

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches; Employees Conae Black, Karen Smith; Citizens Steph Crabtree, Samuel Bassett, Sandi Silliman, Mary Rothlisberger, Jeff Adams, Orion Stand-Gravois, Natalie Hert, Joshua Rowley, Travis Bacon, Justin Queen, from Jones and DeMille Engineering Kendrick Thomas

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Kathy Ryan.

1. Adjourn for Planning Commission Public Hearing. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. for the Planning Commission public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the amendments to the residential zoning ordinances. The public hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m. and the regular city council meeting reconvened at that time.

2. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda. The Treasurer's report was not submitted. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to approve the consent agenda with removing the October 2014 Treasurer's report. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

Minutes for August 12, 2014

Minutes for September 9, 2014

September 2014 Recorder's report

October 2014 Treasurer's report

November 2014 Payment Approval report

3. Discuss/approve/deny bids for water line replacement. Bids were opened up at 4:00 p.m. The bids were from:

Double E Construction - \$46,140.40

High Desert Excavating - \$37,610.85

Nelson Construction - \$82,110.00

KK&L Administration - \$101,010.00

Nelco - \$46,840.00

Counterpoint Construction - \$76,712.00

Jackson Construction - \$62,131.00

Cody Ekker - \$59,225.00

Philip Engleman stated that there is about 800 feet of steel water line that needed to be replaced along 100 North. Johansen and Tuttle Engineering has gone through all of the bids and recommended that the bid be awarded to High Desert Excavation who submitted the lowest bid. The engineer's estimate was \$41,175. He stated the goal is to get this water line replaced before winter sets in. **MOTION:** Philip Engleman made a motion to approve High Desert Excavation's bid for \$37,610.85. Gary Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny Ordinance No. 2014-03, 2014-04 and 2014-05 amending Title 11 of the Green River Ordinances with respect to the Residential Zoning Regulations. Samuel Basset stated that on behalf of the Planning Commission they would like to recommend to the City

Council that they approve the amendments to the ordinance with no further changes. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve the suggested amendments to Ordinance No. 2014-03, 2014-14 and 2014-05. Michael Silliman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution 06-2014 establishing charges for opening and closing of water valves. The reason for this resolution is there is a problem with dwellings that do not have their own water shut off valve for repairs or other purposes. Often the owners of these dwellings will take it upon themselves to turn off the water at the meter which goes against ordinance. When this is done the valves are not shut off properly and that causes undo wear and tear on the water meters. Philip Engleman suggested waiving any fees for one year to give people a chance to comply with the ordinance and install their own water shut off valve. Conae Black said she put into this resolution that there would be no charge for turning the water off at the meter while they install a shut off valve at their dwelling. Philip Engleman said if a time limit is not given some people will not get their valve put in. The discussion led to what the fee would be. It was decided that \$25 would be sufficient. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve Resolution 06-2014 to establish charges for opening and closing of water valves and setting that fee at \$25. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss Drug Testing Policy. Michael Silliman said he put this on the agenda and would like to know what the drug policy is. Mayor Brady said it was adopted before he was put in as a City Council member. Conae Black said Michael Silliman, Philip Engleman and Gary Riches all serve on the fire department and have been provided copies of the drug testing policy and have signed off that they have received a copy and are willing to be drug tested. She submitted another hard copy of the policy to each member of the Council and the Mayor. Michael Silliman asked if all employees were tested for both drugs and alcohol. Conae Black said all employees who hold a CDL drivers licensed are automatically tested for both drugs and alcohol. Penney Riches asked if this drug testing policy was helping to reduce the Workman's Comp rates. Conae Black said the insurance looks to see if safety measures are in place. Karen Smith asked if those involved with the last accident were drug tested. Michael Silliman said they should have been tested. Michael Silliman said there needs to more drug testing. Mayor Brady asked how often the testing was being done. The answer was quarterly. Conae Black said there is a process that you go through that if there is ever any suspension that an employee is using drugs or has consumed alcohol during work hours. She had submitted the paper work for that process also.

7. Discuss 2015 meeting schedule. Mayor Brady said after looking at all schedules there are only two meetings where there is conflict to hold City Council meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. One is the meeting in January and the other is in February. He suggests that those two months the meeting should be held on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday. He also suggested that for the month of September the meeting be held on the third Tuesday due to the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference.

Council and Employee Reports. Gary Riches said he is fed up with dogs running loose on the town and perhaps will need to start fining the owners. He stated that there are still some concerns with overgrowth of weeds and yards that need to be cleaned up. The fire department will be retaking their test on December 6th. The fire department will be hosting the Christmas light parade, chili cook-off, putting up lights along Main Street and they would like to put up a large Christmas tree on Broadway. There was some discussion on the Christmas tree such as moving the tree further south and putting up a barrier around the tree and planting an evergreen tree in the park to decorate. He brought up his concerns with mixing religion with the holidays due to some organizations and people's viewpoints. Karen Smith brought up a concern about how this was going to be funded. Philip Engleman said that they will soon begin working on the water line. Hopefully the city will find out something in January or February about how to get the sewer ponds cleaned out. The water on the sewer land application is not level and is not draining properly. Penney Riches reported that the Museum has changed to its winter hours and has cut

back staff. Tim Glenn is working on the web site for the Museum. The trails project is moving along really well and that plan will be presented to the City Council in January. The city will still be working with the BLM on that project. She is also involved with the "Pot Luck" organization as a member of the City Council and as a business owner. They recently have become more organized and asked members of that organization to speak on what they have done. Josh Rowley said they are moving all of their efforts towards tourism and have developed a strategic plan. They want to focus on what their "Brand" will be. Someone from the State office of tourism was in attendance to that meeting and gave them lots of advice. The State has a new program out that will offer matching grants. It looks like the State will pay a Branding expert to help Green River with those efforts. If we can put forth a good effort towards that then it will be helpful. Travis Bacon spoke on events. He stated that travelism is what we have now rather than tourism. They are looking at Green River to become more of a destination. Emery County Travel Bureau would be able to come up with matching funds to help advertise events. They would like the city to consider hiring an events coordinator. Because of the blighted areas they would also like to see more code enforcement and hire someone to take care of that. Kathy Ryan reported that she is working on some more new signs. Mayor Brady asked if she has had time to work on the request from the railroad. She said a little bit and expressed her concerns about the request. A lot of people want to decorate the hay bales as long as they hold up. The beautification group is still meeting and is always open to good ideas. Michael Silliman reported that the park restrooms will be closing and will be getting the leaves cleaned up. Mayor Brady said he drove by the parks and the leaves are already cleaned up and it looks good. Karen Smith asked when they would like to have the Christmas party. It was decided to hold that on December 11th and it will be at Ray's Tavern this year. Conae Black reported that there will be another Wealth Works meeting. She challenged "Pot Luck" to organize more and perhaps contribute more towards an event coordinator. There was some discussion on that. She stated that at the last Wealth Works meeting the gentlemen who conducted the "coal study" for the State of Utah was in attendance and gave a very interesting report on that. She invited all those present to fill out the on line survey that would only take about three minutes. There have been a lot of calls into city hall asking for something to be done about the animals running loose. Karen Smith reminded her that we also get a lot of calls asking for a Chamber of Commerce. Penney Riches said they have discussed that at their meetings. She asked if there was any objection to apply for CDBG funding to help move along some of the goals set in our Housing Plan. There were no objections. Mayor Brady reported that the city will be getting another dividend check from the Trust. He brought up to the Council that they need to prepare a new CIB list for the 2015 year. He brought up the Transportation Coalition and that they are trying to come up with a solution for more funding for transportation. He has met with Jones and DeMille Engineering and met Senator Oakerland who employed with the engineering firm. Kendrick Thomas said they are waiting on the site selection for the public safety building and a decision on the size of the building. Gary Riches expressed his strong feelings of the city funding the construction of a new ambulance garage. Conae Black and Mayor Brady reminded Gary riches of the shame that CIB put upon the city for our building being over engineered and too large for a community of our size. A letter of appreciation was read from the "Fat Wing Flyers" who stayed out at the airport was read along with a small donation.

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: January 15, 2015