

CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS
February 22, 2010

The Governing Body of the City of Green River met in special workshop session at 6:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Castillon called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Pete Rust, Carl Morck, Tom McCullough, Jim Boan, and Lisa Maes. The following were present representing the City: City Administrator Barry Cook, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Public Works Mike Nelson, Parks and Recreation Director Walt Bratton, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Brenda Roosa, and City Planner John Dahlgren.

Finalization of Green River Capital Facilities Projects for 6th Penny Ballot Submission

Mayor Castillon explained the county wants all of the 6th penny projects submitted by Friday, February 26th. He stressed the importance of coming up with good solid project cost estimates, because there won't be any funding available to cover any shortages to complete projects.

The council has identified four projects for submission: The CDC Building, the GRRC Expansion, the Police Department Expansion, and the Alternate Route to Rock Springs.

Following the discussion tonight, the Mayor will take the Green River projects list and cost estimates to the joint municipalities' workshop in Rock Springs on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, for the 2/3 vote selection of projects to be submitted to the county on Friday. Then the county will decide whether the projects will be placed on the ballot. The final decision rests with the county.

Child Development Center Building

Ms. Owens reported on two meetings held to discuss the Child Development Center building with the inclusion of the Coop Preschool or another child care and early learning entity as directed by the governing body. She also talked with the School District No. 1 superintendent on the cost of the new Sage Elementary which was built for \$14 million. Ms. Owens presented cost estimates for a twelve class room building for the Child Development Center that included the Coop Preschool and regional offices (\$11.3 million), and estimates for the Child Development Center and regional offices only. (\$10 million)

There was some misunderstanding regarding how the Coop Preschool got included in the building project at the exclusion of the other preschools and day-cares in Green River. Debbie Varley explained that several years back, both the Coop Preschool and the Child Development Center approached the city about purchasing land from the city. At that time, the governing body asked them to work together on the land acquisition and a building. The two entities were not able to formalize a plan and the Coop let the issue go until they were contacted again to work with CDC for the 6th penny project.

Representatives from the Coop Preschool, Head Start, Kid and Company Preschool/Daycare, and Daytime Child Center presented comments regarding the unfair advantage creating a place for the Coop Preschool would cause to their businesses. They have worked with the Child Development Center for years and would like to continue to do so. They are in support of the building for CDC but not the inclusion of the Coop Preschool.

June Privitt and Suzanne Zutter felt the proposed building would be a hard sell to the Sweetwater County voters.

After a very emotional and difficult discussion the council consensus was to submit the CDC building for \$10 million, excluding the Coop Preschool.

Green River Recreation Center Expansion Project

Brenda Roosa gave a PowerPoint presentation using the 2008 Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative's final feasibility report and conceptual design from January 15, 2008.

Following a great deal of discussion, the council consensus was to submit a request for \$7.5 million to expand and improve the open area that used to be used for the ice skating rink, and miniature golf. The area will be enclosed, with a multi-activity gym, walk/jog track, cardio/stretch area, and an open fitness area.

Expansion of Police Department at City Hall Facility

Mr. Cook quoted estimates from the 2007 Plan One Architects proposals for the remodeling of City Hall and expansion of the Police Department. The cost to expand only the Police Department wing is \$4 million.

Alternate Route to Rock Springs

Following a brief discussion the council consensus was to request \$1 million to get the project started.

Conclusion

Mayor Castillon was directed to submit the projects as follows at the February 24, 2010 joint meeting on the 6th penny ballot projects:

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| • Child Development Center Building | \$10,000,000 |
| • GRRC Expansion Project | \$ 7,500,000 |
| • Expansion of City Hall Police Department Wing | \$ 4,000,000 |
| • Alternate Route to Rock Springs | \$ 1,000,000 |

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk