

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

ATTENDING: Mayor Ren Hatt; Council Members Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff; Employees Conae Black, Julie Spadafora, Bryan Meadows, David Wilson, Candice Cravins, Loni Meadows; Mitch Vetere, Scott Sanders, Steve Reynolds, Blair Vetere, Nathan Martinez, Dennis Bailey, Dylan Keele, Keith Johnson, Kent Johnson, Emilie Nelson, Jonnie Gallagher, Cindy Bowerman, Gayna Salinas, Shannon Johnson, Stephanie Crabtree, Diana Gingerich, Diane Smith, Bridgett Meadows and Julie Steuer.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance was directed by Larry Packer.

Recess as the Green River City Council

Convene for the Planning Commission Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed zoning change at a section along North Hastings Road from I-1 (Light Industrial) to A-1 (Agriculture) and vacating the Birchwood Subdivision.

Reconvene as the Green River City Council

1. Discuss/approve/deny vacating the Birchwood Subdivision. Conae Black addressed the council, she relayed that the Planning Commission has met and they recommend vacating the Birchwood Subdivision, excluding Lot #45 and Lot #1. **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made a motion to vacate Birchwood Subdivision. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.
2. Discuss/approve/deny zoning change at a section along North Hastings Road from I-1 (Light Industrial) to A-1 (Agriculture) The Planning Commission has met and they are recommending the zone change, for a section on North Hasting Road from I-1(Light Industrial) to A-1 (Agriculture). **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made a motion to approve the zoning change at a section along North Hastings Road from I-1 (Light Industrial) to A-1 (Agriculture). Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.
3. Discuss/approve/deny the Emery County Emergency Operational Plan. Conae Black stated, Emery County has been working on this plan for a very long time, under the direction of Captain Kyle Ekker. It is thoroughly planned out and well written. A copy of the plan will be available at the City Offices in case of an emergency. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the Emery County Emergency Operational Plan. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.
4. Discuss/approve/deny transitioning Treasurer, Loni Meadows, from part-time to full-time employment with full-time benefits. With the transition of Conae Black retiring in February, Loni Meadows will be taking on a full time position, at the City of Green River. **MOTION:** Larry Packer made a motion to approve the transition of Treasurer Loni Meadows, from part-time to full-time

employment with full-time benefits. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny transitioning Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer, David Wilson, from part-time employment to full-time employment with full-time benefits. David Wilson is currently working part time, as the Code Enforcement/ Animal Control Officer for Green River City. He was asked to assume a full time position. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve transitioning Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer, David Wilson, from part-time employment to full-time employment with full-time benefits. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny Mayoral Appointment of Julie Spadafora as a Deputy Recorder. With the upcoming retirement of Conae black, Julie Spadafora will be assuming and learning the position of Deputy Recorder. She was sworn in as Deputy Recorder, at this City Council Meeting. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve Mayoral Appointment of Julie Spadafora as a Deputy Recorder. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny request of city funds to support the Little League program. Pact is in a transition period, Loni has volunteered her service's to help purchase new equipment for the Green River's Little League program. New uniforms are in great need. Some parents cannot contribute much. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve \$2,000 of city funds to support the Little League program. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

8. Discuss/approve/deny the 2023 Tentative Budget. Conae Black spoke, to the council about how much the budget depends on grant funding. The grant funds for the 2023 budget year will be \$2,561,046 from the FAA. A grant was written to the EPA for a Brownfields Assessment for \$500,000. A \$67,100 grant will be written to the State of Utah Department of Transportation for curb, gutter and sidewalk on Main Street. Emery County will be reimbursing the city approximately \$117,000 for EMS Stipends and \$30,500 Travel Information Center staffing at the museum. The budget also includes donations to MECCA Bicycle Club for \$500, the Golf Tournament for \$300, High School Grad Night for \$500 and PACT for educational alcohol education programs for \$4,000. The city needs new equipment and repairs on equipment for an approximate total of \$205,000. The projects for the 2023 year are rehabilitation of Airport Runway 13/31. Again, the FAA grant is \$2,561,046, State of Utah Div. of Aeronautics is granting \$132,390 and the city will contribute \$132,390. Curb, gutter and sidewalks on Main Street Utah Department of Transportation will contribute 50% and the city 50%. The city plans on working with Emery County on some street overlay projects. Two grants have been written to upgrade the river bank pathway at the museum, one is the Utah State Boater Access and the second is RTP. This project will cost \$205,000. The city should be hearing very soon if they were awarded the Brownfields Assessment grant. Projects on hold will be the sewer and water system improvements, each totaling a little over \$3,000,000, until solicitations for qualified engineering services. The city will continue to upgrade water meters to the new electronic meters. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the 2023 Tentative Budget. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

9. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda.

- April 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes
- April 12, 2022 executive meeting minutes
- March 2022 financial report
- April 2022 Treasurer's report
- May 2022 Payment Approval report

MOTION: Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

10. Council and employee reports -Bryan Meadows reported, Chad Pinneo will be leaving the city in two weeks. The Water Meter Program has been Chad's program, so he is trying to learn it before he is gone. They have installed about 174 digital meters and gaining slowly. They are preparing the fields for baseball this year. They are working on raising the meters at the new Epicenter lots. They are focusing on the drainage issues on the west side of town, and are try to resolve them, by talking to Love's, Maverick and surrounding businesses. He is having problem with the meter at the Water Plant, they are working to cure the problems.

David Wilson reported. He hasn't picked up any new animals but, he has held them longer, which requires a lot of time, caring for them. A lot of people were arrested and taken to jail, which in turn, he is called to care for their dogs. There has been as many as 6 dogs, at a time, having a kenneled dog for 10 to 12 days is a lot of work. He did receive a signed proposal from Aaron Lancaster, for the prosecution of citations issued. Candice Cravins reported, they just finished a wonderful presentation on "Preserving our Waterways" by Nancy Moore. They are getting ready for a film screening, Rig to Flip. There are scholars who have worked on the film from Arizona and Wyoming. She is actively working on "Hall of Fame" in October, the ticketing and advertising, making sure the site is up etc. She is finishing up with some grants. Tour buses are back and business looks good. Conae Black report, how she has been doing a lot economic development and wishes she could share the information about the people wanting to come into our community. A film company and a promising industry have shown interest in our community. She has been working on the tentative budget, written another grant and working on postings for new employees. She feels it is important to start with a selection committee as soon as possible. Robin Hunt reported, the Bike Rally went very well, with 200 participants. There were no complaints from the BLM, so they are in the process of getting a 10-year permit. She has created a U-tube video and posts through Facebook. She has posted videos on "At Your Leisure." Working on trails and permitting for the Water Melon Crawl etc.

11. Executive Session

No executive session was held.

12. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Ren Hatt, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: July 12, 2022