

# City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, January 15, 2015

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Bryan Meadows, Karen Smith, Tim Glenn; Citizens Maria Sykes, Cathy Gardner, Julie Steuer, Orion Stand-Gravois, Steph Crabtree, Natalie Hert, Justin Queen, Travis Bacon, from Johansen and Tuttle Engineering Jonathan Johansen, from Green River Development Reed Scow

**ABSENT:** Penney Riches

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Philip Engleman.

Adjourn the Green River City Council. The regular city council meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.  
Convene as the governing board of the Green River Redevelopment Agency. The Green River Redevelopment Agency convened at 7:04 p.m.

1. Discuss/Approve/Deny action on RDA Resolution No. RDA01-2015; A resolution designating a proposed community development project area, authorizing the preparation of a draft community development project area plan and budget, and authorizing and directing all necessary action by the Agency, staff, and counsel. Mayor Brady explained the reason for the resolution and read it aloud to all citizens present. **MOTION:** Michael Silliman, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. Kathy Ryan and Penney Riches were absent. The motion carried.

2. Adjourn as the governing board of the Green River Redevelopment Agency. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.  
Reconvene as the Green River City Council The regular City Council meeting reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

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

Minutes for October 28, 2014 special meeting  
Minutes for November 11, 2014 regular meeting  
Minutes for December 9, 2014 regular meeting  
November 2014 Recorder's report  
December 2014 Treasurer's report  
January 2015 Payment Approval report

2. Discuss/approve/deny a water connection outside of city limits to Green River Development. Reed Scow from Green River Development addressed the Mayor and Council. Green River Companies has prepared a map and description of the water connection that they are requesting. Green River Company is large agricultural company located on the east side of the river. They are asking for a water connection to the office building that they have. Reed Scow said this would be helpful for the bathroom facilities for all of the truck drivers that they use. Right now they have a connection within city limits they use for their Misters which is farm equipment and they would like to move that closer to their fields. They plan on hiring more people for their agricultural business. They want to put in a ten inch line and connect on Billy Jo Hatfield's line.

They have some left over 10 inch pipe that they would like to use for this connection. He thinks that this connection will cost him an additional \$35,000 in labor. Philip Engleman said that he and Bryan Meadows have some concerns about the 10 inch line. If water doesn't move then it goes septic. With 3,250 feet of 10 inch line that would be about 100,000 gallons of water. He is also concerned about tying onto a 6 inch water line that is not owned by the city. Connecting a 10 inch line onto an existing 6 inch line will create a drop in water pressure. That line will have to be flushed because there will not be enough water usage. Reed Scow said if they move the water softeners out to this connection for the Misters and each one uses 5,000 gallons every 6 hours. They have two Misters and plan on buying 3 more this summer. That will help keep the water clean and agreed that they will still need to flush the line from time to time. Philip Engleman said the city does not have any control over the water line but we are responsible for the last flow and tap. Bryan Meadows contacted Rural Water who did voice some concern about the size of the water line. Currently the standard line size is 8 inches. He too is concerned about hooking a 10 inch line onto a 6 inch line. In the plan it is stated that the line would be three feet deep. He would like the line to be four feet deep with a tracer line to locate it. This is to prevent the line from freezing. He thinks that someone needs to be out there to inspect the installation of the line. In talking with Jonathan Johansen from Johansen and Tuttle Engineering that line will not meet fire flow regardless of what we do unless the city puts a bigger line out there. He would like a fire hydrant installed for flushing purposes but it would not meet adequate fire flows. He would like to see written permission from the Hatfield's to connect onto their water line. Philip Engleman said a six inch meter would need to be put on that line. Gary Riches asked if this would adjust the demand for more water. Reed Scow said they are already using the water. Bryan Meadows concurred that the water usage would not be affected. Philip Engleman asked if the ordinance would allow for this connection. Conae Black said the code was amended to state that the City Council could allow for other requests. Reed Scow said a 10 inch line will allow us to fill our Misters at a faster rate. If he puts in another 6 inch line then the pressure will be lower. Philip Engleman agreed. He asked if the Mister were used year round. Reed Scow said the Misters are not used during the winter months so the line would need to be flushed once a month. Philip Engleman asked how they would account for that water. Reed Scow said a meter would be placed where the 6 inch and 10 inch line meet on the 10 inch side. Bryan Meadows said he would not recommend drinking the water because the city will not be able to maintain the chlorine residual during the winter time. He said because the city does not own the water line that they are tying into he would not want to take ownership of the new line. **MOTION:** Philip Engleman moved to approve the water connection outside of city limits to Green River Development with a letter from Billy Jo Hatfield giving permission to connect to his six inch line, have the installation of the line inspected and make sure it is up to code and approved by Bryan Meadows and the city will not take ownership of the new line. Gary Riches seconded that motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve/deny 2015 CIB list. Philip Engleman said he would like to either get some new equipment or lease equipment. With a lease they give you a new piece of equipment every year. We need a new backhoe and a decent vehicle to take out of town. Gary Riches felt the city should lease the backhoe and put that into the budget. There was some discussion as to whether the museum had any future projects that needed to get done. Other than the change of the landscaping to reduce the amount of water needed to water the grounds there was not anything else that was pressing. There was more discussion on this but it was decided not to solicit CIB funding for this. Gary Riches said he would like to keep the new Public Safety Building on the list but drop it down to a B or C on the priority list. Conae Black said we need to add the water line out to the west industrial park onto the list. Mayor Brady suggested putting some of the needs that need to be addressed in the Capital Facility's Plan. The drainage on the Shady Acres property needs to be addressed. After some discussion Mayor Brady said there would be three projects, the new 10 inch water line extension out to the west industrial park, water, sewer and drainage infrastructure improvements and the public safety building. Conae Black suggested adding the water extension and infrastructure improvements together and only have one application for both. Jonathan Johansen felt it was a good idea, that it would leverage the participant's money and make a better project. Because the water extension will be paid for by

the refinery that gives you about \$700,000 and with another \$700,000 from CIB the city would have about a 1.4 million dollar project. The city could then ask for all grant funding with a 50% match. It was also decided to apply for a backhoe and two trucks which would be about \$200,000. **MOTION:** Gary Riches made a motion to submit to CIB for funding \$1.4 million for a water and sewer project with an A priority rating, \$200,000 for new city vehicles and equipment with an A priority rating and \$1.3 million for a new public safety building with a B priority rating. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution R01-2015 encouraging the State of Utah to address comprehensive transportation funding. Mayor Brady said this resolution was created by the Transportation Committee asking for municipal support to have the State address the transportation needs. Mayor Brady read the resolution. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve Resolution R 01-2015 encouraging the State of Utah to address comprehensive transportation funding. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny the Green River Trails Opportunity Plan. Karen Smith presented the Green River Trails Opportunity Plan to the City Council. There has been a Trails Committee that has been working on this since 2013. These proposed trails are all non-motorized trails. The city received a grant to get assistance from the National Park Service to create this plan. There was public input on these proposed trails. She showed where the committee has determined it feasible to construct trails. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the Green River Trails Opportunity Plan. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny the Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands to study tamarisk along the river banks by Crystal Geyser and treat with herbicide. Mayor Brady said Heather Church from the Forest Service was not able to attend tonight to present this agenda item. The city owns the property around the geyser and she would like to do a study on the tamarisk that was killed by the beetles and if it is coming back they would like to put herbicide on them so they won't ever come back. Gary Riches asked what would happen if the herbicide got into the water and stated that because it is the Forest Service he felt that they would address that. Mayor Brady decided that Heather Church did not need to be present for the Council to act upon this. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to allow the Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands to study tamarisk along the river banks by the Crystal Geyser and treat with herbicide. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny purchasing the property owned by High Desert Excavating located at 695 West Main Street. Mayor Brady said he put this on the agenda not realizing that Council Member Penney Riches would not be in attendance tonight. He would like to ask the Council to table this until a full Council is in place. **MOTION:** Philip Engleman moved to table this agenda item. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discussion on city equipment. Philip Engleman said the city needs to get rid of some old equipment. Some of the equipment they spoke of was the Grader, old fire truck and other equipment. They talked about the best way to dispose of some of the equipment. Michael Silliman knew of a company that would take almost anything. Mayor Brady asked Michael Silliman to check into getting the company he knew of to come and take this equipment off of our hands. The question was asked if there were any city or state regulations that they needed to follow. There was not any that anyone knew of. There was some discussion on creating a list of equipment that the city would like to dispose of and generate it around to see if there was any local person that would like to have it. Mayor Brady said a list needs to be created that will be posted to see if anyone would like to purchase the old equipment and Michael Silliman will contact Eco Alliance to see if they will take what is left over off of our hands.

9. Discussion on Melon Days Coordinator & Melon Days softball tournament Coordinator. Gary Riches said as far as he knew even though Julie Zwahlen has moved out of town she is still willing to Coordinate Melon Days. Conae Black said a citizen of Green River came into City Hall and wanted him to know that if he is going to allow someone from out of town to coordinate Melon Days then she knew of several people out of town who would be willing to do that. Gary Riches said there is some knowledge that Julie Zwahlen and Terri Parsons have but we could start from scratch and we could gain some and lose some. He is open to any ideas. He said as far as the Softball Tournament Clint and Victoria Liddard are willing to take that on again this year. Conae Black asked if Kalynn Fail had ever contacted him. Gary Riches said no. Conae Black said Emery County Recreation was willing to coordinate the softball tournament last year but due to the lateness of the date they couldn't do that without help so that is why Clint Liddard got involved however for future years they are willing to do the whole thing. Gary Riches said there was a Facebook vote on the theme for this year. Conae Black asked if the events coordinator would take on that responsibility. Gary Riches said that is one possibility. Travis Bacon provided a job description for the events coordinator that Pot Luck created for the Council to review and make suggestions. Gary Riches said he would touch base with Julie Zwahlen.

10. Discuss/approve/deny Mayoral appointments. Mayor Brady said he has spoken with each member of the City Council and they will all stay in the same departments. The Planning Commission is still regrouping. He asked if the Museum Advisory Board would stay the same but Penney Riches was not there to give an answer. Tim Glenn said there didn't need to be any changes to that board. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to approve the appointments that Mayor Brady has established. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

11. Department Reports Michael Silliman said there is not much to report on the parks at this time. Gary Riches said we need to start working on who is going to maintain the parks. Karen Smith said there is trash and debris at the parks that need to be cleaned up at the park. Kathy Ryan reported that she ordered some cold mix and that has been placed on some roads to repair potholes. There was some discussion on some other streets that need maintained. She attended a tree pruning and water conservation meeting. The water conservation group keeps mentioning the water rights the city had when they had a power plant. She is getting ready to put in a sign order. Philip Engleman said Steph Crabtree has joined the fire department. The Fire District will be getting their new trucks and wants to know if the municipalities want to purchase the old one. The company from which they are getting the new ones will take them in on trade but the district will not be getting much out of them. Gary Riches said Paradise Amusement is willing to come to Green River for Melon Days. The community loved the Christmas tree. They are going to leave the snowflakes up because it is still winter. He has received a lot of complaints about dogs at large. He doesn't know what the answer is but he is working on a letter in both English and Spanish explaining that if you have a dog take care of it. He feels that Herbert Steiner needs to be recognized for his donation of his property. He suggested setting the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks off at Monument Hill. The only concern they have is the Interstate traffic. There will be a BLM hearing next week addressing some roads and trails. He spoke on the status of updating the street lights on Main Street to LED. Conae Black said it's a municipal election year this year. The Council Members who are up for election are Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Gary Riches. Bryan Meadows said this winter they have been short-handed but the good news is there haven't been too many water leaks. Tim Glenn said he will be getting an AmeriCorp person in February and her main responsibilities will be programs and school curriculum. He spoke of a nonprofit organization that would like to come to Green River and talk about funding. Mayor Brady hoped that the Council has been reading the emailed tid bits from Keith Brady on economic development. There is a group of Russian coming to Green River for visit in February. He spoke with Ethan Migliori about a replacement for the DMV which is being proposed as a part time position. Every year the city earmarks \$15,000 from the Emery County Travel Bureau. Conae Black said we have received that funding for 2014 and placed that in the museum fund. Mayor Brady would like that put into Capital Projects for trails. The Pot Luck group is looking at the bill

boards in town. Chap Pinneo said the city could use smaller bill board over by the Gas-N-Go for free. That would be a good place to put up a welcome sign.

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

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Pat Brady, Mayor

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Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: February 11, 2015