

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

ATTENDING: Mayor Ren Hatt, Council Members Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff; Employees; Tyler Hunt, Julie Spadafora, Loni Meadows, Gayna Salinas; Dominion Energy; Callie Whitney, Terri Pitt, Robby Zufelt, Cory Washington, Mike Favero; Citizens; Christine Sheeter, Lance Erwin

CONDUCTING: Mayor Ren Hatt, the meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

EXCUSED: Kathy Ryan asked to be excused.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of Allegiance as directed by Kent Nelson.

1. Update from Dominion Energy on the natural gas project

Mike Favero spoke about how they would like to continue business, by connecting the meter and doing the inspections on the same day, so there is not a lapse in service. Sunrise Engineering will be doing the actual inspection on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If Fugal has left anything undone, they ask that they are informed about it. The contractors are fitting the appliances and if for any reason you suspect you're being over charged, just let Robby Zufelt know, and they will come and check things out. Everyone will need their meter set and also the online account set up. When the pressure test is passed then they can hook it up. They have provided a packet at the City Offices, that can be picked up and will answer a lot of questions customers will have. The customer will have two years from the date they actually signed the contract or when the gas came into the line around the middle of October 2023.

2. Discuss/Approve/Deny Resolution NO. R22-2023 replacing the City's parental leave policy

Mayor Ren Hatt spoke about competing with the private sector by making the parental leave more generous for the employee. At some point the city will need to attract young people and this would make the job more attractive.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution NO. R22-2023 replacing the City's parental leave policy. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/Approve/Deny Resolution NO. R23-2023 setting rules for comments and discussion during City Council meetings

Mayor Ren Hatt spoke, this is basically a simplified version of Robert Rules. The mayor will be able to invite public comment, and this will help in providing more order at the meetings. Public Comment will be set as an agenda item, usually at the beginning of the meeting, where there will be a time limit on how long each person can talk. Those who are wanting to comment will sign up before the meeting and will be called on as it gets their turn. If the item itself does not have a Discuss/Approve/Deny then there is not a public comment unless it is invited by the chair. The exceptions are items that require a public meeting with public comment. When there is a lot of talking going over each other, he says he cannot hear everyone's comment.

MOTION: Larry Packer made a motion to approve Resolution NO. R23-2023 setting rules for comments and discussion during City Council meetings. Kent Nelson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny Resolution NO. R24-2023 allowing City employees to share their sick leave with other employees

Mayor Hatt said, this will be for a one-time Transfer. The decision will be made by either the mayor or city manager. Kent Nelson commented, the only difference between the school and they city, is the school has a bank. The city is a lot smaller and has a lot less employees than the school. Mayor Ren Hatt said, this will be fine for now, but he would like to seriously consider revisiting this in the future to set up some kind of bank.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to approve resolution NO. R24-2023 allowing City employees to share their sick leave with other employees. Ben Lehnhoff seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny Resolution NO. R25-2023 setting and making public the City's holiday schedule

Tyler Hunt commented, the only change is adding Juneteenth to the holiday schedule, any state holiday is recognized.

MOTION: Ben Lehnhoff made a motion to approve Resolution NO. R25-2023 setting and making public the City's holiday schedule. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny Ordinance NO. 2023-07 establishing the City Council's regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2024

Mayor Ren Hatt commented, City Council Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Bo Harrison made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 2023-07 establishing the City Council's regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2024. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny Ordinance NO. 2023-08 setting the number and type of planning commission members

Mayor Ren Hatt advised, there are five regular members and two alternates. This adds two Planning Commission Members as nonvoting members. Having an alternate is beneficial in case a member needs to step down in any situation where there is an extended leave of absence. If there is not a full quorum at a meeting an alternate can sit in.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 2023-08 setting the number and type of planning commission members. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny SS4A grant agreement

Tyler Hunt commented that SS4A grant agreement was a subject they had talked about in a prior discussion, further research was done to see if the money could be used to fix street problems. It was discovered, it was only to be used for a plan, for instance, here is your problem and here is how you can fix it. He felt it was not worth the \$20,000.

MOTION: Bo Harrison made a motion to deny the SS4A grant agreement. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

9. City Council and/or City staff concerns and comments

Gayna Salinas asked if the ordinances, resolutions, and minutes are available at the office? Mayor Ren Hatt answered yes, just come by, and take a look or we will provide you with the information needed. We are hoping to have the agenda out one week prior to the regular City Council meeting. The Special meetings are a little harder, requiring to be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting, although he would like to have the agenda posted 3 days prior to the meeting.

10. Discuss/approve/deny Consent Agenda

- September 2023 Financial Report
- March, August, September 2023 Treasurer Report with corrections
- October 2023 Treasurer Report
- October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 2023 Payment Approval Report
- November 2023 Payment Approval Report

MOTION: Bo Harrison made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

11. Adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Larry Packer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

Ren Hatt, Mayor

Julie Spadafora, City Recorder

Approved: February 13, 2024