofit cannot do that unless they are a private organization separate from the city. Rey Lloyd Hatt explained further the functions of the nonprofit and why they need to be a separate organization from the city. He explained that the MOU is a nonbinding agreement between the city and the nonprofit but does show support from the city for the nonprofit to go after funding for the museum. Dan Harrison said he would like to see this partnership between the city and the nonprofit. Conae Black said the museum has the potential to grow and expand and function a lot more than it is right now and it has not been able to do that due to the lack of funds. This nonprofit is just trying to seek funding to allow for more growth. She does not have a problem with the MOU. She did have some concerns with the agreement that was presented to the Council previously. Why would anyone want to give financial support to the nonprofit without a signed agreement from the city in support of this organization? They need this agreement to prove to the potential financial supporters that the city supports the nonprofit. The city will still have financial support of the museum and the nonprofit will not be able to do any

new improvements without council support. The establishment of the nonprofit only helps the museum to grow to its potential with the funding that they will be getting from other outside sources. The MOU does not financially obligate the city to the nonprofit but they can partner and work together. Dan Harrison said Rey Lloyd Hatt takes a lot of pride in the museum and his only intention is to make it the best it can possibly be. **MOTION:** Dan Harrison moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Green River and the JWP River History Museum Inc. The motion was seconded by Keith Brady. **VOTE:** Dan Harrison, Irene Daw, Philip Engleman and Keith Brady voted aye. The motion carried. —

6. Discuss/approve/deny the city supporting the development at Fossil Point Interpretive Trail to include financial support of Dr. Jim Kirkland. Dan Harrison said last week he, James Kirkland the State Paleontologist, and Tina Carter from the Emery County Travel Bureau met with two BLM employees out of the Price Utah office. They went to Fossil Point and saw thousands of dinosaur bones there. James Kirkland is requesting from the BLM to allow for an interpretive trail up through Fossil Point. This trail would have signs up explaining each of the dinosaur bones there and why this area is so rich with these bones. We have to decide if we want this to develop. The BLM had a very positive attitude about the idea. Dr. Kirkland thought they would survey or inventory the area then lay out a trail. He openly said that the city does not have a lot of money but he was sure that the city could get people to help lay out this trail. Perhaps later it could be improved with gravel. He would like the city to send a letter to the State Director on the geological survey asking for James Kirkland and his staff to do this. If they authorize the program then the State will work with BLM. Emery County Travel Bureau said they have money for these kinds of projects. Keith Brady asked why James Kirkland needs the city support for this. Dan Harrison said his budget has been cut. He has been given a vehicle to drive but no budget money for fuel. Mayor Brady said whether or not you agree with the fact that dinosaurs are part of the river history Dr. Kirkland has done a lot for the museum. He is even trying to get an International Convention held in Green River. They would base out of the museum and go do different things around our town. Mr. Kirkland feels it is a great opportunity for tourism growth. Dan Harrison would like to see city support for Dr. Kirkland in his efforts to try and do these things. He sees it as mostly gas money for his vehicle but it might be a motel room now and then. He doesn't want to limit his abilities to move forward. Dr. Kirkland puts a lot more into this community than he takes out. There was some discussion on how to best manage the spending of the gas funds but no decision on the best method. Keith Brady asked if supporting James Kirkland who is an employee of the State effect the decision made last month on the financial support for the golf course which is also supported with State funds. Dan Harrison said the financial support the golf course needs is greater than what he is trying to get for James Kirkland. He is not sure any money given in behalf of the golf course would be enough to save it from being closed. Keith Brady asked if the museum nonprofit could help find funding for this trail. Dan Harrison said this trail is moving forward faster than the museum nonprofit. **MOTION:** Dan Harrison moved to approve the city supporting the development of the Fossil Point Interpretive Trail and partial expenses for Dr. Kirkland. Keith Brady seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Dan Harrison, Irene Daw, Philip Engleman and Keith Brady voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny canceling the contract with the current web service. Keith Brady said he made this request because there have not been substantial improvements to the city web page for more than one year. The city site is up and running but is missing a lot of key information. The museum site is not even online. He doesn't know what the holdup is perhaps it is the lack of direction but the webmaster has not asked for any direction, information or help. He would like to cancel the service and have it rebid for next month. **MOTION:** Keith Brady moved to cancel the current web service. Dan Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Dan Harrison, Irene Daw, Philip Engleman and Keith Brady voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss paving the helipad at the medical center. Mayor Brady said the Life Flight helicopter, pilots and medical personnel are getting hit and wounded by the rocks and debris that flies through the air from the helicopter. The helipad is not paved and this creates the problem. Conae Black felt that not all of the helipad is on city property. She questioned as to whether part of the helipad is on the adjoining property owners land. She recommended that before any new material is put down that the property definition should be established. Mayor Brady said he

would check on that. There was some discussion on what material was best to put down on the helipad so as not to have loose material that will come up when the helicopter lands.

9. Report on the status of new fire house. Conae Black reported that she, Karen Smith, Gary Riches and Jonathan Johansen from Johansen and Tuttle Engineering attended the Emery County Commissioners meeting a few weeks ago. They presented to the Commissioners the city's proposal to partner together and pull our resources together to build a new Public Safety building that would house the fire department, ambulances, Emery County Justice Court, Emery County Deputy Sheriffs and Utah Highway Patrol. Karen Smith contacted Andrew Callister who is the President of the Premium Oil Company about the city acquiring the land on Main Street which is the site of an old gas station to house this building. Mr. Callister said his board discussion was leaning more to leasing the land rather than selling it. We need to now attend a Board meeting and present to them our proposal to owning the land and not leasing it. She has asked Johansen and Tuttle Engineering to draft up a letter stating an estimate on what it would cost to clean up the property. She will also prepare for the Premium Oil Company Board documentation of all of the zoning violations that the property has. She presented to the City Council all of the documents that she and Karen Smith have developed for the project. The EPICenter and Johansen and Tuttle Engineering have created some of these documents. She showed how there is plenty of room to build either a very large building or two separate buildings on the Premium Oil property. The Commissioners were open to the idea of partnering and working together but need some time to process the idea and answer any questions or concerns that they may have.

10. Presentation to Council Members. Conae Black presented to the out going City Council Members who are Dan Harrison, Keith Brady and Irene Daw a plaque and a VISA card to show our appreciation of their service to our community. Mayor Brady expressed his appreciation to the out going Council Members and the privilege of working with them.

11. Department Reports. Keith Brady said that Emery County's Business Chamber is up and running and they are working on getting businesses involved with each other. He would like to bank on the nuclear power plant coming to Green River but can't do that at this time so there are other avenues that they are looking at. Irene Daw submitted in a report the Mayor Brady on animal control. She thanked the Mayor, Co Council and staff for the supporting her in her position. She loved serving in this position. Dan Harrison commented on the news letter put out by Blue Castle Holdings. He made some comments on his last eight years of service to the community and appreciated the recognition. Philip Engleman reported that the water department is working on getting the TTHM levels to where they should be but doesn't know what the latest results are from their efforts.

12. Adjourn. **MOTION:** Keith Brady moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: January 12, 2012