

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2013

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Kent Johnson, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows; Citizens Armando Rios, Samuel Bassett, Mary Rothlisberger, Julie Zwahlen, from City Sanitation Wade Williams, from Johansen and Tuttle Engineering Jonathan Johansen and Brandon Brady, from Meter Works Ken Sheffield, from Capital Infrastructure Wenlock Free and Duane Free

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Kent Johnson.

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

Minutes for November 12, 2013 regular meeting.

October 2013 Recorder's report

November 2013 Treasurer's report

December 2013 Payment Approval report

2. Discussion on Emery County tippage fee for the Emery County landfill. Wade Williams from City Sanitation addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Williams stated per the contract that they have with Green River City it states that "Maintenance of the dump or any other disposal area or associated fee is not the responsibility of City Sanitation Inc." He stated that Emery County is proposing to establish a tippage fee at their landfill that would affect the rates set by City Sanitation. Some of the proposed fees are all loads under 1,000 lbs. no charge, loads over 1,000 lbs. \$10.00 per ton. The proposed tippage fees would increase the price of the residential can an additional \$1.07, for a 2 yard dumpster during the winter the cost would be an additional \$2.22 in the summer an additional \$3.08. Currently Emery County is not charging anything for the use of the landfill. Emery County Commissioners are holding a public hearing on December 17th to hear comments on the proposed landfill fees. He felt it wasn't fair for Green River City to pay for the loads that they pick up from the transfer station because Emery County is not charging a fee for loads under 1,000 lbs. and no one from Green River is going to travel to the Emery County landfill for the free load they will just continue to take their bulky waste to the transfer station. Kent Johnson felt that should be brought to the Commissioners attention. Mr. Williams said East Carbon charges \$25.00 per ton. Philip Engleman suggested Green River City should establish a landfill. Mr. Williams said with all of the State regulations it is expensive to run a landfill. It was reminded to the Council the additional \$5.80 charged to each customer to cover the costs of the transfer station. Mayor Brady said he would attend the Emery County public hearing on the proposed tippage fees.

3. Discussion on Capital Facilities priority list. Brandon Brady, engineer for Johansen and Tuttle Engineering addressed the Mayor and Council. He submitted a list of improvements that need to be made to the water, sewer, streets and drainage. He went over the various problems that were detected with the help of Bryan Meadows. Some of the discussion was the deficiencies of fire flows in our water lines, replacing AC water lines or lines that are too small and replacing the high pressure AC pipeline for the 10" river crossing along Green River Avenue. There were streets identified that need to be improved, curb and gutter that needs to be replaced or installed. The sewer improvements would be replacing old AC lines. The biggest concern for drainage would be the water from the Shady Acres into the sewer system. There were some suggestions from the

Council on possible ways to address this problem. Brandon Brady asked the Mayor, City Council and staff to submit any other concerns to him or Bryan Meadows.

4. Presentation on water meters. Duane Free from Capital Infrastructure contacted Bryan Meadows for information on the number of gallons of water processed and the number of gallons billed. There was approximately 14,237,000 gallons of water last fiscal year that was processed but not billed. This is due to the city property that is not billed, water leaks and fire hydrant maintenance. Duane Free brought up the costs to process the water. Wenlock Free stated that Capital Infrastructure provides water metering systems for cities. He said they provide a public/private partnership so that Green River City can capitalize on the 14,000,000 gallons of water that is not being billed for by improving the water system. They recover their costs by charging a fraction of a penny per gallon of water rather than change water rates. Rather than get bonds or grants they will provide the new system for the city. Ken Sheffield from MeterWorks introduced the water meters that they sell and explained some of the federal regulations. He encourages radio read meters over manual read meters. Duane Free said because they would be recovering their cost of putting in the new system by charging a fraction of a penny per gallon there would not be any cost to the city. Penney Riches asked how many gallons would make a penny. Duane Free said it would depend on the water rates. This is not a loan. They will come and replace and repair meters. They have a fifteen year term limit on the contract. Wenlock Free said the fraction determined also depends on what type of system that is purchased. Penney Riches said how long they have been in business. Wenlock Free said personally he has been working 23 years in large and small corporations and Capital Infrastructure for 1 ½ years. Philip Engleman asked how many other cities they have done this for. Duane Free said there are several cities in process. Mayor Brady said he looks forward to the fraction costs.

5. Discuss/approve/deny contract with Tesla. Mayor Brady said the changes to the contract that the City Council requested has been agreed upon by Tesla. Those changes were setting a term limit of five years with the option of renewing for another five years. The governing law was changed to Utah and not the Tesla headquarters. The last suggestion was made by the city attorney. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to approve the contract with Tesla with the suggested changes. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny contract with Ken Young of Utah Community Planners for General Plan update. Samuel Bassett, Planning Commission Chair, stated that this was discussed last night at the special meeting with Ken Young. The Planning Commission will help out with the survey and we are going to try and get the County to supply our map which will help reduce the costs. The contract price is for \$6,900 for Utah Community Planners services. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the contract with Ken Young of Utah Community Planners for the General Plan update. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny grant from the State Aeronautical Department of Transportation for airport pavement preservation. Mayor Brady stated that we have spent quite a bit of money on improving the airport runway. This grant from the State of Utah is for pavement preservation. The State will be granting us \$180,000 with an \$18,000 match from Green River City. This has been planned and budgeted for in the airport fund. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the grant from the State of Utah for pavement preservation at the airport. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Johnson, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Department Reports. Conae Black has contacted the city attorney about drafting the Sexually Business Ordinance and it should be ready for the Council to review before the January city council meeting and we should be able to adopt it at the January meeting. Gary Riches reported that the fire department will hold elections on December 19th. He feels the city should be ready to give our current fire chief a very warm thank you and departure for over 40 years of service. Philip Engleman went to Price today to look at new trucks for the fleet. There was some discussion on Emery County calling out our animal control officer to pick up dogs. This is out of

city limits and paid for by the city for his services. The discussion then led to the lack of support from Emery County. Penney Riches stated that she went to a trails committee meeting with Marcy DeMillion with the National Park Services. They are going to have a kick off meeting in February for the key stakeholders. There will be other entities involved. There were 26 applications for the museum manager position. They have been narrowed down to 11 and 8 of those are in the Green River area. She asked the council who would like to be in on the interviews for this position. She wants to give each person selected an idea of what it would cost to live in Green River. Johansen and Tuttle Engineering will be getting back with her on the museum roof. Kent Johnson expressed his appreciation on serving his community as a member of the City Council. Kathy Brady had some information on the process for getting more cross walks on Main Street. The State needs a survey of how many people cross the road. They will work with the city and maybe give some funding for the cross walk. Mayor Brady announced the dinner theatre at the High School, he handed out a written report on what CHEER is doing and said that google has been hacked. Mayor Brady thanked Kent Johnson for his service to the community and presented him with a gun that was engraved with the city logo and his years of service.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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