

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2013

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black; Citizens Jack Forinash, Ashley Ross, Armando Rios, Kathy Brady, from Salt Lake Express Kathy Pope, Don Pope.

ABSENT: Kent Johnson

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Penney Riches.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. Mayor Brady asked for a separation of the minutes from the rest of the consent agenda. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the minutes listed on the consent agenda. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried. **MOTION:** Philip Engleman moved to approve the financials on the consent agenda. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried.

Minutes for October 9, 2012

Minutes for November 13, 2012

November 2012 Treasurer's report

December 2012 Treasurer's report

January 2013 Payment Approval report

2. Discussion on transportation grant from UDOT for a scheduled fixed route service to/from SLC and Blanding. Kathy Pope from Salt Lake Express addressed the Mayor and City Council. They have been in business for 14 years. They interline with Greyhound bus system. In 2010 UDOT did a study to identify gaps in bussing systems. One area that did not have bus services was through Green River going north and south. Salt Lake Express was awarded a bid to provide this service. UDOT is providing a cash match grant for seed money to get this service started. They offer stops all along the route. The customer needs to reserve the ride. This service will begin in April 2013.

3. Presentation from CHEER. Kathy Brady addressed the Mayor and City Council. She stated that they are going to try and report more regularly so that the Council knows where the City's money is going and why it is important. They work with the schools, Sheriff's department, Four Corners Mental Health and medical personnel. Through this grant they survey the high school students, which provide information on how their programs are working. She spoke of their activities for the high school children. She explained the grants that they have received. They have created three jobs through these programs. All of their activities are family friendly. In order to become a Communities That Care (CTC) organization it requires city support. It does not happen without city support. Kathy Brady thanked the City Council for their support. She stated that they have been really successful with their programs.

Gary Riches arrived at 7:48 p.m.

4. Discussion on Audit findings. Mayor Brady went over the Auditors management letter and the responses. Mayor Brady discussed in more detail the auditor comments on nepotism because his wife is a hired employee of the city. Conae Black suggested the best way to

handle that would be to assign a member of the City Council to be over the CHEER organization. Another area of concern is the deficit amount in the museum fund. It was discussed that this deficit has accumulated over several years and the year that there were several HVAC units that needed repaired or replaced really hurt the museum's budget.

Penney Riches asked why money was not transferred into the museum account to make up for the loss. The Auditor's report is stating that fund is showing \$230,000 in the negative and it keeps on accumulating each month. Penney Riches would like to close the museum in December and January to save on the cost of employment and utilities. Conae Black recommended the best practice would be to transfer over enough money to the museum to cover the costs. Penney Riches would also like to hire a Museum Director who is a college graduate to manage the museum. She would like the Treasurer to make a deposit daily.

5. Discussion on CIB list. Mayor Brady reported that the CIB list needs to be generated and submitted to Michael Bryant from the S.E. Association of Local Governments. Some of the projects suggested were the new Public Safety Building, a Capital Facility Plan and a generator for the water treatment plant. He asked the Council to think about what projects they would like to get CIB funding for and then they will talk about it more at another meeting.

6. Department Reports. Kathy Ryan said the Public Works department has been practicing on the new truck equipment. There was a problem with the trucks gelling up due to the cold temperatures. She is getting bids together for the billboard signs. Penney Riches said that Bryan Meadows is still working on the lighting at the museum but has been pulled away on a lot of other things. There is a cement reproduction of a dinosaur that the museum could have for free. All we would have to do is go and pick it up. The Advisory Board came up with an idea to put this dinosaur in the sand so the public could dig around it like they were excavating the bones. That would work great if Fossil Point were more accessible. She would like to see the museum get a plan in place and get back on track financially. Philip Engleman there is still problems with the sewer lagoon discharge project. The salinity is too high and more acreage is needed to dilute the application of the discharge on the ground. Gary Riches reported that there was one small structure fire this month. The city's Public Works department mostly handled that fire. There is still an ongoing saga with EMS. The Council discussed different strategies on ways to handle it. Jack Forinash has been meeting with each member of the Council to go over the Housing Plan and will get with those who they have missed. Conae Black said Amtrack is looking for someone to clean the platform at the train station.

7. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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