

# City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**ATTENDING:** Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Tim Glenn; Citizens Samuel Bassett, Rob Loucks, Ginny Lefler, Justin Queen, Kim McFarlane, Eduard Korycan, Chris Lezama  
**ABSENT:** Mayor Brady

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Pro Tempore Philip Engleman, the meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Penney Riches.

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

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2. Discussion on SITLA agreement at the West Industrial Park. Conae Black explained that Delynn Fielding was going to present this to the Council and was unable to attend due to illness.

3. Discuss/approve/deny 401 K contributions. Penney Riches said there is one city employee who is receiving a 401 K contribution from the City of Green River. This employee works at the JWP Museum. They are restructuring the personnel at the museum and will need the funds expended on this contribution to do what they need to do. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to have the City discontinue paying into the 401 K contributions. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. Gary Riches abstained from voting. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny funding \$8,000 to PACT for a passenger van. Justin Queen, Executive Director for PACT, addressed the Council. Penney Riches asked Justin Queen what other funding he has looked into for the purchase of a van. Justin Queen said last winter they wrote two different grants to foundations but couldn't remember the name of the foundations. Most of the grants that they have applied for do not allow for Capital Assets or Capital Improvement purchases. That is why the roof looks so terrible. They have been successful in getting funding for programs but not Capital expenses. Penney Riches suggested they try and partner with companies who rent vehicles for the summer and continue looking into other grants and also asked if he had looked into that at all. Justin Queen said he did not call Tony Basso. Penney Riches asked if he knew how much it would cost to rent a van as opposed to coming to the city for money. She was hoping that if he approached a car rental company they could use it as a tax deduction. Justin Queen said renting a van would be an additional expense to the programs. Penney Riches said maybe it would only be about \$1,000 to rent a van for the summer and was not sure the city should be purchasing a van for a non-profit organization. Philip Engleman said it would probably cost more than \$8,000 to rent a van. Justin Queen said he checked the State Surplus web site today and there was 2008 van with about 80,000 miles was selling for around \$8,000. The van's PACT has now has around 150,000 miles on them. He said PACT received a \$63,000 grant from the Utah Office of Child Care which allows them to do a lot more programming for the summer than they have been able to do in the past. A lot of the summer

programming is in partnership with the museum. Without two vans the program will not be feasible. For example the Goblin Gang is a Friday adventure group for up to 20 children that will take them to places like Arches, Capital Reef and other places around the area. With only one van they can only transport 10 children. We want to be able to transport these children to all of these off site places. They have not been able to find a grant to fund the purchase of a van. Penney Riches said again she did not know how she felt about the city purchasing a van. Justin Queen said the \$23,000 of the \$63,000 grant is going towards the museum programs which are why PACT is asking for city support. Michael Silliman said sometimes dealers will give the city a better purchase price than their advertised price. Justin Queen said PACT will be able to insure and license the van. Those expenses are small enough and fall under the program expenses. Philip Engleman said this purchase has not been budgeted for and felt this should be tabled until the next meeting. Justin Queen said if this is tabled and put into next year's budget then they will not be able to get the van in time to start the programs for the summer. Philip Engleman asked if the Council could approve this expense in the current budget year. The answer was yes. Penney Riches asked the other members of the Council how they felt about the city purchasing this van. Philip Engleman said he would approve the purchase of a van. Penney Riches asked for more detail of the museum programs. Justin Queen said there are three programs that the museum is doing this summer, one of them is the Goblin Gang program. Another program is the Naturalist Camp where the children will be transported to various local sites to learn about natural sites in the area such as the Book Cliffs or the river. The final one is the Junior River Runners program where they will be taking 12 children out onto the Green River twice a week and once a week onto the Colorado River to learn some boating skills. The vans will be used to transport the canoes and children for that program. Tim Glenn stated the museum would not be able to do the Naturalist Camp or the Junior River Runners program without the grant from PACT. They started Goblin Gang last year but it wouldn't look anything like it does now if it weren't for PACT. These programs are much more enhanced due to PACT's grant funding. Now when he approaches other entities for funding he will be more successful in getting grant funding from these sources because of the collaboration with PACT. This collaboration will help to get other funding and grow these programs even further. He said that he has always had a plan for these programs but would not have been able to without the grant from PACT. The next step will be getting High School students involved. Penney Riches said she has wanted to see us educate the local employees to have knowledge of our area and if we start with these young kids and teach them about our area that would be a positive step. Kathy Ryan said she would like to see the city help them get a van but PACT needs to start researching other options other than the city. Justin Queen agreed. He said this grant is a three year grant. Personnel cost are a small amount of this grant. They have been using the grant funding to purchase equipment so these programs can continue on for some time. They are in need of equipment storage and they are working on that. Penney Riches said there is money in this year's budget to fund this van. Kathy Ryan said PACT does a lot for our children. Gary Riches asked if the city should fund the full \$8,000. Michael Silliman suggested approving for the purchase for a van and not set an amount in case the purchase price comes in less than \$8,000. Justin Queen said he was fine with putting a cap on \$8,000 and if the purchase price comes in less than \$8,000 that is what the funding will be. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve funding of up to \$8,000 for the purchase of a van for PACT for their community youth programs. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny submitting an Opinion Question to voters regarding the imposition of the RAP Tax and authorize the Notice of Intent to be submitted to the Emery County Commissioners. Conae Black stated that the first step is to submit this letter to the Emery County Commissioners the City of Green River's intent to impose a RAP tax. Gary Riches brought up the need to not spend any of the tax payer's money to support or defend the imposition of the RAP tax. The consequences are a Class B Misdemeanor if this is done. The Mayor and Council can give their opinion on the tax as long as you are not spending public funds. The city however needs to remain neutral. **MOTION:** Gary Riches made a motion to approve submitting an Opinion Question to voters regarding the imposition of the RAP tax and authorize the Notice of

Intent to be submitted to the Emery County Commissioners. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny 2016 Tentative Budget. The Council has held multiple budget workshops and discussed the budget at length in previous meetings. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the 2016 Tentative Budget. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches. The motion carried.

7. Public Hearing for new CIB application. Philip Engleman closed the regular City Council meeting and went into the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to solicit public comment concerning the size, scope and nature of the funding request submitted to the Permanent Community Impact Board. Conae Black stated that the City of Green river has the intent to put in a new application to the Community Impact Board for infrastructure improvements. These improvements are taken from our Capital Facilities Plan. The plan is to replace some culinary water lines, sewer lines, improvements to the drainage and street improvements. The engineers estimate for these improvements is \$663,185. This includes the engineering fees and any contingency. The City will be funding 50% of the cost of this project which amounts to \$331,600 and requesting a grant from the Community Impact Board for \$331,585. Even though the city is requesting a grant does not guarantee that we will get that money or that we will get it all in grant. If this is approved it may be part grant part loan or all loan with interest. Gary Riches asked if the Community Impact Board approves this request as a loan what the interest rate would be. Conae Black said anywhere from 0% to 3%. Samuel Bassett asked what streets were going to be fixed. Conae Black said the south side of Cherry Street from Main Street to the Fire House and 200 South. Gary Riches said the drainage at Shady Acres definitely is a high priority. Conae Black said at the last big rain storms the drainage from Shady Acres created a back-up of sewage in the basement of a home across the street from the sewer lift station. Philip Engleman said the lift station's pump cannot keep up with that amount of water. The planned improvement will fix that problem. Samuel Bassett asked if there was a maximum amount of funding or applications that the city can receive from the Community Impact Board each year. Conae Black said not that she is aware of but the Community Impact Board does have a record of the amount of money that has been granted to the city in the past and will provide the Board with that information. Samuel Bassett asked if the new fire house was still on the CIB list. Conae Black said yes but it is not a high priority. Kathy Ryan said the Council felt it was real important to take care of the infrastructure first because there are still some old asbestos lines, undersized lines and some dead ends that needs to be replaced. Kim McFarlane suggested that when the city tears up the roads that they install natural gas lines. Conae Black said the city or CIB cannot justify installing natural gas lines when we do not have access to natural gas at this time. Kim McFarlane said the cheapest time to install these lines is while the roads are torn up. Penney Riches said along that same line it would be a good idea to install water and sewer connections to empty lots so that the city does not have to tear up a street for that later. There were no further comments or discussion. The public hearing adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

8. Department Reports. Gary Riches said the fire department is doing great and he heard that someone is interested in an animal control position. Conae Black said she knows of someone who is interested in doing animal control part time if he is interested. Gary Riches said the position has not been created or advertised. Michael Silliman asked what they needed to do to get him hired. Conae Black said he is a fire fighter and that is considered an employee of the city so it would just be an extension of duties. Gary Riches repeated that this position has not been created or advertised but heard that someone had submitted an application. Conae Black said he did not submit an application but came into the city offices to verbally state his intent. She asked Gary Riches if they were talking about the same person. Gary Riches said yes and since he is already a city employee he agreed that the position did not need to be advertised. Michael Silliman and Penney Riches agreed that animal control duties could be added onto his duties on a part time basis. Kathy Ryan said things are going well and hopefully she will order signs next

week. GRIT is moving forward and has plans for placing benches at various places. There will be a community clean-up in June and a party afterwards. Penney Riches suggested starting on South Broadway. Kathy Ryan said the city needs to get a code enforcement officer in place to get these businesses in compliance with their garbage. Penney Riches will be making a visit to the Huntington Mayor and the Gunnison ex-Mayor about how they cleaned up their towns and bring back some ideas. There was some discussion on a display of Green River at the Emery County Fair. Jackie Nelson was mentioned as a contact to do that display. Penney Riches said she would follow through with that. The River Hall of Fame event will be held at the museum this Friday. There is a quilt raffle and a silent auction as a fund raiser for that event. The strategic planning workshop is complete and the final draft will be done soon. This plan will help put a focus on things. The museum grounds look awful even though Kathy Ryan donated hours of her time to do some work there. The weeds are out of control but Roy Pfander is out of town so she has not been able to get with him about that. She will be meeting with Chris Lezama and the Mayor to plan out some events soon. Tim Glenn stated that the Parsons are moving so the museum is in need of grounds maintenance person and janitorial services. There was some discussion on having the clean-up volunteers help out on the museum grounds. Chris Lezama said he has been in contact with Julie Zwahlen and will meet with her about Melon Days. He spoke about the rocket competition and presented the idea of changing the location of the launch to the Gun Range but they would prefer to be further away from the town for the launch for safety reasons. They will be in Green River at the end of June. Michael Silliman reported that new lights were installed in the restrooms at the O.K. Anderson Park. The park trees still need some attention. He advertised for a seasonal grounds maintenance employee. Conae Black suggested asking the fire fighter if he would take care of the grounds at the museum rather than animal control. Penney Riches felt that was a good idea. She asked that he be approached about the idea. Michael Silliman said a new wheel chair ramp was installed on the North West corner of the park. Kathy Ryan said she has a rock bench that can replace the broken concrete bench in the park. Conae Black stated that this is a municipal election year and the period to file for candidacy is June 1 through June 8. Samuel Bassett reported that the Epicenter submitted an application in behalf of the city to the Utah State Parks for trails. The application was a matching grant where the city would put in \$38,000 and only \$15,000 of that needs to be cash and the State will grant \$38,000. That needs to be in the budget for next year. This is for the Tuscher Canyon trail. This is a non-motorized trail that will begin at Swasey's Beach and will go on for 15 miles. They have an intern that will help the city figure out where the land is for Monument Hill so they can plan out a trail there. Mayor Brady wants some travel informational tool placed at the Amtrak platform and they have been working on that. Kim McFarlane sent a letter to the County Commissioners and the State about the EMS services. They are supposedly opening up an investigation into our staffing. In the last 6 weeks they have had multiple runs with only 1 EMT showing up. There was one run where they called him while he was in a meeting in Provo and there was no one that showed up. Another run where a basic and driver showed up and another run last Thursday where the person who was on call was still coming from Price and could not respond to the call but two of his staff members stepped up and went on that call. There is an official complaint form on the Bureau of EMS web site now where you can cite specific instances and concerns. They will investigate it and send a letter back to you. He encouraged the Council to write a letter to them and state your concerns. He had an interesting conversation with Commissioner Migliori who started out saying it was the municipality's responsibility to provide their own EMS. Kim McFarlane understood that it was the responsibility of the County Sheriff. His meeting then became productive and Commissioner Migliori suggested the County, Medical Center and the City partnering together to hire a part time supervisor for Green River. He spoke with Paramedics Association about maybe hiring paying the EMT's for one shift out of every four that they are on call and they would do work at the Senior Center or the schools or other places. Then they are out in the community and checking on the people to build some pride back in them instead of being stepped on all of the time. One of the things the city could look at is ways they can partner with other organizations to get these things accomplished. Maybe if it was a half time code enforcement officer and a half time EMT supervisor that would give someone a full time job. They could help out with the fire department depending on how you structure it and what qualifications they may have. Maybe that person could take over the LEPC and the CERT

training. He asked the Council to think about some ways to revamp this and solve the problem. Philip Engleman said there was not anyone scheduled for today. Kim McFarlane said if he has access to the schedule then it would be helpful to print that off and then print it again the next day when there is a name on it. There was some discussion on the State requirements for EMS services. Philip Engleman attended the Fire District meeting last night and they approved signing off on the Environmental Assessment for the community on oil, gas and other hazardous materials. Chet Hunt has been injured and will be out of commission for a while. Gary Riches made the Council aware that there are several properties in town that are up for tax sale in case the city is interested in purchasing some property.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Pat Brady, Mayor

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Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: July 14, 2015