



City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

ATTENDING: Mayor Pro Tempore Bo Harrison, Council Members Kent Nelson, Guy Webster, Stephanie Crabtree and Tonya Bigelow; Planning Commission Members; Gayna Salina, Dylan Keele; Employees; Edward Bennett, Julie Spadafora, David Wilson, Loni Meadows, Kerry Bigelow, Janet Smoak, Bryan Meadows; Citizens; Ben Lehnhoff, Conra Weber, Della Ekker, Cindy Bowerman, Conae Black, Edward Korycan, Sandi Silliman, Michael Silliman, Daniel Salinas, Frank Vetere Jr., Brayden Liechty, LeiAnn Chidester, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan, Heidi Quintana, Lance Erwin, Anne Elliott, Lacey Harrison, Diane Smith, Jill Smith, Dorothy Carter, Josh Opp, Keith Johnson, Mary Winters, Julie Steuer, Chalyn Francis; Airbuild; David Gory; Lochner; Thorson Milton

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of Allegiance directed by Tonya Bigelow

1. Public Comment

Mayor Pro Tempore Bo Harrison opened the meeting for public comment. Four citizens addressed the Council:

Gayna Salinas thanked the Council for filling potholes on Elgin Avenue/1600 East and inquired about fixing potholes at Main and Broadway that were getting larger.

Conra Weber asked for updates on EMS ambulance services and the Veterans Memorial, requesting these items be placed on future agendas. Guy Webster responded that Green River has been fully staffed with ambulance service 24/7 for the past two weeks with new EMTs hired. He noted plans for an EMT class in Green River.

Edward Bennett gave an update on the Veterans Memorial. The Memorial is paid for and being built. He will follow up regarding completion dates.

Kathy Ryan reported that the no-trespass order at the public safety building had been dropped and suggested cleaning up broken-down cars along city streets.

Dorothy Carter announced the first Green River Business Alliance meeting on January 20th at the senior center at 8:00 AM and informed attendees about a county grant offering up to \$30,000 in reimbursements.

2. Appreciation of Past Council Members, Larry Packer and Ben Lehnhoff

Council Member Guy Webster expressed appreciation for Larry Packer and Ben Lehnhoff's dedicated service to Green River City. The Council presented commemorative plaques to both former council members to honor their contributions.

3. Discuss/Approve/Deny Fire Chief Mayoral Appointment Approval

Mayor Pro Tempore Bo Harrison addressed conflict of interest regarding this matter. Council Member Stephanie Crabtree disclosed her conflict of interest as the candidate being considered for Fire Chief and recused herself from discussion and voting. Council Member Kent Nelson disclosed his conflict of interest due to his appointment with the fire department but was not required to recuse himself.

MOTION: Guy Webster made a motion to approve Fire Chief Mayoral Appointment Approval with the word "mayoral" being removed from the item title as this was a council appointment. He then made a motion to approve Stephanie Crabtree as Fire Chief. Tonya Bigelow seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL**

VOTE: Bo Harrison, Guy Webster, Kent Nelson and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny Fire Pay Adjustments

Mayor Pro Tempore Bo Harrison complimented Stephanie Crabtree on her Fire Pay Adjustment presentation at the last City Council Meeting. Kent Nelson and Stephanie Crabtree mentioned they would abstain from voting because of their affiliation with the Fire Department.

MOTION: Tonya Bigelow made a motion to approve Fire Pay Adjustments. Guy Webster seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Guy Webster, and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/Approve/Deny Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

Planning and Zoning Member David Wilson explained there were several vacancies to fill: two regular positions vacated by Stephanie Crabtree and Tonya Bigelow, a 4-year term ending in 2025, and two-yearly alternate seats.

The Commission selected Conor Weber for Stephanie Crabtree's 3-year term, Dylan Keele for a 4-year new term, Conae Black to fill Tonya Bigelow 2-year

term, Cindy Bowerman for a yearly alternate position, and John Bucor for another yearly alternate opening.

The Council expressed appreciation for all citizens who submitted their names for consideration and noted that applications would remain on file for future vacancies.

MOTION: Guy Webster made a motion to approve Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL**
VOTE: Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Guy Webster, Tonya Bigelow and Stephanie Crabtree voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny Issuing Request For Proposal for Airport Consultant

Edward Bennett explained that the city had previously used a company called Armstrong as their airport consultant. He noted the necessity of issuing an RFP (Request For Proposal) as the current contract was expiring. He explained that the airport consultants are essential for handling FAA requirements, bids, grants, and coordination with UDOT. The airport is funded almost exclusively by federal grants, with minimal city funding.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion Issuing Request For Proposal for Airport Consultant. Stephanie Crabtree seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Guy Webster, Stephanie Crabtree and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/Approve/Deny Development Agreement with Airbuild

David Gory, representing Airbuild, thanked the Council for their support of the project. The Council discussed concerns regarding sewer discharge near the project area. Bryan Meadows noted that a berm would need to be built to manage the discharge, and David Gory confirmed Airbuild's willingness to work with the city on this issue.

Guy Webster raised questions about grant funding language in section 6.4 of the agreement. After discussion, the Council agreed to strike language that implied the municipality would pay the developer from pooled grant funds to clarify that the city would only act as a pass-through for grants specifically designated for the project.

MOTION: Guy Webster made a motion to approve the Agreement with Airbuild, striking section 6.4 bullet points 1 and 5 (regarding municipality payments to the developer). Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Guy Webster, and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. Stephanie Crabtree abstained from voting due to potential future employment. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/Approve/Deny Sewer Lift Station Upgrade Project #2C-2025 bid opening and award

Bryan Meadows explained the project would reconstruct four main sewer lift stations by refurbishing wet wells and installing new pumps and control panels. He expressed confidence in JCI, the lowest bidder, based on their previous work in the city. Mayor Pro Tempore Bo Harrison noted that JCI's bid was approximately \$1,265,626.35, Desert Development \$1,758,912.24, Harward & Rees \$1,800,105.18, JCI's bid was about \$500,000 lower than the next closest bid. The bid was awarded to JCI Construction.

MOTION: Stephanie Crabtree made a motion to approve Sewer Lift Station Upgrade Project #2C-2025 bid opening and award to JCI Construction for the bid amount of \$1,265,626.35. Tonya Bigelow seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL**

VOTE: Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Guy Webster, Stephanie Crabtree and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Explanation of Mayoral Appointment Process

City Manager Edward Castro Bennett explained the process for filling the mayoral vacancy. He stated that state statute requires the position to be filled within 30 days through a City Council appointment. The appointee will serve until the next general election in November 2027, when a special election will be held for the remainder of the term ending in 2029.

The appointment process requires a 14-day posting period, which would begin the following day. Interested candidates must be registered voters living within city limits for at least 12 months. Declarations of candidacy would be available at city hall starting the next day. After the 14-day application period, the Council will interview candidates in an open meeting on January 28th and vote to appoint the new mayor.

Anne Elliott presented research suggesting the city could hold a special election instead of making an appointment. She referenced city code and stated she had received communication from the Lieutenant Governor's office indicating municipalities had flexibility in this matter. She mentioned a petition from citizens requesting an election.

Council members and staff engaged in discussion about appointment versus election, with City Manager Bennett affirming that the appointment process was based on state statute and guidance from the Lieutenant Governor's office, which oversees elections in Utah. The Council ultimately decided to proceed with the appointment process as previously outlined.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Bo Harrison thanked those responsible for filling potholes on the old Highway in front of the gun range.

Bryan Meadows provided updates on city water infrastructure projects:

- The new granule activated carbon filter building was complete, pending programming between old and new plants
- A fire inspection had been conducted, requiring signage improvements
- A future water project for pressure-reducing valves will be advertised within the next month
- Work on sewer lagoons was planned to replace diffusers

Council Member Stephanie Crabtree provided a fire department update, thanking everyone who attended Ben's retirement party and announcing new fire department leadership: TJ Hughes as Assistant Chief, Dylan Keele as Captain, and Alyssa Martyn as Lieutenant. She reported that the department had responded to 93 calls in the previous year, an increase from prior years.

11. Discuss/Approve/Deny Consent Agenda

- Financial Report November 2025
- Payment Approval Report January 2026
- Treasurer Report December 2025
- City Council Special Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025
- City Council Regular Meeting Minutes December 09, 2025

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Guy Webster seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Guy Webster, Stephanie Crabtree and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. The motion carried.

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

No Closed session was necessary.

13. Adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tonya Bigelow seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Guy Webster, Stephanie Crabtree and Tonya Bigelow voted aye. The motion carried.

Larry Packer, Mayor

Julie Spadafora, City Recorder

Approved: February 10, 2026