

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

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2013

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Karen Smith; Citizens Scott and Kollin Robertson, Joella, Ben and Nathaniel Brown, Julie Steuer, Robert and Judy Scott, Julie Zwalen, Armando Rios, Eduard Korycan, Dave Kadleck and Glen Pincock from American Senior Benefits, Lance Mergens from Utah Local Government Trust

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Penney Riches.

1. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. There was one correction in the minutes. On agenda item #2 the word some needs to have the letter e. **MOTION:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan moved to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to the minutes. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes for August 13, 2013 regular meeting.

August 2013 Recorder's report

September 2013 Treasurer's report

October 2013 Payment Approval report

2. Presentation to Robert and Judy Scott. Mayor Brady recognized Robert and Judy Scott for their service to the community and thanked them for volunteering their time, talents and personal property. He stated that everyone around town recognizes their efforts.

3. Discussion on Safety Program with Utah Local Government Trust. Lance Mergens from Utah Local Government Trust gave some facts and introduced the Safety Program that the Trust has to help our employees become safer. The Trust tries to reduce the amount of losses in communities. He has been partnering with Conae Black for about three or four years to try and get this program up and running in Green River. He gave a presentation on accountability. The Trust handles about 1,015 claims a year. They are asking their members to try and minimize the amount of claims. The amount of claims has an impact on the premiums charged. The Trust is asking the city council to be more accountable and get on board with the program. The program asks that a safety committee is established. Executive reports should be filed that gives information on what activities they are performing to keep them safe. He gave some sobering examples of employees that knew what they were doing and ended up losing their life. As far as Green River employees go they have been very lucky that nothing has happened to them. He pointed out the executive summary report that will be given to the council that states the sidewalks have been inspected; the playground equipment is in good condition etc. It shows that action has been taken. Mayor Brady asked who should serve on the committee. Lance Mergens said it should probably consist of someone from the front office, someone from public works and possibly one member of the city council. It doesn't have to be a large committee. The meetings can also be piggy backed onto another meeting like a staff meeting.

4. Discussion on Affordable Health Care Act. Dave Kadleck from American Senior Benefits addressed the Mayor, Council and citizens present. He stated that the Affordable Health Care Act has changed the whole face on what health care looks like. There are a lot of small employers that will be making some major changes. It allows employees the opportunity to

get their own health care coverage rather than have it provided by their employer. It also gives the employee the opportunity to get tax credits to help offset the premium expenses that they will pay for health care. Employers are required to let the employees know that this is available.

5. Discuss/approve/deny Mayoral appointment of Zoning Administrator. Mayor Brady said Bryan Meadows no longer wants this responsibility and C.J. Vetere is willing to take this on.

MOTION: Kent Johnson moved to approve the appointment of C.J. Vetere as the Zoning Administrator. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny Tesla charging stations. Mayor Brady explained that Tesla Motors is an auto electric company and they are putting in a string of charging centers across the United States. They have chosen Green River to locate one of their stations. They decided that the museum would be the best spot because that would be a great place for people to stop and visit the museum. The visitor's center is located at the museum and those that stopped would be able to find out more about our community. Penney Riches said you have to dedicate at least one spot for this and there is an electronic device at that spot to charge these vehicles. It is not very pretty and they need up to four spots. Kent Johnson and Philip Engleman felt it would be a better fit at a business. Penney Riches said Tesla also wanted a place that would be open every day 24 hours a day. Mayor Brady continued that Tesla wants to put in four charging stations. It takes about 30 to 40 minutes to charge up the vehicle. He thought that it would be good for Green River because there is no cost to the city and it is free advertising when they advertise their system. Gary Riches said he didn't feel that the city should be involved in the money making business and providing those types of services. He would love to see the private industry contacted and this placed there. There was some discussion on local businesses that the council felt would be a better fit for the Tesla charging stations. Mayor Brady said Tesla is putting a charging system somewhere on Main Street in Moab and at the visitor's center in Blanding. He spoke with the Mayor of Blanding and they hope that the stations will draw people into the community and they will stay a while. He thought the best location for the charging system at the museum would be where the watermelon slice is right now. He has observed that the parking lot is rarely filled.

Penney Riches said if the city is going to redo the grounds at the museum then why would the city want to put an ugly docking station there. It will take away from what we have been trying to do. Mayor Brady said that the council has a different vision than he does. Kent Johnson restated the same opinions as Penney Riches about placing the station at the museum. Mayor Brady said what he is hearing is that Tesla needs to come back and look at a different site. He said Tesla will completely pay for and do the installation of the station.

There would not be any cost to the customer to charge and no cost to the city for the station. The discussion led to how soon Tesla needed to have an answer. Mayor Brady said they want to have the station put in by the end of the year. Kent Johnson said he read where it takes about 15 weeks to install the station. Gary Riches said he would like to get some opinions from the community. Eduard Korycan suggested combining the station with natural gas and suggested locating it at Ace Hardware store where there is the space.

MOTION: Kent Johnson moved to table this agenda item. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches vote aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny transport of U of U benches. Mayor Brady said there were a couple of University of Utah architect students in Green River last summer. They were involved with the trails project while here. They had the idea of getting the University of Utah students to design and build benches for the proposed trails. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the expense to transport the benches from the University to Green River. **MOTION:**

Gary Riches moved to approve the transport expenses for the benches made by the University of Utah students from Salt Lake to Green River and back to Salt Lake. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches vote aye. The motion carried.

8. Department Reports. Conae Black has selected the election judges for the upcoming election. They are Vicki Bayles, Olive Anderson and Connie Copenhaver. Karen Smith reported that she attended the city/county director's conference last week and learned the State Citizen Corp Council is awarding \$3,000 to each region in the state to put on a CERT conference. Region 6, which is Carbon and Emery County and Region 7, which is Grand and San Juan County, would like to hold the conference in Green River. They have not chosen a date yet but will let the council know when she knows. She reminded them of the hazemat

training on the 17th. She will be attending and EOC multi hazard training the end of October. There will be a hazardous training at the museum in November. Kent Johnson thought that Melons Days went well. He thanked everyone who was involved with that celebration. There will another meeting on Melon Days on October 29th. Julie Zwahlen gave a full report on the post Melon Days committee meeting. There are plans to move the Melon Slice from the museum parking lot and locate it in front of the highway patrol building next to the road. Kathy Ryan reported the findings from the crack sealing that is coming up. She is now going to work on replacing signs. Penney Riches noticed that the drains for the museum roof are clogged. She put in a work order to get those cleaned out. She would like to put the repairs for the museum roof out to bid. Philip Engleman looked at the roof since he is over maintenance and stated the problems that he could see. He also said that roof has been patched and repaired for many years. There was some discussion on the best way to take care of the problem. She is working on more advertising for the museum. She will be attending a western museum conference. She is working on a job description for a manager. Philip Engleman reported on the water leak on Kings Lane. Now there will be another patch in the road to fix. Gary Riches reported that the EMS has come to the conclusion that the county is going to do what the county is going to do and the local EMS are just throwing up their hands. Penney Riches said she heard a rumor that they may all just quit. The fire department is trying to ramp up on some training. They will be doing the Halloween Carnival again this year. He is just going to keep echoing that C.J. Vetere is doing a great job until he hears otherwise. Former Mayor Harry Hansen passed away.

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

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.s

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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