



## *City of Green River*

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

**ATTENDING:** Mayor Ren Hatt, Council Members Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, and Guy Webster; Planning Commission Members; Stephanie Crabtree, Kent Johnson, Kim McFarlane, Dustin Gingerich, Tonya Bigelow, Alternates; Glenna Brown, Gayna Salinas; Employees; Julie Spadafora, David Wilson, Bryan Meadows, Janet Smoak, Loni Meadows; Citizens Kenny Fallon, Tamara Ekker, Phillip Stubblefield, Lance Erwin, Emilie Nelson, Kira Hughes, Charlotte Uptain and Kevin Marshall.

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

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

The Pledge of Allegiance as directed by Larry Packer

**Recess as the Green River City Council at 7:01 p.m.**

**Convene as the Green River City Planning Commission**

1. Public hearing on amendments to Title 10 Chapter 6 Article C Residential – 3 zone. David Wilson describe what the current code is, 5,000 square feet plus 600 additional square feet for each dwelling unit in the building and width requirement 50 feet measured at the distance of 80 feet back. The change would be 4,500 square feet and a width of 45 feet measured at the distance of 80 feet back. Stephanie Crabtree commented, residents are interested in small lot sizes and houses recently. The Planning and Zoning members are suggesting amending the lot size and width in the Residential – 3 zone. Even with smaller homes they will have to meet the setbacks.
2. Discuss/Approve/Deny Amendments to Title 10 Chapter 6 Article C Residential – 3 zone. **MOTION:** Tonya Bigelow made a motion to approve Amendments to Title 10 Chapter 6 Article C Residential – 3 zone. Kent Johnson seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Stephanie Crabtree, Kent Johnson, Kim McFarlane, Dustin Gingerich, and Tonya Bigelow. The motion carried.

**Reconvene as Green River City Council at 7:10 p.m.**

1. Discuss/Approve/Deny Amendments to Title 10 Chapter 6 Article C Residential-3 zone. **MOTION:** Guy Webster made a motion to approve Amendments to Title 10 Chapter 6 Article C Residential-3 zone. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff, and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.
2. Progress report on City Manager search  
Mayor Ren Hatt provided a brief progress report about the search for a new City Manager. He mentioned that four individuals were interviewed, and the quality of applicants appeared promising. The Mayor noted the presence of a tentative offer and expressed optimism that a suitable appointment would soon be finalized. He thanked Tyler Hunt for his service and hard work.
3. Public Comment  
Mayor Ren Hatt opened the floor for public comment. Phillip Stubbfield stated his concerns about the Green River sign on the East side of town and the need for its replacement. Mayor Ren Hatt answered, there are plans for the signs to be replaced by the Travel Council. Phillip Stubbfield also commented on how dark the East Exit is coming into Green River and the need to light that end of town better. The Council and employees provided feedback, noting ongoing efforts.
4. Discussion on Mayor's Office Hours.  
Mayor Ren Hatt talked about the topic of adjusting office hours to better accommodate the schedules of city residents seeking meetings or conversations with the Mayor. Council suggested evening hours might be more accessible for citizens. The Mayor agreed to determine a suitable timeframe and publicize his office hours accordingly for increased availability.
5. Discussion on water line through parcel 01-0151-0039 and potential financial help for construction of new pipe to allow for abandoning part of the water line  
David Wilson introduced the request from new landowners of the property between the golf course and Shady Acres to move an existing water line. This line is crucial for maintaining water flow and fire safety. Bryan Meadows provided technical insights, adding that any relocation would need to comply with city requirements, possibly updating the line to an 8-inch pipe for enhanced functionality. The Council discussed the limitations on financial assistance from the city as per policy and suggested the developer might bear the costs.
6. Presentation by Four Corners Behavioral Health on the Parents Empowered Community Partnership Grant  
Kent Nelson presented on behalf of Four Corners Behavioral Health, detailing the Parents Empowered Community Partnership Grant. The initiative aims to reduce and prevent underage drinking by fostering stronger community and parental relationships. Nelson shared statistical insights indicating significant room for

improvement in parental guidance and the resulting influence on youth. He invited community members to join the coalition's ongoing efforts.

7. Discuss/Approve/Deny amendment to Better City contract to allow for a travel reimbursement during their service as interim city manager

Mayor Ren Hatt proposed an amendment to the Better City contract to incorporate travel reimbursements for Ryan, who currently serves as Interim City Manager, due to his increased in-town presence. **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made a motion to approve amendment to Better City contract to allow for a travel reimbursement during their service as interim city manager. Ben Lehnhoff seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff, and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny consulting contract with Tyler Hunt

The Mayor introduced a proposal for a consulting contract with former City Manager Tyler Hunt, aiming to leverage Hunt's expertise for budget amendments and other city matters. **MOTION:** Bo Harrison made a motion to approve consulting contract with Tyler Hunt. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff, and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss/Approve/Deny selling old water meters and the manner in which they should be sold. The Council discussed the prospect of selling old water meters, proposing to establish an ordinance to structure the sale process. There wasn't a motion to approve.

10. Discuss/Approve/Deny Thriving Communities Program agreement

Mayor Ren Hatt described the Thriving Communities Program agreement, emphasizing efforts to establish electric vehicle charging stations and other sustainable infrastructure enhancements. **MOTION:** Guy Webster made a motion to approve the Thriving Communities Program agreement. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff, and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.

11. Discuss/Approve/Deny agreement with Emery County entrusting certain roads within City limits to be maintained by Emery County

Mayor Ren Hatt discussed formalizing an agreement with Emery County clarifying which city roads the county would maintain. The agreement aimed to avoid discrepancies and ensure proper tax revenue allocation. **MOTION:** Bo Harrison made a motion to approve the agreement with Emery County entrusting certain roads within City limits to be maintained by Emery County. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff, and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.

12. City Council, Mayor, and/or Employee comments and concerns

Council and employees voiced various updates and concerns about local water projects, storms, and public safety. Efforts to improve infrastructure, repair storm-damaged areas, and update the community on upcoming developments were discussed in detail. Specific concerns included updates on sewer projects, public amenities, and suggestions for public parks enhancements.

13. Discuss/Approve/Deny Consent agenda

- a. Financial Report May 2024
- b. Treasurer Report June 2024
- c. Payment Approval Report July 2024
- d. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes March 19, 2024
- e. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2024

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

14. Closed Session, if necessary, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-205

Closed session was not held.

15. Adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**MOTION:** Guy Webster motioned to adjourn. Larry Packer seconded the motion.

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

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Ren Hatt, Mayor

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Julie Spadafora, City Recorder

Approved: August 13, 2024