

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2014

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman; Employees Conae Black; Citizens; Spencer Kroll, Samuel Bassett, Chris Lezama, Travis Bacon, Julie Steuer, Jeff Adams, Keith Brady, from Rocky Mountain Power Deb Dull and Dan Vink

ABSENT: Gary Riches

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Michael Silliman.

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

August 2014 Recorder's report

September 2014 Treasurer's report

October 2014 Payment Approval report

2. Introduction of the new Rocky Mountain Power Operations Manager for Moab, Grand and San Juan County area. Deb Dull, from Rocky Mountain Power, introduced Dan Vink who will be the Operations Manager for Rocky Mountain Power in our area. Dan Vink said he will be dealing with any concerns or outages that Green River may have. His office will be in Moab. He is looking whether a full time employee is justifiable in Green River. Deb Dull gave a report of some power issue that Rocky Mountain Power is dealing with in our surrounding area.

3. Discuss/approve/deny architectural services for the proposed public safety building. Mayor Brady said the top three candidates for architectural services were interviewed and PGA&W did not do well in the interview. The other two candidates who were Mesa and Think did very well in their interviews. He felt that Think Architecture gave the best interview, are closer to Green River than Mesa, has their own construction management team that will work with Jones and DeMille Engineering and they put out an organizational chart showing who would be over each operation of the project. Think explained the six phases of the project. All members of the Selection Committee, through a process of elimination, determined that Think Architect was the best choice. Deb Dull stated that Rocky Mountain Power can assist the city with all of the electrical needs and determine whether the electrical design will be the most efficient and check if the city would qualify for any incentives. Mayor Brady said Think Architecture is based in Murray Utah and felt having a construction management team would be very beneficial. Philip Engleman asked how they billed. Mayor Brady said Kendrick Thomas asked that question but wasn't sure of the answer. Samuel Bassett said that would be detailed out in the contract. **MOTION:** Philip Engleman approved Think Architecture for architectural services for the proposed public safety building. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny appointing Conae Black as interim Zoning Administrator. C.J. Vetere was appointed as the Zoning Administrator and is no longer employed with the city. Mayor Brady said she has been doing the job in the absence of a Zoning Administrator. He stated that she handled a rash of situations very personably, quickly and without any problems. **MOTION:** Philip

Engleman moved to approve Conae Black as the interim Zoning Administrator. Penney Riches seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Michael Silliman, Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discussion on amendments to the water ordinance. Kathy Ryan requested this agenda item. She stated there is a problem with individuals turning the meters on and off on their own or requesting the meters to be turned off and on when there is a water leak at their dwelling because they do not have their own water shut off valve. Philip Engleman said the ordinance already requires a shut off valve on each dwelling which is easy to enforce for new construction but didn't know how the city was going to enforce it with already existing structures. Kathy Ryan suggested the city start charging for the city crew to turn the water on and off for all structures who do not have a shut off valve. She hoped this would encourage them to install their own shut off valves. It was suggested that a Resolution be drafted to charge a fee for turning the water on and off for all structures who do not have their own. Samuel Bassett felt it would be a greater hardship onto the already difficult situation. Conae Black suggested a courtesy letter be sent out. Conae Black said she would write the Resolution and have it ready for adoption by the next meeting.

6. Discussion on Events Coordinator. Keith Brady said the Potluck Group has had several discussions about the city hiring an Event Coordinator. He said he knows the city has enough money in the budget to pay for this position. He asked if the city would create a job description for an Events Coordinator and list some possible events they would like to see and bid it out. The City Council has been discussing this for about three to six months and the more time that lapses the less time we have to do anything for next year. He would like to see it done as soon as we can so that we can get some events going. Volunteers can only go so far and he feels it is time to hire someone for this job. He suggested more softball tournaments, an ATV Jamboree or a Marathon as some events. The Events Coordinator does not have to put on the events but he/she can coordinate with someone else to put on the event. Penney Riches asked if he thought it best to get one person for all of the events or different people to do each event. Keith Brady said that would all depend on the job description. He felt the Event Coordinator could put a couple of events together with volunteers help but feels this person could help other people put events together also. He gave some examples of potential softball tournaments or marathons. They have people who want to see these things happen and are willing to help out but do not have enough time to do all of the work necessary for the event. Mayor Brady felt there was money in the General fund under Economic Development or Promotional Advertising to hire an Events Coordinator. He said that the original amount to pay for this position was \$10,000 but he felt that was more than he was able to fund at this time. Keith Brady suggested that this position could offer \$10,000 and could be paid \$5,000 up front and the rest could be paid based on how well he/she performed. Penney Riches said the Council did not like that when she mentioned it. There was more discussion and ideas on what could be done. Mayor Brady suggested holding another meeting to just discuss this issue. A meeting was set up for October 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

7. Department Reports. Mayor Brady read Gray Riches department report. Gary Riches said the Fire Department seems to be functioning very well. The County Fire District did receive CIB funding for another vehicle. The city did not receive CIB funding for the new public safety building. He had one call on a stray dog however we all know that there are many animals running the streets. Every time he sees a dog running loose he does his best to herd it home or find the owner. Until this employee issue has been resolved he will continue to take care of the animal issues. Melon Days came and went without any major incidents. He thanked the Public Works department and Randy and Kathy Ryan for making the town shine. Julie Steuer reported on the last Melon Days meeting and said Clint and Torrey Lydiard would like to be in charge of the softball tournament next year also. Penney Riches thought that Emery County Recreation would like to take over the tournament at Melon Days. Julie Steuer heard that Emery County Recreation did not want to do it. She said there is another Melon Days meeting scheduled for November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Philip Engleman restated that the city was denied funding from CIB for the new public safety building but the Fire District did receive a grant for another vehicle.

The Fire Department will try to retest sometime in November. The fire department has not had too many runs. We will be talking with Water Quality on the problems with the sewer lagoons. We are going to try and get ready to apply to CIB for a water and sewer project. There was some discussion on the problems with Shady Acres drainage draining into the sewer system. Penney Riches said that Tim Glenn attended the Western Museum's Conference and said that some of it was helpful. The museum has been busy with lots of geologists. One of the geologists suggested an exhibit of core samples that they have collected over the years. Kathy Ryan has been working well with the Beautification Committee. They are trying to get the community and City Council to buy in. There will be hay bales around for groups to decorate. She has begun working on street signs for the next block back. There was some discussion on the bridge lights. Michael Silliman thanked the Public Works Crew for making the park look good. They told him they would continue to keep up on it. They also did some clean up at the Shooting Sports Park. The fire department is holding the Halloween Carnival at the city park. Mayor Brady has had a request from a few people that a speed bump is needed on Pirate Avenue. He asked Kathy Ryan to look into it. There was some discussion and opinions given on the speed bumps. CHEER is having Lights On event where they will be setting off floating lanterns and would like to invite everyone. Samuel Bassett stated the Epicenter will be holding a United Way Day of Caring where they will be cleaning up property and asked for all to volunteer. Angel Tree will be starting up soon for the Christmas season. HEAT assistance will be making two trips to Green River to assist people with that application. He mentioned the Fix It First program. The Planning Commission has reviewed and amended the Residential zoning ordinance that should be on the city council agenda next month. His term will end this January. Conae Black said while there are representatives from Rocky Mountain Power she wanted to ask about updating the street lights on Main Street to LED and is awaiting approval from Rocky Mountain Power on that. Deb Dull said there is something out about that but has not seen it yet. She said that she was talking with another Rocky Mountain team member about that the other day and suggested they give Green River a call about it. Conae Black said our Deputy Sheriffs are recommending that the city look into a traffic light in place of a Crossing Guard. One of the reasons for the change is every State has different laws for the Crossing Guard and it is difficult to enforce. They felt this would be the safest route. Kathy Ryan said she will talk with Jimmy Chandler and look into it. The pavement improvement project at the airport runway is complete. Philip Engleman said the beacon light is not working. The State of Utah has adopted even more transparency laws. We will now be required to post the minutes, the meeting recordings and all documents that are submitted to the City Council for the council meeting on the State web site. We are starting the process of annexation of the County's industrial park. She attended the Business Licensing Association Conference and learned a lot. This year she came away wanting to update our business license ordinance. She spoke on the information she gathered through networking for a code enforcement officer. She would like to talk to the Council at another meeting about what she learned there.

8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: December 9, 2014