

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2012

ATTENDING: Mayor Pat Brady, Council Members Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman; Employees Conae Black, Karen Smith; Citizens Carol Ekker, Judi Bishop, Jessica Funk, Kim McFarlane, Chris Lezama, Charlotte Uptain, Robert Smith and Katherine Brown from the Planning Commission, Doris Randolph

ABSENT: Kent Johnson and Gary Riches

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pat Brady, the meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance is directed by Kathy Ryan

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

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2. Proclamation supporting Epsilon Sigma Alpha week and their service. Carol Ekker represented Epsilon Sigma Alpha and addressed the Mayor and Council. She asked Mayor Brady to proclaim the week of May 7 – 11, 2012 as National Epsilon Sigma Alpha Week. Epsilon Sigma Alpha is celebrating the 40 year anniversary of their adoption of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and has raised over \$150 million dollars in cash and pledges to support the works of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will continue to support the Hospital as an international project. Epsilon Sigma Alpha is dedicated to making their community a better place. She named some of the local projects they are responsible for. Mayor Brady signed the proclamation and thanked Epsilon Sigma Alpha for their service.

3. Discuss/approve/deny subdividing property owned by Marshall Thompson. Robert Smith from the Planning Commission addressed the Mayor and City Council. This proposal is dividing one small lot off of the existing large lot. There is already a single wide trailer on the lot that is being divided off with all water and sewer connections. There is an existing street that fronts this property and the division meets all zoning set back requirements. Marshall Thompson has also met all notifications as required by State law. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan moved to approve subdividing property owned by Marshall Thompson. Philip Engleman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/deny the use of the designated \$15,000 for Green River City from the Emery County Travel Bureau. Mayor Brady said this money has gone to the museum for the last two years and it has been requested that this money go to the museum again to use for the dinosaur displays. Penney Riches said the museum is in need of some building maintenance and would like to use that money for that. She mentioned the roof repairs, staining floors and other things. Conae Black spoke with Mike McCandless from the Emery County Travel Bureau who said that money can be used for anything throughout the city and not just for travel and tourism. Kathy Ryan felt the money should be split up. Penney Riches defended the museum's value. Conae Black said the roof at the museum has been in need of repair for several years. Penney Riches explained that they are about ready to lose the floor in the building and there is an exhibit display that has mold in it. Kathy Ryan suggested getting some cost estimates on roof repairs at the museum and suggested inquiring with the Utah Corrections Institute for that. Conae Black said

the museum has a more difficult time finding money than the general fund does. Mayor Brady asked if there was still a dinosaur display to finish at the museum. Penney Riches said yes but they will be applying for a grant to finish that. Mayor Brady said the museum nonprofit needs to understand that this is probably the last year this money will be used for the museum. There are other needs that this money can be used for. **MOTION:** Penney Riches moved to use the designated \$15,000 for maintenance at the museum. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kathy Ryan, Penney Riches and Philip Engleman voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss donating money to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund raiser. Jessica Funk and Judi Bishop addressed the Mayor and Council. Jessica Funk said this is a National organization and would like to have Green River City's support in partnering with them in raising funds to support the American Cancer Society. This organization does more than give money for research they also give counseling support among other things. All donations go to the American Cancer Society. They are going to every town Council and ask for their support. Judy Bishop said most of the money that is collected stays in Emery County. They would like a booth at Melon Days also. Penney Riches said she is willing to give a free booth to this organization but she has been hit up for donations as a private citizen for donations and then they come to the city and ask for a donation and in essence she feels she will be donating twice. She thinks there are ways for the city to help without actually giving a cash donation. Jessica Funk the reason for asking the city for a donation is not every business is able to give donations. Also this is a purchase of a sponsorship and not a donation. Judi Bishop said it can be an in kind donation such as the Melon Vine can give a \$10 gift certificate. Penney Riches felt she is donating two or three times, one as an owner of the Melon Vine, one as a citizen and the third time as a citizen through the city. She has a hard time having the city sponsoring or donating events. Judi Bishop felt the opposite of Council Member Riches and said she did not have a problem with donating as an individual and her town donating. Conae Black said anytime the city gives out funds whether they sponsor or donate, a public hearing is required because it is their money therefore it is their decision to make. There is a seven day posting requirement for that public hearing. Usually when the city considers giving money for donations, sponsorships or community activity grants it is handled through our public hearings on the budget. Of course this can still be done at any time throughout the year as long as the city is in compliance with State law. Jessica Funk asked the Mayor and City Council for their consideration to hold the public hearing at the next city council meeting. Mayor Brady said yes. Jessica Funk asked for funds to be set aside every year for the American Cancer Society. She said that Huntington City does that. Philip Engleman said they would have to take a look at the budget.

6. Department Reports Philip Engleman said he had a couple of bids on the heating/air conditioning system for City Hall. He had Peterson's out of Richfield come a look at the system and they said our equipment is out dated and quoted \$20,000 to replace the unit or we could spend about \$2,000 to get out the moisture. The front part of the building can be done this year and the back part can be done the following year. Mayor Brady said he would like to see two separate bids, one for the front and a separate one for the back. Penney Riches said she would like to rebid out the HVAC maintenance contract for the city buildings. It looks like the city needs to go to CIB for funding on the discharge of the sewer lagoons. Karen Smith talked about the Public Officials conference May 8 and 9. She asked if any public officials were going to attend. There was not any able to go. She said that May was not a very good month for Green River. She reported on the Wasatch Fronts earthquake exercise and Green River City's role in that. The Region 6 Preparedness Fair is April 28th at the Carbon County Fair grounds. Mike McCandless came today and brought an architect firm who is going to start some drawings on the public safety building to give us an idea on what it will cost so that we can meet with the county and have some numbers to present to them. Penney Riches reported that the museum is now open for the summer hours. The janitor quit and they need to replace those services. That job is now posted. She asked who to ask to plant some flowers at the museum. Mayor Brady said public works employees. She asked how to properly request for that. The discussion led to filling out work orders. She said to let her know how the work orders work because she has a lot of things that need to be done. She said the weed spraying has begun but the weed sprayer broke down and is getting repaired. She asked if there have been any comments on her letter that went out. Mayor Brady said he did hear one comment from someone who was surprised that they got a

letter because their property is not one of the problem properties. He explained that it was a general letter that went out to everyone and if their property is well maintained then it did not apply to them. She asked how far the railroad owns. Philip Engleman said he thought the railroad owned part of Green River Avenue. She said if you drive through other towns the railroad does not leave weeds and debris along the railroad property. Kathy Ryan visited with Johansen and Tuttle Engineering on the railroad crossing signs. She is also working with Mr. Chang on the signs. They will be looking at the streets to chip seal to finish up the street project. She asked told Philip Engleman that the equipment they have been discussing will be coming available soon. Gary Riches sent in a report to Mayor Brady. He has corresponded with Gary Lawley from Rocky Mountain Power concerning the street lights who explained further. There have been a few code enforcement complaints that he is addressing. The fire department held a successful Easter egg hunt. Mayor Brady spoke with the official in charge of the missile base from White Sands. They are looking at getting rid of all of their property in Green River. There are a few ways to do that. They can claim it as surplus property which means it is taken to Congress who approves the property as surplus then it goes through all the government agencies to see if any of them are interested in taking it over. If not then it will go to the State of Utah, Emery and Grand County and then if there is not any interest then Green River City can declare their interest in it. The other way to do it is to declare the property excess and then they can deal directly with Green River City. One of the options is to lease the property for 100 years for a dollar a year. Mayor Brady told them the city would like the property but has not been able to find the right contact person. He reported on the potential of natural gas into Green River. This would be trucked into town to a distribution center in Green River. He spoke about the work orders for public works. A budget work session was scheduled for April 26th at 6:00 p.m. He made a decision to order I Pads for every member of the City Council. He suggested the wi-fi plus the 4G with 16GB and engraving. They wanted Verizon capability.

There was some additional discussion on the following subjects. The grounds maintenance contract, the culinary water being used to water the museum lawn, cleaning the city shops, what to do with old computers, Jeanie Wilcox Jensen's comments on nuisances, code enforcement, the condition of the billboards on the west end of Main Street, the janitorial duties and hours, consideration of council members budgeting to attend conferences, information on insurance coverage on city property and repairing sidewalks.

7. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Pat Brady, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

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