

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

ATTENDING: Mayor Ren Hatt, Council Members; Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan, and Ben Lehnhoff; Planning Commission; Kim McFarlane, Kent Johnson, Scott Ryan, Employees; David Wilson, Julie Spadafora; Citizens; Conae Black, Randy Erwin, Anne Elliot, Lance Erwin, Gayna Salinas, Guy Webster, Heidi Nelson, Cameron Mickelson, Bryce Hardee, Robbie Jensen, Scott Ryan; Western Uranium & Vanadium; Grant Glasier, Mike Rutter.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Ren Hatt, the meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of Allegiance as directed by Larry Packer.

1. Public Comment

Robbie Jensen with South Eastern Utah of Local Governments spoke, he is here today to give a quick update on the Food Bank and the hours of operations. The Food Bank will be open once a month on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Conae Black wanted to give recognition to Kathy Ryan for her 12 years of service as a City Council Member. She said, of all the City Council Members who have ran for office, she was the one to receive the most votes.

2. Presentation by Emery County Sheriff Tyson Huntington

Sheriff Huntington was not able to make it, due to a prior engagement. This agenda item was stricken from the agenda and will be presented at a later date.

3. Presentation by Western Uranium and Vanadium

Grant Glasier addressed the council and citizens of Green River. The uranium mill will have the possibility to bring in 50 to 70 high paying jobs to our community. The site will be located just north of I-70 on Highway 6 & 50, in Green River's West Industrial Park. The presentation was shown on the city's Smart TV in the council chambers. Grant Glasier was able to show what the plant could possibly look like with the buildings on site. The expected maximum capacity of uranium extracted could be around 300 million lbs. per year. A crew from Western Uranium and Vanadium were here working on the site today. Mike Rutter is and will be the Chief Operations Manager overseeing the plant. They are now actively seeking licensing, permits and certification. Their plans are to be up and running by 2026 or 2027.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny recommendation letter for Western Uranium and Vanadium's project.

Mayor Ren Hatt spoke and suggested postponing the vote on this agenda line item until our new city Council Member, Guy Webster is sworn in on the first week of January. **MOTION:** Larry Packer made a motion to move this agenda line item to next month's agenda for City Council Meeting. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried

5. Presentation on the need for a letter requesting that Emery County pursue opening up or rerouting the road at the end of North Long Street

Kim McFarlane spoke, he represents Green River on the Emery County Public Lands Council, this issue has been an ongoing discussion for many years, the historical easement is

near the current houses, from there it cuts through the middle of Mr. Vallejo's property. Kim McFarlane is asking the council to help reopen access through the property that is now owned by Noel Vallejo at the end of Long Street. Guy Webster comment on the historical data, mentioning there once was a wilderness study done in that area, but when Holyoak's purchased the property, they soon closed access off to the public. The County Attorney's opinion is that this is an open road, and it should remain open.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny letter requesting that Emery County pursue opening up or rerouting the road at the end of North Long Street

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made motion to approve a letter requesting that Emery County pursue opening up or rerouting the road at the end of North Long Street. Ben Lehnhoff seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. Bo Harrison voted nay. The motion carried

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny local consent form for Tamarisk Restaurant, to sell mixed alcoholic drinks

Mayor Ren Hatt mentioned they are wanting to sell mixed drinks at the Tamarisk Restaurant. No establishments are currently licensed to sell mixed alcohol drinks, since the closing of the Yardley GR Hitchin Post (formally West Winds Restaurant.)

MOTION: Bo Harrison made a motion to approve local consent form for Tamarisk Restaurant to sell mixed alcoholic drinks. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan, and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried

8. Green River EMS Report

Scott Ryan reported on having around 124 call outs this month, 124 of those were transports, 36 calls had something to do with the billing. The billing process is taking about 1 ½ weeks to 2 weeks before the bills go out. Mayor Ren Hatt said he still trying to find someone to serve on the Special Service District Board. Please be sure to send any names his way.

9. City Council, Mayor, and/or Employees comments and concerns

Mayor Ren Hatt expressed his gratitude for Kathy Ryans service as a City Council Member for a total of 12 amazing years. Thank you for all that you have done for our community.

10. Discuss/Approve/Deny Consent Agenda

November 2023 Treasurer Report
October 2023 Financial Report
December 2023 Payment Approval Report
October 16, 2023, Special Meeting minutes
October 25, 2023, Special Meeting minutes

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

11. Adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION: Bo Harrison made a motion to adjourn. Larry Packer seconded the motion.

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

Ren Hatt, Mayor

Julie Spadafora, City Recorder

Approved: February 13, 2024