

City of Green River
460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2013

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Karen Smith; Citizens Armando Rios, Stan and Teri Parsons, Keith Brady, Julie Steuer, Amy Wilmarth, Bob Scott, Kalynn Fail, John Hughes, Ian Hughes, Chris Lezama, Eduard Korycan

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Gary Riches.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. Kathy Ryan found some typographical errors with the December 11, 2012 minutes that need to be corrected. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the minutes for December 11, 2012 with the corrections, the minutes for January 9, 2013 and January 29, 2013. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye.

MOTION: Gary Riches moved to approve the February 2013 Treasurer's report and the March 2013 Payment Approval report. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye.

Minutes for December 11, 2012 regular meeting

Minutes for January 9, 2013 regular meeting

Minutes for January 29, 2013 special meeting

February 2013 Treasurer's report

March 2013 Payment Approval report

2. Discuss/approve/deny amendments to the General Plan to include a Housing Plan. This has been in previous meetings. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the amendments to the General Plan to include a housing Plan as previously presented and discussed.

Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye.

3. Recognition of Teri Parsons service to our community as Melon Days Coordinator. Kent Johnson said for the past twenty years Teri Parsons has been coordinating the Melon Days Festival for the City of Green River. She has done an excellent job but will no longer be serving our community in that capacity. He would like to thank her for her service and asked those present to join him in applauding. He then presented her with a plaque.

4. Discuss/approve/deny hiring a Code Enforcement Officer/Special Functions Officer. Gary Riches said there were several applicants and they interviewed six of those applicants. The selection committee decided that C.J. Vetere would be the new Code Enforcement/Animal Officer for the City of Green River. Everyone all agrees that is the direction the city needs to go. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to approve hiring C.J. Vetere as the City of Green River Code Enforcement/Special Functions Officer. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye.

5. Discuss/approve/deny entering into a MOU with the State of Utah for the loan of the Diplodocus dinosaur cast. Penney Riches said the museum in Vernal, Utah has offered to give the JWP Museum a very large dinosaur cast that is all in pieces. She did not want to make this decision alone and did not want this expense to come out of the JWP Museum funds. She found out from a "Dinosaur Utah" printing that on John Wesley Powell's second

expedition in 1871 down the river he discovered some of the first recorded dinosaur fossils recorded in Utah. She said it will cost around \$1200 to just get the dinosaur cast to Green River and then there is setting it up and landscaping around it. There would need to be some kind of Memorandum of Understanding between Green River City and the State of Utah because the State owns the cast. They are willing to work with the city on setting up that agreement. She felt the hidden cost would be setting up the cast, maintaining it and perhaps putting up a fence around it to keep people off so that no one would get hurt.

There was some discussion on whether the cast would be a good fit for our museum especially with so many dinosaur museums very close by. Kathy Ryan felt there were other problems at the museum that needed to be addressed first before they take on anything else. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson moved to table this agenda item. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye.

6. Discuss RDA planning for the Industrial Park and Business section of town. Mayor Brady said he put out for discussion to find out if the Council was still interested in establishing an RDA and if they wanted to have attorney Craig Smith come and explain this even further and have him help us set up an RDA that would help us with the Industrial Park and our downtown area. The Council agreed to another meeting. Mayor Brady said he would call Craig Smith and set up another meeting.

7. Discuss/approve/deny the additional information sign for the billboards. Kathy Ryan said the billboards are being made but to put up the additional informational sign will be around \$7,000 for both billboards. She felt it would be better to hold off for a while and save up some money for digital signs to inform the travelers of the events in town. Keith Brady felt a digital sign could cost up to \$20,000. Gary wondered if the additional informational sign could be put up at a later date. Kathy Ryan said yes. She stated the removable letters sign may be difficult to keep up with. Another option would be just to put up a permanent melon days sign that said "Melon Days third Saturday in September". Gary Riches did not like the idea of a permanent sign and wondered if the changeable letter sign would hold up to the wind and rain storms in our area. Kathy Ryan said that the money from Emery County Travel Council and Utah State Parks paid for the majority of the billboard signs. She suggested going back to these entities for more money to get the additional changeable letters sign.

Philip Engleman said the changeable sign would be great if it can be up to date. The discussion led to who would be responsible for updating the changeable letter sign. Kathy didn't think it was the city's responsibility to change out the sign for all of the events.

MOTION: Gary Riches made a motion to approve the additional information sign with the changeable letters but the city needs to go back to Emery County Travel Bureau and the State of Utah for additional funding. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye.

8. Department Reports. Keith Brady, Chair for the Business Group, reported on the strategic planning session that they held. As the city web site manager he reported that generally they are going well. The city and melon days information is current. The JWP Museum site has some problems because there is not anyone to write the copy. He has hired Chris Lezama and Maria Sykes to write that copy for him. Mayor Brady asked him to bring his camera to the next meeting to get pictures of the City Council and post that on the city web site. Kalynn Fail, who serves on the Emery County Recreation Board, said they have been going through some changes over the last six months. They hired a new director whose name is Jake Atwood. In going over their budget they were able to come up with some city project funding. This funding has not been available for several years. This money has to be used for something new and tangible. They are creating an application to request for this money. The money will not be given directly to the city. The city needs to submit the bill or invoice to Emery County Recreation and they will pay the bill. She knows that Green River city could use some canopies for Melon Days and some bleachers. Emery County Recreation has given money to benefit Green River in the past such as bleachers, assistance to the Little League and money for the Green River Golf Course. They hope to continue to serve the county. Their funding comes from mineral leases and the amount of money they get is decided upon by the Emery County Commissioners. Karen Smith passed out some information on an upcoming conference. She stated that the State of Utah "Shake Out" exercise that will involve Green River is scheduled for April 17th. There will be a seven county communications exercise. Gary Riches inquired on the status of the Diversion Dam. He stated that he supports all citizens within city limits and those who live outside of city limits in the surrounding area. He and Mayor Brady attended the last Fire Department meeting and all Volunteer Fire Fighters were handed a employee packet for each one to fill out and bring

back to the city offices. All officers and fire fighters will be held accountable for their responsibilities. He has a meeting with C.J. Vetere Friday morning to go over his responsibilities. He wants C.J. Vetere to identify all of the city property and make sure it is in compliance. Next he will ask him to do the same for all city employees and elected officials.

There are a few animals running loose and we will be rounding them up. We will need to get the city vehicle running better. He read a letter from an unknown citizen about the Medina's.

There was some discussion on that issue. Green River City has an MOU with Emery County to utilize their court system but it is out dated and Emery County court system will not abide by the agreement. He suggested the city could find their own prosecuting attorney to prosecute those who are in violation of city ordinances. Commissioner Migliori is establishing a working group from each community to draft up an ordinance that will address animal control and ATV's that will be standard throughout all of the communities. Mayor Brady said that was attempted at the Council of Governments meetings and it was a miserable failure and wished him luck. The State of Utah is looking to relocate the prison and he sent a letter as a private citizen stating an interest in locating that facility in Green River. He is looking at that as an opportunity to grow economically. He spoke of the roads that BLM is looking at closing down. Philip Engleman attended the Rural Water Conference. He spoke with the company who originally installed the computer system for the water treatment plant and she is going to get him a quote to upgrade the system. He inquired about the status of the sinking holes on Farrer Street. Penney Riches reported that the roof at the museum has been repaired. The floors are in the process of being cleaned. The summer hours will begin this weekend. Joe Venus has donated a print from auction to go towards the art show. She is meeting with USU who is helping out with the grounds. Kent Johnson there are two contracts out for bid on grounds maintenance. Kathy Ryan said she has been working on getting the roads repaired. She would like to see some cross training in the office so that all can take on the needs of the city. Mayor Brady stated the Emery County Planning and Zoning received an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the oil refinery. All members of Public Works have been interviewed.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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