

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

ATTENDANCE- Mayor Ren Hatt, Council Members Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff; Employees Conae Black, David Wilson, Julie Spadafora, Robin Hunt, Mike Thurston; Gayna Salinas, Christine Sheeter, Jeff Black; Citizens; Pete Smalley, David Farnsworth, Michelle Farnsworth, Candice Cravins, Nathan Rodriguez Scott Ryan, Stephanie Crabtree, Laura Benton, Tyler Rundell, Dylan Keele, Kira Hughes: from Armstrong Consultants Judd Hill, Thorsen Milton.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Ren Hatt, meeting began at 7:08 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Pledge of allegiance was directed by Larry Packer.

1. Discuss/approve/deny bids for the Airport runway rehabilitation project. Judd Hill with Armstrong Consultants addressed the City Council about the runway rehabilitation project and its importance to the Green River Airport. The runway has out lived its useful life and now it is time to upgrade, three inches of asphalt will be taken from the top and runway lights upgraded. All things will be over seen and handled by Armstrong Consultants, making sure everything is up to standards. The airport rehabilitation project is a multi-million dollar project mostly funded by the FAA. The contractor will be Legrand Johnson, the project is expected to last 90 days, May thru Sept, 2023. During this reconstruction of the runway, the airport will remain closed. **MOTION:** Larry Packer made a motion to approve the bid for the Airport runway rehabilitation project. 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 street improvements in the Ross Subdivision. Pete Smalley talked to the City Council about the dirt street in front of his home in the Ross Subdivision. He described his wife's inability to breath from the dust generated from the street. They decided to move back to Green River, hoping to evade the smog, but soon found out, the dust was just as harmful to her health as the smog. Pete Smalley would like to take the focus off the curb, gutter and sidewalk and focus on the towns streets first. Mayor Hatt commented, we have talked a lot about curb, gutter and sidewalk lately. The City Council members are going to prioritize the most important needs of the community. Mayor Ren Hatt expressed, his appreciation for Pete Smalley's input. Laura Benton said, she has watched people coming around the corner, and they actually fishtailed and almost miss the corner, she is worried someone is going to get hurt. David Wilson commented, it is really quite bad. Conae Black said, 100 North and Tidwell Street is definitely on the list of priorities for rehabilitation.

3. Discuss EMS. Mayor Ren Hatt mentioned, they are just waiting on some things to be decided by Emery County. The County Commissioners seem willing to spend some money, on this project for Green River. There has been requests about the city taking over the EMS, and also some advertising for EMS classes, but there needs to be some kind of incentives in place before advertising it. The county reported, Green River's Ambulance service is 85% covered. Even if that is true, if one person is called out, the number goes down very quickly. Scott Ryan reported, some of the drivers are willing to take classes. Mayor Ren Hatt spoke about scheduling a Special Meeting so the towns people could come and listen in.

4. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Janet Smoak as the JWP Museum Director. Janet Smoak comes highly recommended and we would like to welcome her to the John Wesley Powell Museum. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve hiring Janet Smoak as the JWP Museum Director. Larry Packer second the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Discuss/approve/deny hiring Kerry Bigelow as a Public Works Crew Member. We are excited to have a new member joining the crew, and we are grateful to have him working for the City of Green River. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve hiring Kerry Bigelow as a Public Works Crew Member. Ben Lehnhoff 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 appointing David Wilson as the Zoning Administrator. With David Wilson's role as Code Enforcement Officer he was asked to add Zoning Administrator duties to his responsibilities. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve appointing David Wilson as Zoning Administrator. Bo Harrison second the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff all voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss ballfield netting vs fencing. Conae Black relayed the fact, concerning the ballfields and the number of fly balls hitting Leiann Chidester's home at 450 North Long Street, during the Melon Day's softball games. Conae Black stated they will not be buying netting but, will move forward on getting fencing installed, not this year but next year. Mayor Ren Hatt commented, he feels this is the way to go.

8. Discuss billboards. Conae Black said, the city owns two billboards, one on either side of I-70 near the exits to Green River. Maverik has approached the city asking to lease or purchase to advertise on these billboards. Conae Black has contacted some sign companies and it really isn't that expensive to replace the canvass on them, about \$1 per square foot. Mayor Ren Hatt would like to talk with Adriana Chimaras from the Emery County Travel Council. They have a massive advertising budget, earmarked just for Green River. Those billboards could be part of the advertising. Conae Black suggested leasing the billboards to Emery Travel Bureau. Mayor Ren Hatt reported, within a month they should know where the budget is.

9. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda.

May 17, 2022 special meeting minutes
June 14, 2022 executive meeting minutes
June 2022 financial report
July 2022 Treasurer's report
August 2022 Payment Approval report

MOTION: Larry Packer made motion to approve the consent agenda. Bo Harrison 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 - David Wilson reported, having a few problems with the Greyhound drivers feeding the feral cats, so they will not enter the traps. A few building and zoning permits issued. He reported working with Chad Pinneo and AmeriCorps, painting a project at the airport. Robin Hunt reported the park was full for Melon Day's but she has a few cancellations. There is a large waiting list so it shouldn't be an issue. People are signing up for Outlaw Day's in November and they have a large social network for advertising. Sadly, Cody Webster has dropped out of the Watermelon Crawl event, but he has suggested some people who may be willing to run the event in March 2023. Cody Webster was so awesome and so hard to replace. She has been working hard on upping the social network advertising. The Crystal Geyser signage has been placed and it is amazing. Conae Black recommended to the City Council to change Robin Hunt's job title to Event Coordinator and Marketing Specialist. This clarifies her current duties and tasks. Someone recently reached out to the city wanting to

volunteer and donate money to our Cemetery. Green River's Public Safety Building will be featured at the Brownfields Conference this fall. The Museum River Project is doing very well and has seen a lot of visitation this summer.

Mayor Ren Hatt scheduled a Special Meeting for August 22, 2022 at 7p.m.

11. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Ren Hatt, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: October 11, 2022