

City of Green River
460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022

ATTENDING Mayor Ren Hatt, Council Members Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Kent Nelson, Kathy Ryan, Ben Lehnhoff; Employees Conae Black, Julie Spadafora, Lori Meadows, Robin Hunt, David Wilson, Bryan Meadows, Jeff Black; Citizens Kra Hughes, Gayna Salinas, Diana Gngerich, Christine Sheetter, Candice Gravius, Bridgett Meadows, David Farnsworth, Carlos Guerrero, Jade Powell (Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments), Bill Rees (State of Utah); Adam Jones (Brown & Caldwell)

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

PLEDGE The pledge was directed by Bo Harrison.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Report on the Small Technical Assistance grant awarded to the State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality and answer any questions. Bill Rees from the State of Utah reported to the City Council on the Small Technical Assistance grant the State of Utah received on behalf of Green River City. The Small Technical Assistance Grant (STAG) report is designed to provide an overview of potential brownfields in the community, and outline the next steps and future resources, that can be obtained to invest in the community and support redevelopment efforts.

2. Presentation and report from Brown & Caldwell on the water treatment evaluation. Adam Jones from Brown and Caldwell, spoke to the City Council about today's the Green River Water plant needs, to consistently provide safe drinking water to the citizen of Green River. He spoke about (TOC) total organic carbon, TOC occurs naturally in rivers. Bryan Meadows and his crew need to treat whatever comes down the river. The issue with TOC, when chlorine is added, it can produce disinfection byproducts, which are harmful at certain levels to drink. The EPA has established certain levels that are safe to drink. There are two main group of disinfection byproducts (DBP). Bryan Meadows and his crew are trying to stay away from certain amounts that are not safe. Green River is doing very well with HA5s, THMs since 2014 the levels are, right on the border line, then in 2017-2018 there were spikes, this requires notices to go out which is the reason for the evaluation on the water treatment process. The Green River Water Plant was built in the year 2000, since then their efforts are to focus on lowering the TOC levels and the age of the water and maintaining them. The faster the water leaves the plant the lower the levels. In the long run Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) has proven to cost less and be just as effective as pre-ozone. Brown & Caldwell will assist the city in finding funding for the recommended upgrades. It will take 9 months for the design and 1 year for construction to be complete. Mayor Ren Hatt asked, if the Industrial Parks starts to grow and there are huge water demands, how does this affect the city's capacity? Adam Jones answered, GAC is also easier to expand than pre-ozone. Bryan Meadows informed the council, Brown and Caldwell were one of the five companies recommend and the only one to give us a proposal. He feels confident in their abilities and recommends them for the job.

3. Discuss/approve/deny renewing the Memorandum of Understanding with the JWP River History Museum Corporation. Mayor Ren Hatt spoke, there is a change in leadership coming to the JWP Museum Janet Smoak's will be joining the team soon; upon her arrival he will encourage her in the spirit of the memorandum and in grant writing for the nonprofit organization.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the JWP River History Museum Corporation. Kathy Ryan 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 Ordinance No. 2022-02, Vacation of the Birchwood Subdivision. This has been discussed in detail at previous City Council and Planning Commission meetings. The adoption of the ordinance is the last step needed. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-02, Vacating the Birchwood Subdivision. Kent Nelson 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 Resolution R01-2022, establishing Tier 2 elected and appointed officials policy. Lori Meadows spoke about the (URS) Utah Retirement Service Audit, this is to make sure the city is in compliance on recording all the eligible and ineligible employees, based off of part time, part time with benefits, elected and appointed officials. It is a policy that states, the City Council receives a nominal fee to serve, which is considered part time ineligible under the Tier 2 URS. They wanted it customized to the position. Conae Black, Lori Meadows, Julie Spadafora and David Wilson are full time employees, with benefits, but they are also appointed positions as Recorder, Deputy Recorder, Treasurer and Zoning Administrator. It could matter somewhere down the road, having a part time Administrator etc. It may need to be changed to fit the situation each time there is an audit. **MOTION:** Larry Packer made a motion to approve Resolution R01-2022, establishing Tier 2 elected and appointed officials policy. Kathy Ryan seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Larry Packer, Kent Nelson, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny bids for the West Drainage project. Conae Black said, there were four bids submitted, they were from Double E Construction \$252,135.00, Alfred Construction \$350,000.00, PNL Construction \$237,745.00, Nelson Construction \$301,000.00. The low bid was from PNL Construction out of Payson Utah, they were given very good references, from Orem City. The engineers recommended to accept the low bid from PNL Construction for \$237,745.00. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve and accept the bid from PNL Construction, for the West Drainage project. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss reducing speed limit on SR16 (Main Street). Christine Sheeter spoke, to the council about her experiences, while water the city flowers containers. She told how large trucks and cars whizz up and down the main street and through the school zone, exceeding the recommended 40 MPH speed limit, which is so dangerous. She would like to have the speed limit on SR 16 (Main Street) lowered. She is willing to volunteer her time knocking on doors searching for signage and grants, whatever it takes. She is asking, for the City Council's support. Kathy Ryan commented, it is very difficult to change and it will involve UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation).

8. Discuss proposal for Golden Ratio plaque. Christine Sheeter addressed, the City Council with the idea of putting an information plaque at the Welcome to Green River sign location, this sign would explain the origin of the Ratio sculpture, and also mention how there is no access to drive there. The property is owned by Sam Wilson, and leased for a nominal fee by the city. She asked, if she could write a letter to Sam Wilson, asking for permission to place the plaque on the same property as the Welcome sign location. Mayor Ren Hatt, granted her permission.

9. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda.

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May 2022 financial report

June 2022 Treasurer's report

July 2022 Payment Approval report

MOTION: Kathy made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Kent Nelson 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 they are having some issues with the check valve at the lift station. The river has been drier for longer this year. He and the crew have dealt with the aftermath of 6 to 8 inches of rain at Silliman Lane, it left a lot of mud and debris which took a while to clean up. They have been discharging from the sewer lagoons, trying to get that water down. He has done more research and has found a company that will come in and help with getting the infiltration on Green River Blvd stopped. The quote was \$31,800.00 for a two-foot spot replacement or patch. If the city can put in a dipline, it will buy them 3 or 4 years, until we can afford a bigger project. The drainage ditch on Green River Blvd has a beaver again, which made the water back up. After some effort, they were able to get it deared out. David Wilson reported, on having five dogs, at the kennel at the same time. What a struggle that was. He spoke on attending a Land Use Seminar. Being a full time employee, he now has more time to spend, at least two to three hours a day. He had some volunteers from Ameri Corps help to paint the red zones on Main Street. Green River Inn is in compliance, and shall be getting their business license very soon. The burn pile has increased within the last 2 weeks with lots of garbage being left there. First time they are given a warning and asked to pick up the trash. He is getting two trial cameras to try for a couple of weeks. When and if the landfill comes in, they will need more security. David mentioned the old fire truck, sitting and rotting in the sun. It is an iconic thing for Green River. He was hoping to preserve and protect it somehow before it is ruined. Robin Hunt reported, the 4th of July fireworks was postponed to the 24th because of shortages. A bunch of community members stepped up and with donations of time and money, they were still able to have a fireworks show for the 4th. The park for Melon Days is full, and she mentioned they received a call from a lady who did pony and unicorn rides. She thought the kids would enjoy this. She is increasing the social media advertising, which is cheaper and very effective. Conae Black reported, it costs about \$1 a square to replace the vinyl on the billboard signs on the freeway. She reached out to Adriana Chiraras with Emery County Travel Bureau about some advertising, and they may be interested in partnering. The new Museum Director Janet Smoak, will be arriving next month, from the state of Washington. Janet Smoak is highly qualified, she has 21 years of executive director experience. A property owner on South Long Street has approached Conae Black for some time about, putting in sidewalk at the front of their property. The property owner just wants to put in a yard, and would like to know where the sidewalk would be. The City Council talked and decided, both sides of South Long Street should be engineered first, and then they could proceed talking about the curb, gutter and sidewalk. Another RFI for a manufacturing company through EDCU Utah. The city has completed filling out the landfill application for construction and demolition, and will be submitted very soon.

11. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm

Ren Hatt, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: September 13, 2022