



City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah
Planning Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024

ATTENDING: Chair Stephanie Crabtree, Vice Chair Kent Johnson, Planning Commission members: Kim McFarlane, Tonya Bigelow, Dustin Gingerich, alternates Gayna Salinas, Glenna Brown; Employees; Edward Bennett, David Wilson, Citizens: Kenney Fallon, Randy Erwin, Vicky Smith, Charolette Uptain.

CONDUCTING: Chair Stephanie Crabtree, the meeting began at 7:04 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Discussion with the City Manager Edward Bennett

The meeting commenced with an introduction from Edward Bennett, the recently appointed City Manager. He shared personal background including his transitional experiences over the past six weeks since relocating to the City of Green River. They discussed attending the Utah Summit meetings and expressed intentions of bringing the city's worth to light by engaging with state officials. He elaborated on personal connections to influential figures in the state's economic development circles which aligns with the city's future ambitions.

Edward Bennett outlined aspirations for the community's growth by focusing on community engagement, local economic development, and clarifying roles and expectations through establishing a mission and vision for the city. They prompted consideration of promoting cohesion with the city seal and flag, creating a unified front that shows shared values.

He suggested developing strategies and plans that align with existing visions and involve community input, something that hadn't been effectively utilized before. He also addressed issues regarding existing rules concerning businesses and potential opportunities for growth that require discussions and partnerships with institutions such as the Inland Port and EDC Utah.

2. Discuss 10-12-17: VACATION VEHICLES AND MOBILE HOMES PROHIBITED: EXCEPTIONS:

The commission discussed the existing city code on vacation vehicles and mobile homes' placement, sparked by a request from Dorothy Ann Carter, a former resident of Green River. She wishes to temporarily reside in a travel trailer on her lot while building a house on a separate property, a scenario unsupported by current regulations. The commission recognized this gap and explored the potential for new ordinances or exceptions, such as granting conditional use permits for cases like this. The Planning Commission members Kent Johnson and Kim McFarlane debated between following existing codes strictly or allowing adjustments. Kent Johnson suggested acknowledging the widespread presence of trailers not entirely compliant with the code as it stands, underlining a pressing need for changes or legal amendments. Randy Erwin commented, he keeps hearing how much we need to provide housing in Green River. A person should be able to get a variance for one year, while building their home. The commission decided to work on drafting clearer language and processes for this kind of use to bring to the next meetings and hearing, aiming for amended regulations by the year's end.

3. Discuss/Approve/Deny Consent Agenda

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The commission reviewed the meeting minutes from August 20, 2024. There was a minor correction to be made regarding a typographical error involving a name change from Kent Nelson to Kent Johnson.

MOTION: Kim McFarlane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the last name change from Kent Nelson to Kent Johnson. Tonya Bigelow seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Stephanie Crabtree, Kim McFarlane, Dustin Gingerich, and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. Kent Johnson abstained. The motion carried.

4. Adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Stephanie Crabtree, Chair

Julie Spadafora, City Recorder

Approved- November 19, 2024