

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2013

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Karen Smith; Citizens JoAnn Wetherington, Donna Hatfield, Mary Wilmarth, Jo Anne Chandler, Julie Steuer, Jack Forinash, Dan Teed, Charlotte Uptain, Armando Rios, Reed Scow and Mrs. Reed Scow, David Bell, Kim Cloward Drown USU assistant

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Penney Riches.

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

Minutes for March 12, 2013 regular meeting

Minutes for March 25, 2013 special meeting

April 2013 Treasurer's report

May 2013 Payment Approval report

2. Discuss/approve/deny agreement with Utah State University/David Bell for the museum landscaping design. Kim Drown stated at the last regular City Council meeting they showed different concepts and the Council made a selection on which one they liked best partly based on water conservation. With this they came up with three landscape types, the oasis, enhanced desert and a desert landscape. This design includes strengthening the connection between the river and the river history museum and including the trail system. A more detailed design was presented to the Mayor and City Council. Comments were taken from those present. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to approve the agreement with Utah State University for the museum landscaping design. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discussion on amending the water ordinance to allow agricultural use outside of city limits. Reed Scow from Green River Companies addressed the Mayor and City Council. He stated that they have purchased a steamer that puts moisture onto the hay and then bails it. In order for this to work they need treated culinary water and a water softener. This steamer will take about \$1,000 gallons of water every 8 ½ hours during harvest time. They would like to connect to the city water system and because they are outside of city limits they are asking permission to do so. They understand that the ordinance does not allow for water usage outside of city limits unless it is for single family dwellings or the watering of livestock. That is why they are present now to ask if the city would consider amending the ordinance and allow them to improve on their agricultural business.

4. Discuss/approve/deny city sponsorship for "the Hunter Games". Mayor Brady said this should read Hunger not Hunter. The person wanting to be a representative of the City of Green River was not present. There was not any action taken on this agenda item.

5. Discuss/approve/deny salary plan. Mayor Brady said he requested that this be put on the agenda and he said he is not quite ready to present. He has contacted a business that will help set up a salary plan. He believes the cost is just under \$2,000 a year. They will

establish a wage based on the detailed job description. Penney Riches the current city money is not where it should be. Does this company go off of the current city revenue to determine what the salary is? Mayor Brady said no it is determined by what other people are making. He stated they would compare with other towns of the same size. He didn't think there was a pay scale out there that would base the salary on the income. Penney Riches said the city cannot pay out more that they take in. There was not any action taken on this agenda item.

6. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Amy Johnson as a Life Guard. Mayor Brady said she in the only one who submitted an application for this position. He stated that she has already taken the Life Guard training. Gary Riches stated he would like for her not to bring her children to the pool while on duty as a life guard. She needs to focus on what she is doing and not have any distractions. **MOTION:** Philip Engleman moved to approve hiring Amy Johnson as a Life Guard. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Penney Riches, Kathy Ryan and Philip Engleman voted aye. Gary Riches abstained. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny tentative budget. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the tentative budget. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

Kent Johnson arrived at 8:00 p.m.

8. Department Reports. Kathy Ryan reported there will be a pre-construction meeting next Tuesday on the Farrer Street project. Howard Tuttle will be the inspector in the beginning until things get going. She would like to purchase an air compressor. She will be getting a little asphalt from WW Clyde to patch some pot holes. She asked Mayor Brady to write a letter to UDOT to pay for an inspection on the new office trailer at the UDOT shed. Penney Riches addressed Philip Engleman. She said she didn't think he liked the new landscaping plan. Philip Engleman said he just wanted to know how much water it will save. Penney Riches said 65%. Peterson Refrigeration serviced the air conditioner units at the museum. Personnel at the Information Center were informed that there will be a change in the brochures and they do not like the other brochures. The other brochures do not have enough information. The city crew seems to be keeping up with the weeds. Kent Johnson reported on Melon Days preparations. Philip Engleman reported that the city may be getting some free equipment for the water treatment plant. We might have some problems with the water softener and there may some expense there. Gary Riches said he has a lot of interest from people on putting on a car show and they would like to call it "The Melon Cruz." There was a recommendation to hold the first few on Melon Days weekend to get this going. It was suggested not to hold it on that weekend because it is already full and it would be a good idea to get people into our community on other weekends. He stated that some of our ordinances are out dated and need to be improved. C.J. Vetere will be sending out about 52 violation letters mostly targeting Main Street and Broadway. He spoke of some squatters that are a problem in our community. There is another monument going up by the Golden Ratio. Someone called to reserve the city ball park and was told they could not reserve it. Conae Black and Karen Smith said no one at city hall would have told them that. He is working on getting the inmates in the Emery County jail to do the landscaping work at the museum. Karen Smith asked the Mayor and City Council what they wanted to do about ordering city shirts. Mayor Brady asked her to come to the special meeting on June 4th to discuss them so they can decide what to do. For the June Citizens Corp Council meeting she has asked the State Citizen Crop Council director to come and speak. She and C.J. Vetere are going to training on managing conflict. Jack Forinash stated with the resignation of Robert Smith he is now acting Chair of the Planning Commission and there is a vacancy to fill. The Epicenter is really excited about the trails and potential skate park. There are two interns here for the summer that could help with these projects. Mayor Brady is holding an appreciation dinner for all the Fire Fighters and EMTs on May 31st. City employees and elected officials are invited. White Sands is doing an assessment on the buildings at the missile base to determine their condition. JoAnne Chandler would like to see the missile base preserved. She had a visit from some people who may help to preserve the missiles at the O.K. Anderson Park. There are a lot of people who came to work at the missile base and settled in Green River. She had ideas of information panels to explain the history of the missile base.

MOTION: Gary Riches moved to go into an executive session. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The regular session of the meeting closed at 8:44 p.m.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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