

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021

ATTENDING: Council Members Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman, Larry Packer, Bo Harrison and Kent Nelson; Employees Conae Black, Julie Spadafora, David Wilson, Candice Cravins, Jeff Black, Bryan Meadows, Ben Lehnhoff; Citizens Tanner McFarlane, Cody Webster, Barbara Hudnall, Jonnie Gallagher; Better City Ryan England; Dominion Energy Brad Simmons and Rural Community Consultant Mike Hansen. **ABSENT:** Mayor Travis Bacon

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pro Tempore Kathy Ryan, the meeting began at 7:04 pm.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Pledge of allegiance was directed by Larry Packer.

1. Discuss/approve/deny Ordinance NO. 2021-003 granting Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah a franchise for the construction, operation and maintenance of a gas distribution system in the City of Green River. Brad Simmons, with Dominion Energy addressed the Mayor, City Council and those present on the proposed Franchise Agreement between Dominion Energy and the City of Green River. The purposed agreement will be for 30 years or another option of two 15 year renewals. Bo Harrison asked Brad Simmons if they have coordinated the placement of the lines with the water system lines, so they could be adjacent? Conae Black answered, it is too soon to make that plan yet. Brad Simmons commented, we do require the utility services to be 3 ft. from power cables and DOT approved.

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 2021-003 granting Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah a franchise for the construction, operation and maintenance of a gas distribution system in the City of Green River. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

2. Presentation by Rural Community Consultants to train on the powers and duties of elected officials Conae Black invited Mike Hansen from Rural Community Consultants to speak with our City Council about their duties as an elected official. City Council Members have a very unique role in city government. City Council Members are the eyes and voice of the community; they must account to the citizens. Everyone should have a shared understanding of what form of government you have and who does what. The Planning Commission cannot make rules and the City Manager is not elected, but selected by the City Council and totally accountable to the City Council. Conae Black recommends separating the roles of City Manager and City Recorder.

3. Discuss/approve/deny Conditional Use Permit application for additional overnight RV hook-ups at Love's Truck Stop. Conae Black stated that Love's is asking to place nine RV spaces on the west side of their property. These will be overnight RV parking stations with water, sewer and electrical hook ups. They will be relocating some of the current auto parking spaces and dog park. The plans were received with a few discrepancies such as the size of water line. The Vacation Vehicle Park Ordinance was considered and the Planning Commission determined they would not hold this request to the standards of the Vacation Vehicle Park Ordinance. This will allow Love's to keep the RV space width to 18'6" and xeriscape rather than plant lawns, trees and shrubs so as not to entice people to stay longer. This park is more for someone who is staying for a short period of time, one or two days or a few hours. The second condition set was "it will be the duty of the owner to keep the property free of garbage, refuse, trash and any other hazardous waste. Sufficient garbage container with lids are required." This will help prevent the attraction, harborage, or breeding of insects or rodents and eliminate conditions harmful to the public health or that create safety hazards, odors or nuisances. The third condition required better markings to guide the flow of traffic with striping, vertical delineation and directional signs. David Wilson reported, Love's is looking into a fence surrounding the property and hiring someone local to help pick up the trash around the buildings. No one has responded with a bid as of yet. Conae Black recommended that the City Council set a condition to put up fencing around the exterior of the property, which will help with the

trash. Bo Harrison asked, are they checking all the boxes for the code? Conae Black answered, yes. Kathy Ryan said, they are a million-dollar corporation and they cater to the trucks, so they need to step it up. Conae Black stated, we are following code these conditions have nothing to do with personal opinion. Conae Black said, I assume these nine spots are not going to be a bunch of vacationers, with the trucks coming in and out, running all night long. There are a lot of RV trailers currently parking over by the bill board sign. Kathy Ryan commented, we need an ordinance to stop that from happening. Law enforcement needs to regulate the area more. Dillion Keele answered back, if they are on private property they cannot do anything about it. **MOTION:** Bo Harrison made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit application for additional overnight RV spaces at Love's Truck Stop with the addition of adding a fence around the exterior parameter. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss amending the animal control ordinance. David Wilson, stated that the OK Anderson Park is constantly receiving complaints about dogs on the lawn at the park. There is no code about animals in the park as of yet. If we had a code for no dogs allowed in the park, there wouldn't be enough man power to control it. An idea would be to add more signs and enforce it as much as we can. Conae Black commented, enforcing no dogs in the park would be a nightmare. Kent Nelson asked, how has it been going at the museum with enforcing no dogs without a leash? Candice Cravins answered, occasionally we will have an issue and then they are kindly reminded of the lease ordinance. Kathy Ryan and Kent Nelson commented, I think there should be dog bags. Kent Nelson said, we will run into more trouble with our locals than people traveling through, people are mostly responsible pet owners. David Wilson commented, the people who have voiced their opinion to him, not wanting their children to step in anything while they are playing at the park. Kathy Ryan suggested, building a dog park between the hardware and City Hall, it would be grassy and it could be fenced off. There could be signs posted saying use the dog park instead of our city park. David Wilson said, I am a pet owner too but I also want to follow the rules and would take my dog to where I was asked. Kent Nelson said, I like pets and most city parks allow pets with a leash, if you pick up after them. He said, he understands not all people do. Barb Hudnall commented, people come to the ball fields too. Kathy Ryan said, there is a dog park at Shady Acres but no grass. David Wilson said, if they have families I will send them to the museum. Bryan Meadows suggested, creating a parking area for a dog park between ACE Hardware and City Hall. Conae commented, and a restroom for the owners. Bo Harrison suggested, maybe we need to make a dog park within the city limits. There are so many dogs that travel with their owners. Conae Black commented, if we had our own dog park we could eliminate a lot of problems. There has never been enough money for one, but we could prioritize some money for one. It doesn't make sense to make an ordinance to not allow them. David Wilson would have to patrol the park 24/7 in order to enforce it. Bryan Meadows and Conae Black said, we do not have a city ordinance so we should just let the dogs run on our city park. Davis Wilson asked, if it were possible to add a dog park to the city park? Dogs are in the park on Melon Day's and they can because there is no ordinance telling them they can't. Conae Black commented, she would like to see those signs taken down, they have been very faded. Kent Nelson, said they need to be replaced with how to clean up after your dog. David Wilson said, we do have a nuisance ordinance. Conae Black reported, you'll be surprised how many times we have issues with dogs.

5. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda.

- April 13,20121 executive session meeting minutes.
- May 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- June 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- May 2021 financial report
- June 2021 treasurer's report
- July 2021 Payment Approval report

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Council and employee reports. Candice Cravins reported on completing their inventory count for the last fiscal year which took about 3 days to complete. Carol Bolds art exhibit will be at the museum, it will be available to view from June 18- December 18, 2021. People are enjoying the exhibits. The museum was approved for \$20,000 funding from Craton Utah Phase #3 Grant from Utah Arts & Museums. She is working on a new grant through Utah Arts & Museums for general operating support as well. She will be hosting the K12 Educator Workshop on this Friday. River Runners Hall of Fame will be held on October 2, 2021. Tickets go on sale August 1st. She will be attending and co teaching at a workshop in Bosman Montana the last week of July with the National Project Archeology, all expenses paid. Bryan Meadows reported he had a lot of sprinkler valve issues lately, the city parks the museum. He said they have changed out quite a few. They have cleaned up a lot of weeds growing around the old Ambulance Garage which is now the City Food Bank. The Food Bank is responsible for keeping up the building inside and paying the utilities. There was a leak on the lateral on Kings Lane by Bryan's house. Which was one of the worst leaks they have seen for a while. They would dig and it would fill up with water several times until they had a large cavern under the asphalt. They thought they had hit a sewer lateral by digging, so they left it until morning and it did turn out to be only ground water. They thought they had just a 1 hr. job that turned out to be a full day and another day to clean it up. With the river water being very low they are having to jar test a lot at the Water Plant, the chemicals have been adjusted and everything seems good. Brown and Caldwell collected 150 thousand gallons of water which was sent to their lab and will be testing the ozone in the granule activated carbon to see which one they will recommend. He reported he is pretty sure there is some filtration into his sewer lagoons and he is looking into that. They put in 10 electronic meters that are capable of tracking where the water is being used and how much. Supposedly there are able to tell if you're doing a load of laundry or a shower etc. The water Dept. received 10 new electronic meters to test which 6 have been installed, causing problems with two of the meter lines which in turn had to be replaced. The water department has been short staffed for a while, but they are now doing better. Conae Black reported, she and Bryan Meadows are trying to get funding for a sewer project with Sunrise Engineering, the Master Plan stated, we will need 4 million dollars to correct our sewer problems. It is very hard to come up with that kind of money when the department is only making \$300,000 a year which is spent in operating costs and maintenance. They are hoping to get some of the "American Rescue Plan Fund." The State Utah will be giving out very little money, so the sewer project must be cut back. They also plan to start working with Dominion Energy on our natural gas lines, coordinating digging with replacing our sewer station lines at the same time. She presented her proposal for retirement to the Council Members. Robin Hunt reported on the upcoming Cat Fish on the Green, Swell River Fest both happening the First week in August. Melon Days park is filling up and the celebration will be back to normal this year. ATV and Dirt Bike Rally dates have been scheduled for next Spring. She reported on some grants she is applying for, Utah Office of Tourism Grant in hopes to receive help with funding for some professional photographers for Melon Day's and Outlaw Day's which she can use for advertising her events. She is still working on the FIG Grants which will help with the ATV & Dirt Bike Rally. It will be used for marking trails and signage.

7. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Travis Bacon, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: September 14, 2021