

City of Green River

460 East Main Street, Green River, Utah

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

ATTENDING: Mayor Ren Hatt; Council Members; Kathy Ryan, Ben Lehnhoff, Larry Packer, Bo Harrison and Kent Nelson; Employees Conae Black, Julie Spadafora, David Wilson, Bryan Meadows, Janet Smoak, Gayna Dunham; Epicenter; Zoe Gardner, Kenney Fallon, Robin Hunt Loni Meadows, Jeff Black; Citizens; Bo Minchey, Janae Minchey, Kevin Jensen, Dylan Keele; Johansson & Tuttle Johnathan Johansson; AE2S Marie Owens; Brown & Caldwell Adam Jones

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of Emery County Sheriff Candidate Boe Minchey. Boe Minchey addressed, the council and community about the upcoming elections and his candidacy for County Sheriff. He spoke a little about his background in law enforcement and his desire to serve the citizens of Emery County. If he is elected to the office of sheriff, he plans to visit Green River often.
2. Discuss/approve/deny Right-Of-Way Agreement for parcel number 1-150-12. This agreement is to allow the city to improve upon the storm water drainage. Bo Harrison commented, this will help with the development, on the West Industrial park area. There were no concerns. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve the Right-Of-Way Agreement for parcel number 1-150-12. 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 selection of city water and sewer engineers. Conae Black spoke to the council, the city's water and sewer systems are challenging with the problems we are facing and the financial challenges. There are about 520 connections, it just doesn't create enough revenue. With the needs of the city it is important to find the right resources and qualified engineers, for the needed upgrades. A (RFP) request for proposal was sent out, and with all the subjects to be addressed. The services should include, administrative and funding services, engineer project designs for upgrades to a sewer lagoon system, engineered project designs for future plans to add granular activated carbon to the existing water treatment plant, permitting, preparation of bid documents, construction management, as-built documentation and GIS mapping. Five companies answered the RFP; Jones and DeMille, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services (AE2S), Brown and Caldwell, Sunrise Engineering, and Johansen and Tuttle. Bo Harrison commented, he has concerns with big companies, it takes more money to make them turn. There was a discussion among the City Council Members and they agreed to select a local engineer, Johansen and Tuttle. **MOTION:** Bo Harrison made a motion to approve the selection of the city water and sewer engineer as Johansen and Tuttle. Larry Packer seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. Kathy Ryan voted nay. The motion carried.
4. Discuss/approve/deny Resolution No R02-2022, resetting water connection fees. The City of Green River needs sufficient money to operate and maintain the water systems. They believe it is necessary to implement new water connection fees to maintain a functional system. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Green River Utah that:
¾ inch water connection: \$2,000.00
1-inch water connection: \$2,844.00
1 ½ inch or larger water connection will be based upon the cost of the installation.
Street repair fee: \$ 900.00
The Resolution will go into effect September 13, 2022.

MOTION: Kent Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution NO R02-2022, resetting water connection fees. Ben Lehnhoff seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried

5. Discuss/approve/deny appointing Loni Meadows to the Emery County Recreation Board. Justin Queen has moved; Green River no longer has a representative on the Emery County Recreation Board. Loni Meadows would like to volunteer as the new representative for the Green River Community, she is asking the city to support her in this decision. **MOTION:** Kathy Ryan made a motion to approve appointing Loni Meadows to the Emery County Recreation Board. Kent Nelson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Discuss/approve/deny Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services for the Water Assistance Program. Since COVID various organizations are in place to help citizen who are struggling to make ends meet. They have offered a heat assistance program, and now a water program as well. This program will only be available through September of 2023. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Green River City and the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services, the city will become a vendor in order to receive the assistance payments. **MOTION:** Kent Nelson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Utah Department of Work Force Services for the Water Assistance Program. Bo Harrison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Bo Harrison, Kent Nelson, Larry Packer, Kathy Ryan and Ben Lehnhoff voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Discuss/approve/deny consent agenda.

June 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes
July 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes
July 2022 financial report
August 2022 Treasurer's report
September 2022 Payment Approval report

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

8. Council and employee reports. Bryan Meadows reported, having problems with the pump at the park, and after repacking between the pump and the motor, it seems much better. They had some small problems at the water plant, with the differential pressure sensor going out, which tells when they need to back wash the filters that was changed out. Precision Concrete Cutting will be here in October. They will be going around town looking for hazards and grinding on sidewalks. The Water Department have been dealing with some water leaks behind Ray's Tavern, replacing the lights around the baseball field on Pirate Ave. and preparing for Melon Day's. David Wilson reported, working with animal control issues and will be attending a Business License Conference in a few weeks. He is working with the Planning Commission on ADU's and Nightly rentals ordinances and he is currently looking for a good area for the C-2 Zone. Janet Smoak reported, on the upcoming River Runner Hall of Fame Ceremony October 1, 2022 and she is hoping to strengthen her connection with Emery County Travel Bureau to promote the museum. Robin Hunt reported, on preparing for Melon Day's and how the park is full and things are going very well. Conae Black reported, on the West Drainage area, and how the construction is beginning soon on the Airport Runway project.

9. **Adjourned:** the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ren Hatt, Mayor

Conae Black, City Recorder

Approved: November 08, 2022.