



City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

ATTENDING: Council Members Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff and Guy Webster; Employees; Edward Bennett, Julie Spadafora, David Wilson, Gayna Salinas, Loni Meadows; Citizens Kenny Fallon, Edward Korycan, Candice Cravens, Scott Ryan, Lance Erwin, Tamara Ekker, Chalynn Francis, Cambre Patton, Katie Pappas, Parker Hilton; Pathway Group; Holly Yocum, Leah Summers and Herber Slabbert.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pro Temp Bo Harrison, the meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

ABSENT: Mayor Ren Hatt and Council Member Kent Nelson, asked to be excused.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of Allegiance directed by Larry Packer

1. Public Comment

Katie Pappas from Salt Lake City expressed concerns about the recent expansion of the Utah Inland Port Castle Country project area in Green River. She highlighted that over 95 acres had been added to the current Green River port, making it one of the largest in the state. Pappas raised questions about the impact on private landowners, potential loss of tax revenue, and environmental concerns related to proposed industries like uranium processing. She urged the council to share information and include the public discussions about the port expansion.

2. Discuss / Approve/ Deny accepting a charitable noncash donation of a plot of land in Woodside area as a conservation easement

Parker Hilton and Heather Rose presented a proposal to donate land in the Woodside area as a conservation easement to the City of Green River. They explained that the donation would include approximately 85 acres of land and 40% of an associated water right. The conservation easement would preserve the land as an open space, prohibiting development but allowing for recreational use.

Council Member Guy Webster raised questions about the calculation of the property taxes, the terms of the easement, and the motivations behind the donation. He also asked about the Utility corridors and the overall benefit to the

city. Other Council Members expressed concerns about potential restrictions on the rushed timeline to have answer before the year-end.

MOTION: Guy Webster made a motion to deny approving the charitable noncash donation of a plot of land in Woodside area as a conservation easement. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff and Guy Webster voted to deny approving. The motion carried.

3. Introduction of Pathway Group and feasibility study process

Holly Yocum, Leah Summers, and Heber Slabbert from Pathway Group presented an update on the feasibility study for an events and recreation facility:

- Interviews with City Council members and key community members will be conducted through mid-January
- Onsite community meetings will be held January 23-25
- They plan to present draft findings to the council on March 11th
- A report is expected by the end of March

The team emphasized they are looking at balancing local community needs with future tourism potential. Council members expressed interest in having updates done in person rather than just via Zoom.

4. Discuss / Approve / Deny the DABS local consent form for Epicenter special event permit

Edward Bennett explained that the Epicenter is planning a conference event April 25-27, with an event serving alcohol on April 26th. They need council approval of a local consent form to apply for the necessary permit from (DABS) Department of Alcohol Beverage Services.

MOTION: Ben Lehnhoff made a motion to approve the (DABS) Department of Alcohol Beverages Services consent form. Guy Webster seconded the motion.

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

5. Discuss/ Approve / Deny Green River Water Treatment Upgrade Project # 2C-2024 Notice of Award

Edward Bennett presented information on rebidding the water treatment upgrade after previous bids were rejected for missing information. The bids for the Green River Water Treatment Upgrade Project # 2C-2024 were resubmitted on November 21, 2024. Three bids were received, Howard & Rees at \$2,475,690.13, Got Dirt Construction at \$2,752,412.13 and J Lyne Roberts & Sons at \$2,876,782.13. The low bid was awarded to Harward and Rees at \$2,475,690.13. **MOTION:** Larry Packard made a motion to award Green River Water Treatment Upgrade Project # 2C-2024 Notice of Award to Harward & Rees. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss / Approve / Deny General Liability Insurance Coverage for a youth basketball league (additional to the Jr Jazz program) to use the GRHS gymnasium
The agenda item was removed from discussion. This item may be brought back at a later time.
7. Discuss / Approve / Deny General Liability Insurance Coverage for a women's volleyball league to use the GRHS gymnasiums
Kambre Patton, the high school volleyball coach, requested liability insurance coverage for a women's volleyball league to use the Green River High School gymnasium. She explained that there is interest from the community members to participate in open gym sessions.
Loni Meadows clarified that adding this coverage to the city's existing policy would not increase premiums unless there were claims or significant budget increase. The council also discussed the possibility of using unspent volleyball budget funds to support the league. **MOTION:** Guy Webster made a motion to approve General Liability Insurance Coverage for a women's volleyball league to use the GRHS gymnasiums. Ben Lehnhoff seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.
8. Discuss / Approve / Deny FAA Flight Inspection Agreement
Edward Bennett explained that the FFA (Federal Aviation Administration) flight inspection agreement needed to be renewed. This agreement allows the FAA to conduct night inspections of the runway to ensure everything is properly established. **MOTION:** Guy Webster made a motion to approve FAA Flight Inspection Agreement. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried.
9. Discuss / Approve / Deny Conditional Use Permit for High Desert Excavating
This agenda item was removed as it was clarified that conditional use permits are handled by the Planning Commission and do not need to be approved by the City Council
10. City Council, Mayor, and/or Employee comments and concerns
Scott Ryan provided an update on the emergency Medical Services (EMS) staffing situation. He mentioned that they currently have four EMTs in town and about seven from out of town. Ryan requested the use of the Youth Center to house out-of-town EMT's, as the current arrangements are not ideal. The Council discussed the possibility of using the facility and addressing any issues with existing furniture or equipment left by previous occupants and agreed to look into it further.
11. Discuss / Approve / Deny Consent Agenda
 - Financial Report October 2024
 - Payment Approval Report December 2024
 - Treasurer Report November 2024

- City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes October 29, 2024
 - City Council Regular Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024
- MOTION:** Ben made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried

12. Closed Session, if necessary, pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-205
No Closed session was held.

13. Adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.
MOTION: Guy Webster made a motion to adjourn. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Ben Lehnhoff and Guy Webster voted aye. The motion carried

Ren Hatt, Mayor

Julie Spadafora, City Recorder

Approved: January 14, 2025