

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

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Karen Smith; Citizens Lee Ann Asay, Ryann Savino, Bennett Williamson, Chris Lezama, Amy Wilmarth, Kim Andrus, Michael Silliman, Sandi Silliman, Mike and Lisa Davis

ABSENT: Kent Johnson

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:07 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Kathy Ryan.

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

Minutes for June 18, 2013 special meeting, July 2, 2013 special meeting and July 23, 2013 special meeting.

July 2013 Recorder's report

August 2013 Treasurer's report

September 2013 Payment Approval report

2. Discussion on General Plan. Amy Wilmarth, from the Planning Commission addressed the Mayor and City Council. She stated the current General Plan was last adopted in 2006 and other than the Affordable Housing Plan which is a component of the General Plan nothing has been changed. A lot of the goals and objectives have been met and it is time to update the overall plan. The Planning Commission is recommending that a professional be hired to assist us with this process. The planning commission thought that this would be a cost to the city of about \$30,000. However the planning commission has contacted Ken Young with Utah Community Planners and found that the cost is not that much. He will help with workshops, open houses, citizen surveys, and more. There are two cost levels. Level one is \$4,200 and level two is \$6,400. There will some additional costs for survey preparation, compilation and analysis and mapping. Mr. Young is willing to keep the costs down to \$5,000 so the Council will not have to go out for sealed bids if necessary. Mr. Young said our general plan has a good layout but we need to update the information. He recently worked with Price City and Kanab on updating their general plans. Kathy Ryan said with the professional help of Mr. Young's services it would take three months to complete.

She would like to move along because it is a guide for the city to use and give information to outsiders looking at Green River. It is also a base outline when applying for grants. Amy Wilmarth said it will set goals and objectives to accomplish the goals. There are things that the planning commission can do to help offset the costs. Mayor Brady said the costs are a lot less than what he was expecting. Chris Lezama said his niche is rural Utah communities. He said there are larger companies that we could hire but they will cost a lot more money.

Mayor Brady said let's put it on next month's agenda as an action item. Kathy Ryan said she would like to move forward with this. Conae Black said she would like to see the Council not worry about that \$5,000 cap and go with level two and get a better plan. Amy Wilmarth and Mayor Brady agreed.

3. Discuss/approve/deny a six month moratorium on subdivisions of 10 lots or more. Amy

Wilmarth from the Planning Commission said they are in the process of updating the subdivision ordinance and it is a long drawn out process to do that. If someone were to walk into the door and want to put in a subdivision then we would have to follow our very outdated ordinance that is in place now. In order for us to comply with the current State laws and do it properly then we need to update our ordinance. Conae Black said the Planning Commission's goal is to complete the updated ordinance within that six month period of time.

MOTION: Kathy Ryan moved to approve a six month moratorium on subdivision of 10 lots or more. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution 04-2013 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Karen Smith said she served on the committee that has been working on this plan for the last two years. It identifies any disaster that they could think of such as flooding, drought, fire etc. This resolution is recognizing that Green River City is on board with this plan. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve Resolution 04-2013 to indorse the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

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

5. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution 05-2013 Wastewater Planning Program. Philip Engleman said this is requested every year by the Department of Environmental Quality. It rates the sewer system. Kathy Ryan had some questions about the sewer lagoon aerators that Philip Engleman answered. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to approve Resolution 05-2013 Wastewater Planning Program. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discussion on Utah Local Government Trust Safety Program. Conae Black said she has been contacted by Utah Local Government Trust about establishing their safety program many times. She stated that a safety committee needs to be established and they will set goals and follow through with those goals. They are to hold meetings and take minutes of those meetings. She has invited the Trust to come and speak with the public works department and then speak with the City Council again. They will be here next month to speak on the program and the benefit the city. She felt that it was important to get the public works crew on board with this program or it won't be successful. Their department is where most of the safety issues are. We can count this as a meeting. Philip Engleman said the public works crew could hold monthly staff meetings and discuss safety issues at that meeting.

7. Department Reports. Kathy Ryan stated that the crack sealing on the streets is complete. Today the State was sweeping around the park and the crack sealing was coming up. She contacted the company who did the work and they will come back and take a look at it and try to determine what happened. Penney Riches said the museum roof is leaking in new spots. She is in the process of finding the best way to fix the problem. Museum gift shop sales have increased. Philip Engleman reported that he finally received the bid for the upgrades to the water treatment plant and it will cost about \$70,000 or \$80,000. They just gave line item prices and did not give a total for the entire upgrade. The sewer project is still ongoing. Gary Riches said the trucks at the fire department have been repaired. The ISO findings found the fire department in noncompliance by not having the documentation of the fire trainings. That will be corrected. C.J. Vetere is doing great. He has not had any complaints about him. There are a few that are not happy with him but he has noticed weeds and property being cleaned up around town. The car show is coming up in October at the park. Conae Black said that at the latest Emery County Fire District meeting that Howard Burnett attended he learned that there are some upcoming changes to the burn season.

This year there will be a fall season burn season. For the 2014 year the State will only allow three weeks during the entire year to burn and in 2015 there will no longer be a burn season.

Green River City will no longer be allowed a burn pile. A farmer can get a permit to burn as long as they are outside the incorporated city limits. There can be up to a \$5,000 fine if you are caught burning. Karen Smith has scheduled a Public Safety Career Day on October 11th.

There will be a hazardous material training on October 17th. Those involved with the diversion dam project have discussed setting up their own entity but in their discussions they were having a difficult time deciding how to handle the finances. They are all farmers and no one has time. They would like to know if the city would allow them to run the money through them. Probably about 70% of the money will come from USDA. First Choice Automotive took our Melon Slice and got it up and running and put on newer tires for no charge. She reported on the Melon Days meal. Mayor Brady reported that there was a write up on Green River in the AAA magazine. The mayor and city council has been invited to the 2013

Governor's Gala. Individual tickets start at \$500 to \$2500. If you can't come you may enclose a donation. Senator Mike Lee's staff will be in Green River September 26th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. He attended the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference last week. He will share with the council during the next few months what he had learned.

8. Executive Session. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to go into an executive session. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss/approve/deny the purchasing of property for sewer land application. There was no discussion or action taken on this agenda item.

10. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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