

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 15, 2014

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Tim Glenn; Citizens Julie Steuer, Ryan Savino, Julie Zwahlen, Justin Queen, Charlotte Uptain, from RCAC Carol Cohen, from the Planning Commission Samuel Bassett and Chris Lezama

ABSENT: Kathy Ryan

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. The City Council did not get a copy of the 2014 Treasurer's Report. This item was removed from the consent agenda. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to remove the June 2014 Treasurer's report from the consent agenda and approved all other items on the consent agenda. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

Minutes for April 23, 2014 special meeting
May 2014 Recorder's report
June 2014 Treasurer's report
July 2014 Payment Approval report

2. Discuss/approve/deny updated General Plan. Samuel Bassett, Chair for the Planning Commission, approached the Mayor and City Council. He stated that Ken Young from Citizens Community Planners, who the city contracted with to draft the General Plan, was unable to complete the final version due to a death in his family. There are a few changes that the Planning Commission would like to correct such as taking out the land use map and putting in the correct annexation expansion map for prioritization. **MOTION:** Michael Silliman moved to table this agenda item. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve/deny contract with Epicenter for events. Penney Riches felt that the best person to be over an event would depend on the event. She wasn't sure if one person over every event was the best idea. Mayor Brady said other cities have one person over all of the events. Penney Riches said the contract lists specific events and in her opinion did not have any input from the City Council or citizens of Green River on what events they would like to see come to Green River. Mayor Brady said these are just suggestions or ideas on what events they could do. Philip Engleman said they want to be an events planner. Mayor Brady said yes and if someone else has a good idea that would be great. Penney Riches said an events coordinator would be awesome but wanted to get a feel from the other members of the Council as to whether contracting this position out is in the best interest for the city. Gary Riches said he did not want the city to hire out for this position because the city would be paying someone a wage whether they do the job or not and how well they do their job. If the city contracts out for this position then terms and conditions can be set and if they didn't do that then the contract can be terminated. Penney Riches agreed with Gary Riches. Philip Engleman asked how the city would pay for this contract. Mayor Brady said the money would come out of the General Fund's Economic Development. Penney Riches suggested that the City Council should decide on what events to

hold. Gary Riches agreed that the City Council should have some input on the events. Chris Lezama said the latest contract was based on previous discussions held on the contracted event coordinator and the Epicenter would be open to whatever the Council decides. Philip Engleman felt it would be well worth it. Mayor Brady said he would need to look at the budget to see if the city can enter into a contract. Penney Riches said she knows what she wants in the contract. Mayor Brady asked how you base a price off of a single event. Penney Riches said the city would need to look at the budget and decide how much money an event would bring in. Mayor Brady said most of these events will be outdoor events. One day the city should have a recreation center for indoor events. Mayor Brady said maybe the Council should sit down to a meeting to decide what events they want. He mentioned the Car Show that Gary Riches has started. Gary Riches said it would be nice to have an events coordinator. It would help with all events. Penney Riches asked if it would be possible to put this person in the museum so that when they are not working on events they could work at the museum because that is where the information center is and where all information is going out. This way they could push these events onto those traveling through. Gary Riches agreed that the museum could be the central place to get information out to travelers. Mayor Brady said Tim Glenn has done a great job on putting together different events and pulling in different people. Michael Silliman agreed that another meeting needed to be held to discuss this further. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to hold a special meeting to discuss this further. Penney Riches seconded the motion. The meeting was set for July 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny changes for the grounds maintenance. There was not any discussion or action on this agenda item.

5. Discuss Transient Room Tax. Samuel Bassett researched from the Utah Tourism data on tourism based taxes. He presented the State of Utah's RAP tax which is a Zoo, Arts, Parks and Recreation tax. He had information from Price and Blanding who assess this tax. Utah code permits counties and municipalities to use the RAP funds for a variety of activities or local needs. This funding allows a city or town to enact the tax as long as the county is not already imposing the tax and is approved by the voters. It is a slight increase of 1/10 of 1 percent in the sales and use tax. Price City's Finance Director said Price City has used it for capital improvement projects such as a new tennis courts, horseshoe pits, parking lot, etc. Also used for repairs and maintenance of those facilities. Blanding City Manager said they have used the funding to build and operate the San Juan Wellness Center which has a pool, fitness center, and basketball courts. Both municipalities said it is well worth adding on that tax. The money can be used for recreational and zoological facilities, ongoing operating expenses of recreational facilities and botanical, cultural, and zoological organizations.

6. Department Reports. Gary Riches reported on the success of the July 4th celebration and commended Fire Chief Philip Engleman for his extra effort in cleaning up the garbage left behind the city park by our local citizens. He spoke of his concern for the local businesses that are not in compliance with the law. Philip Engleman reported on the ongoing sewer project and the upgrades on the water treatment plant. Penney Riches with the assistance of Tim Glenn reported on the museum activities. She also reported on the progress from the Trails Committee. She stated that the State of Utah is going to allow the use of State lands just across Main Street for a trail. There will be a meeting for the public that is tentatively scheduled for August 11, 2014. Michael Silliman said the park grounds are looking good and he has not received any complaints about them. Conae Black said business licenses were due July 1st and there are some businesses that are delinquent. Some of those businesses are in noncompliance with the ordinances and she has been working with C.J. Vetere to get them to come into compliance. If they do not then she asked the Council and Mayor to be prepared to close down those businesses. Julie Zwahlen reported on the status of the annual Melon Days celebration. She set another meeting for the committee for July 28th. Mayor Brady stated that Grand County Credit Union is seriously looking at coming into Green River as soon as they can get things settled. The Department of Defense has contacted the city and spoken with JoAnne Chandler who asked

them to help out our community by repairing the missiles displayed at the park. They are still on track for demolition of all development on their property.

7. Executive Session. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to go into an executive session. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried. The executive session was to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: _____