

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Tim Glenn; Citizens Kim McFarlane, Charlotte Uptain, Mary Rothlisberger, Samuel Bassett, Maria Sykes, Ginny Lefler, Armando Rios, Orion Stand-Gravois, Travis Bacon, Julie Steuer, Steph Crabtree, Joanne Ekker, Tom Ryan, Chris Lezama, Justin Queen

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Michael Silliman.

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

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2. Discussion on East Welcome sign. Olive Anderson requested this to be put on the agenda and was not present for the meeting. Kathy Ryan said the Green River Improvement Team has plans to improve the signs.

3. Discuss/approve/deny taking over the Elgin Cemetery or work out a deal with Grand County Cemetery District. Mayor Brady said that Grand County Cemetery District would like to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Green River for the Elgin Cemetery. Grand County Cemetery District stated they are currently paying Joanne Ekker \$400 a month stipend for a total of \$4,800 a year to oversee the Elgin Cemetery. They state that Green River City could continue to pay her or someone else and that could be incorporated into the agreement. Mayor Brady read from the letter given to him from Todd Peterson who said recommended keeping Joanne Ekker involved. Mr. Peterson suggested the District pay the City \$1,000 a year to cover the cost of weed control. He said the District would pass along any fees collected. He thought the fees collected last year was around 4 to 5,000 dollars. In return the City would maintain the property, and open and close the graves. He suggested the City may want to look into a device to lower the caskets. Joanne Ekker said Todd Peterson no longer works for Grand County cemetery District. She said he has worked for Grand County Cemetery District for two to three years and has never been to the Elgin Cemetery. She stated that the Grand County Cemetery District is actually meeting at this very moment and they are considering hiring someone to do grounds maintenance for the Elgin Cemetery. Joanne Ekker had a bid from Target Pest Control to spray the weeds. Jim Madden who was the sexton a few years ago is going to help train the new sexton who took Todd Peterson's place. She knows they are behind in all of their book work because it has not been done while Todd Peterson has been employed because she has requested a yearly report and has not received one for years. In the past two weeks she learned that they have not entered any of her reports into their system for several years. Grand County Cemetery District has hired someone to help with the data entry into the computer system. Mayor Brady asked Joanne Ekker who served on the Grand County Cemetery District. Joanne

Ekker said they have a three member Board who consist of Mary Megan and Jim Madden with a vacancy for the third member. She said they are coming to Green River with the newly hired sexton next week. Kathy Ryan said she would like to meet with them when they come. Mayor Brady said probably the Grand County Cemetery District did not know that Mr. Peterson had been talking with him. **MOTION:** Penney Riches made a motion to table this until they have more information. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny appointing Don Meadows as an alternate for the Planning Commission. Don Meadows has been recommended for the alternate for the Planning Commission. **MOTION:** Gary Riches moved to approve Don Meadows as an alternate for the Planning Commission. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny entering into a contract with the Epicenter for development of the trails. Samuel Bassett (aka Jack) said the agenda item might be worded differently than they expected. At the last trails meeting they talked about the current agreement the Epicenter has with the City and perhaps extending that agreement. Steph Crabtree went over the goals and accomplishments within this past year in the current agreement. Samuel Bassett said they would like to stay involved with either extending the current agreement or drafting another one. He passed out the draft contract with some new goals. He went over their proposals for the new contract. Last year they received some funding from the Emery County Trails. They will be applying again this year and would like to wait and see how much funding if any before they propose entering into another agreement with the city. With the recent retirement of Karen Smith who was the city staff over the trails program they were wondering what extended role the Epicenter may play in the development of the trails. Penney Riches wondered if the Events Coordinator would be able to assist in the development of the trails. She said that may or may not be a good fit. Kathy Ryan said to come back next month with a little more information. Samuel Bassett said there is still a little bit of money left on the current contract so there is certainly no rush to get this in place. They want to do what the city would like them to do. There was no action taken on this agenda item.

6. Discussion on applicants for the Special Events Coordinator position and establishing hiring committee. Mayor Brady said since Pot Luck, who is our Business Chamber, have been heavily involved with this he asked Keith Brady and Travis Bacon if they would suggest two members of their organization to be on the interview and selection committee and two members of the City Council to be on this committee. He has asked Travis Bacon if he would serve on this committee and he has agreed but has not asked any other member of Pot Luck. After some discussion on who from the Council should be a part of this committee it was decided that Michael Silliman and Kathy Ryan would serve on this committee. Mayor Brady said he would find another person from Pot Luck and inform Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman who that person was.

7. Discuss/approve/deny consulting contract with SE Utah Community Development Corporation (Delynn Fielding). Conae Black explained that because Delynn Fielding worked for the State the State retirement system will not allow him to directly have a contract with the city so that is why he is going through the SE Utah Community Development Corporation. However SE Utah Community Development Corporation wanted to make some slight changes in the contract and none of those changes will affect the fees the city will be paying. The City Council felt a contract with Delynn Fielding was very valuable and was not concerned about the changes in the contract. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve entering into a contract with SE Utah Community Development Corporation for Delynn Fielding services. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Department Reports. Tim Glenn reported that he is working on finding some funding to redo the landscaping at the museum. He looks like he will be getting a grant for an exhibit. The new

map for the visitor's center is complete and installed. Penney Riches asked for items to be donated for a silent auction to help raise funds for the museum. She also said they are looking for a seasonal employee. Kathy Ryan has attended a lot of meetings. She hope the Green River Improvement Team (GRIT) can make some changes. She invited Chris Lezama to explain more on this new organization. She just received some correspondence from UDOT on their Safe Sidewalk program and will look into that. She is getting ready to order some more signs. A meeting was held with Bill Rees from the Department of Environment Quality and others and she feels the city should take them up on a city wide assessment at no cost to the city. They were very helpful and believe this can be done. It was suggested that maybe the city could get the old Premium Oil property cleaned up by the RDA agency applying. The problem with that may be because they are the same body of people as the City Council. EPA suggested that the Emery County Fire District apply for the cleanup funding in behalf of the city. They want the city to be successful and Bill Rees said he will assist us in filling out the application. Michael Silliman stated a meeting scheduled for the 17th of March for the Shooting Sports Park to try and get more organized. He has plans to do some tree trimming, pour some cement around the statues and trim some shrubs at the park. Gary Riches said there were a few other fire fighters who passed their exams. Eric Mendez is a new volunteer for the fire department. Julie Zwahlen is diligently working on Melon Days and spoke to her about the new Special Events Coordinator position. He felt Julie Zwahlen should still be involved in the 2015 Melon Days celebration. He said this last month he has not had one complaint on dogs. Penney Riches said Emery County Recreation will be meeting soon and needs to know whether they will be heading up the softball tournament for Melon Days. We met with Siemens Company and Rocky Mountain Power about updating the street lights. Philip Engleman said Bryan Meadows attended the Rural Water Conference. There have been a couple of water leaks. Conae Black said the annexation so far is going very well. We have more than enough signatures needed to go forward with the process. We want to get as many signatures as possible just in case any of them might dispute this process. She has been very busy with this along with being shorthanded in the office. She and Loni Meadows have been trying to pick up the pieces. We are feeling the absence of another staff person in the office. Captain Kyle Ekker is concerned about the absence of an Emergency Program Manager. He felt that Green River had great momentum going there and does not want to see us lose that. They have asked if I would assist with emergency management. She does not feel that she will be able to take this on. There are rumors going around that the refinery will not be coming but that is not true. Never once in all of the conversations that we have had with them have they said they are pulling out. Emery Refinery's CEO, Jeff Beicker, said he is invested in this project and no one wants it to be successful more than he does. Mayor Brady backed up what Conae Black said about Emery Refinery and the annexation. He received correspondence from the person who organized the Triathlon and because of the unpredictable water flow of the river they have lost money and are not planning on coming back this year. Those involved in putting silhouettes up explaining the Old Spanish Trail would like to put something similar up in Green River. Kathy Ryan brought up the need for security cameras on Monument Hill.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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