

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday December 14, 2021

ATTENDING: Council Members Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan, Michael Silliman; Employees Conae Black Julie Spadafora, David Wilson, Candice Cravins, Robin Hunt, Mike Thurston, Ben Lehnhoff; Citizens Nathan Martinez, Ren Hatt, Stephanie Crabtree, Shane Siwik, Gayna Salinas and Dillion Keele.

ABSENT: Mayor Travis Bacon

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pro Tempore Kathy Ryan, the meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE: The pledge of allegiance was directed by Larry Packer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on supporting Emery County's proposal to help fund law enforcement. Conae Black reported she and Kathy Ryan met with the Emery County Commissioners and Mayors. Sheriff Funk expressed the need to raise an extra \$200,000 for their budget this year because the Emery County Deputy Sheriffs are severely under paid and it is very difficult to compete with other law enforcement agencies, that are paying a much higher wage. This amount could vary from year to year. The Commissioners proposed \$100,000 of the \$200,000 would come from the transient room tax funds and the remaining \$100,000 to be divided between the municipalities, based upon population and number of call outs. They did the research and they are proposing Huntington will pay 20%, Castle Dale 25%, Green River 16%, Ferron 11%, Cleveland 12%, Orangeville 7%, Elmo 4%, Emery 4% and Clawson 1%. It is the responsibility of the City municipalities to provide for the health, safety and welfare of their citizens. If the municipalities are not on board, then will have to start cutting services.

2. Discuss/approve/deny resolution NO. R05-2021, establishing observance of Holidays.

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve resolution NO. R05-2021. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

3. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution NO. R06-2021, establishing 2022 City Council regular meeting dates. **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution NO. R06-2021, establishing 2022 City Council regular meeting dates. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

4. Discuss/approve/ deny consent agenda.

August 24, 2021 special minutes
November 11, 2021 special meeting minutes
October 2021 financial report
November 2021 treasurer's report
December 2021 Payment Approval report

5. Recognition of outgoing Mayor and City Council Member. Michael Silliman was presented with a plaque and card in recognition for his years serving as a City Council Member. Mayor Travis Bacon was not able to attend; his award will be presented at a later time. Kathy Ryan commented, what a pleasure it has been to work with both Mayor Bacon and Michael Silliman and how grateful she is for their unselfish service and donations, in behalf of Green River City.

6. Council and employee reports. Robin Hunt. Reported that “Light the Night” went pretty well. Nine floats where entered and she hopes to have the number increase each year. She expressed, her gratefulness for the help the Fire Dept. provided and the city crew for their help with decorating the park this year. She is hoping to use funds from the Trails Grant to get signage for the Butterfly trail which would include a Kiosk. The digital sign is finally working on both sides and is much brighter, she is getting trained to utilize all the signs capabilities. Candice Cravins reported, the museum was awarded a \$25,500.00 grant from Utah Arts & Museum, for the purchase of new HVAC units. The Giving Tuesday Facebook post was last Tuesday and \$460 was donated. Deborah Hughes will be displaying Foot Prints of Water display January thru June. There is a new exhibit at the museum on the Friendship Cruise, old pictures and collections on display. The River Restoration Project is coming along nicely and looks amazing. The winter closer will be from Christmas Eve until New Year’s. David Wilson reported, the Animal Control side has been very busy this month. He has just completed an online modular A for Animal Control Law Enforcement which lasted 47 hours. The last few months he has dealt with a lot of abandoned dogs and no owners have come forth to pick them up. He also has a lot of complaints on feral cats almost daily, the biggest problem is that, people need to quit feeding them. He usually catches 13 cats a day. Conae Black reported, she has heard from Dominion Energy and the second Public Service Commission hearing is scheduled for December 16, 2021, it will be a virtual meeting. In the first meeting a testimony was submitted from Mayor Bacon, a few questions were asked and she was able to answer the questions that they had, but Mayor Bacon will need to be available virtually in case there are other questions, they are trying to settle outside the hearing. If everything goes well, they are still on schedule to be up and running by Fall 2023. She is still working with Johansen and Tuttle trying to get a construction and demolition permit for our landfill. The River Restoration Project is going very well; the contractor has been amazing to work with. They were asked if they would be interested in submitting in another bid to come back. She has been working with the State Environmental Quality and the AOG on our small technical assistant grant, it should be completed soon. The Brownfield Grant has been submitted, scheduled for an answer in April or May 2022. The Council Chambers remodel is scheduled and in the budget, there will be a lot of changes taking place and it is due to be completed March or April 2022.

MOTION: Bo Harrison made a motion to move to an Executive Session. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Michael Silliman all voted aye. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MEETING STATEMENT IN LIEU OF MINUTES

I do hereby affirm, being the presiding official over the executive meeting, was held for the purpose of a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonable imminent litigation.

Mayor Pro Tempore, Kathy Ryan

Attest:

Conae Black, City Recorder

7. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Travis Bacon, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: _____