

CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS
June 8, 2010

The Governing Body of the City of Green River met in workshop session at 6:07 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Castillon called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Carl Morck, Tom McCullough, Jim Boan, and Lisa Maes. The following were present representing the City: City Administrator Barry Cook, Director of Community Development Laura Hansen, City Planner John Dahlgren, Chief of Police John Love, Parks and Recreation Director Walt Bratton, Parks Supervisor Allan Wilson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Alyssa Krumholz, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles. Council Candidate Gary Killpack was also present.

Combined Communications Center Board Update

Rock Springs Police Chief and board chairman, Mike Lowell, reported on the following items:

- ♦ The board has complied with all the rules and regulations of the Secretary of State, and Sweetwater County since being formed in February 2010.
- ♦ They have established legal relationships, hired an accountant and architects on a promise to pay.
- ♦ They have plans in place awaiting the remodel of the building they will be leasing from the city of Green River.
- ♦ They have submitted budgets for 2010 & 2011
- ♦ They have established Memorandums of Understanding for an additional \$410,000 in grant money (stimulus money from Obama's first and second round). All three entities will have to sign the MOU's in order for the board to use the grant funds. The Obama money is to be used for specific equipment.
- ♦ Original funding came from State Loan and Investment Board funding and WyoLink grants and each entity has signed agreements for the board to use the money. The SLIB money is only for architecture and engineering.
- ♦ They have established a relationship with a systems integrator.
- ♦ So far all the estimates on the project have come in under budget. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 and equipment costs at \$1 million. They are working on a long term agreement with Motorola to extend their warranty period and to bring the radio system in under cost.
- ♦ The board believes they are exercising great restraint with the money that has been given to them. They are trying to get the best value for the dollar they are given.
- ♦ The radio system is being funded through WyoLink, and the board anticipates purchasing additional equipment in 2012 and will ask for a budget resolution in the amount of \$350,000 from each of the three entities to pay for the equipment.
- ♦ Each entity will have contributed \$550,000 in cash before the project is complete.
- ♦ The joint powers agreement specifies two things: (1) Architecture and engineering costs are separate from operation costs. The operations costs for each entity will be determined by percentages of population and uniform crime counts as defined by the grant formulas. For example: Rock Springs will pay 43%, Green River will pay 32%, and the county will pay 26 or 28% of the annual cost of operations.
- ♦ Chief Lowell stated he had hoped to go over the preliminary lease agreement that night, but he hadn't seen it. The board would like to go over the lease before they approached the governing body about either a lease or a lease purchase. He can't really say anything until they see the lease.

Mr. Cook stated a five year lease agreement was being prepared by Mr. Bussart, as instructed by the governing body, based on the \$475,000 market value of the building. The building can be purchased after the five year lease. The two parties will need to negotiate any changes.

Council Members McCullough and Maes, and Mayor Castillon stated they were in favor of a lease.

Responding to a question from the mayor, Mr. Cook stated the proposed 2011 budget has \$170,000 allocated for the Joint Powers Communication Board.

Flaming Gorge Days Committee Update

Committee Member Wendy Kraft stated forty volunteers attended the TIPS training with a test afterwards. If the participant passed the test they will receive a certificate that will be good for three years. It will take approximately three weeks to receive the certificates, but the volunteers can still work the booths. If they failed the test or couldn't attend the class, they will have to take the training again next year.

They have added three additional people to the security so there will be a total of twenty-five security officers for the events. The officers will also be checking for I.D.'s if they see anyone with a beer that looks questionable.

Committee Member Deli Frantzen presented information she received from the police department regarding underage drinking and arrests during the events. Citations issued during this time are only 17% of the yearly total instead of the 70% she heard earlier. Last year there were only two juveniles arrested – and that was at a house party, not a Flaming Gorge Days event. There were twenty-two 18-21 year-olds arrested. There were a total of approximately thirty arrests last year. So, out of 8,000 people attending the events, it is not as grim as was originally presented to the governing body.

Chief Love stated he believed the committee and the police department have done everything they can do, for now, to take care of the drinking issue.

The governing body commended the committee for their efforts to address the drinking issues and for their hard work to have a quality event in Green River.

Pedestrian Viaduct Project Update

Mr. Cook stated he had assigned John Dahlgren as the project manager, and Capital Projects Manager Allan Wilson to assist him on the project.

Mr. Dahlgren gave a PowerPoint presentation with photographs and the information below:

- ♦ Since 2005 the city has received approximately \$785,000 in grants for the project.
- ♦ The project is being done in phases because of the cost to remove the lead paint.
- ♦ Phase I was awarded to DeBernardi Construction for the amount of \$983,000 in January.
- ♦ Approximately \$1.3 million has been allocated for the project – 76% for construction, and approximately 12% for construction management by Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. That leaves approximately \$150,000 in reserves for unexpected things that come up.
- ♦ The project started in April. The north ramp has been removed and is being rebuilt, and work to remove the south ramp started yesterday.
- ♦ Phase I is still on target for completion by the end of this summer.

Mr. Wilson explained the concrete work from both the south and north ramps will be removed at the same time, because they have to bring in a backhoe with a big breaker on it to break up the concrete. The guardrail on the north side will be replaced. He also explained how the cables and lines will be replaced and hung on the towers.

Change Order

Mr. Wilson explained the request to change the paint from an Alkyd coating that lasts 6 to 7 years to an epoxy mastic polyurethane coating that will last 15 plus years, as suggested by the subcontractor Mandros Painting. The epoxy paint doubles the bid spec requirement, offers more protection for the steel, and will save money in the long run. Most of the painting will be done inside the confinement area. He also stated WYDOT has reviewed the change order and approved it.

The cost of the change order is \$7,722.25. The change order will also increase costs for DeBernardi, because they will have to get additional bonding. Mr. Wilson did his best to negotiate the lowest cost for the change order.

Mr. Wilson stated they have been working with the railroad on the footings and for work on the mid-section or Phase II. This phase will be done with a catch basin, section by section, and it's going to cost a lot of money, because there is no way they can remove the steel. Sections of the railroad tracks will have to be shut down when the work is being done.

No work will be done during the Flaming Gorge Days weekend.

The change order will be presented for governing body consideration at the June 15th meeting.

City Administrator's Report

Mr. Cook commented on the following items:

1. Spur Road Project – the road going off at a right angle from Scott's Bottom Road to the corporate city limits. Utilities will also be installed.

Bud Chappell with Inberg-Miller Engineering stated from the center line of the new road the area 240 feet on each side of the center is being cleared. They aren't using the existing dirt road to bring fill material back and forth to the new road, but using the confined 5 acre area. The vegetation has been stripped so they could stock pile the materials, top soil, construction materials, and use either side for construction road access for the trucks. The work is being done out of necessity.

With the strong winds last Friday, there were some concerns about all the dust without sufficient dust control. The problem has been rectified. The water now starts before anything else, and continues until the equipment is shutdown in the afternoon.

Responding to questions from Mayor Castillon, Mr. Chappell stated the work is being done on the Jackman property except for the first 140 ft. used to access temporary water and to bring in equipment. The road on the city's side will remain an access road to connect with several roads that go to the river. The water and sewer lines will be installed in the spur roadway. Mr. Chappell noted Jackman is paying for the water stops.

2. Update on Traffic Committee Report from May 27th
 - ♦ South Carolina – the committee reconsidered the request to paint one side of South Carolina Street yellow for no parking. The committee is recommending the painting of a short radius across from Lot 19-15 to provide better safety for going around the corner.
 - ♦ Harrison School Parking Issue on Alabama Street – the committee recommendation is to correct the problem in the same manner they did at Jackson Elementary. (No parking up against the curb in front of the school from lot line to lot line somewhere from 1805 at the top to 1125 at the bottom.) The belief being, if they stop parking in front of school, it will take care of the safety concerns.
 - ♦ Stop bars on Uinta – the stop bar helps drivers recognize there is a crosswalk. The code has been reviewed, and the crosswalk is placed at the proper distance according to the Uniform Traffic Code. WYDOT does intend to paint the crosswalks and stop bars sometime this summer since they are on the highway.

3. Solid Waste Fund

Mr. Cook stated after talking with Chris Meats it will be his recommendation not to approve a rate increase for the Solid Waste Fund at this point in time. He believes there is enough money in the fund to take care of the monitoring *being required by DEQ*. He handed out recommendations from the Solid Waste Supervisor, Linda Roosa, regarding changes to the fee schedule. He asked the governing body to review them and get back with him with their proposals.

Mr. Cook addressed questions from the Mayor regarding changes in customer's services when the city goes to a transfer station. The city will still be in the collection business. They will continue to own the trucks, and collect the garbage door to door. There are three parts to the Solid Waste Fund, (1) Collections; (2) Disposal; (3) Recycling.

Ms. Roosa is doing an excellent job trying to get recycling going with a tri-party agreement with City of Rock Springs, and Solid Waste District No. 1 to get Green River's recyclables marketable and the equipment purchased at the right levels for joint sharing.

The Disposal is the landfill. The landfill is operated six days a week with the garbage being compacted by very expensive equipment. Our landfill requires us to blast rock out of the side of the mountain in order to bury the garbage. This is expensive.

So in the process of looking at a cost effective system in the long run, Inberg Miller was hired to look at regionalization. The State of Wyoming has been pushing for regionalization because of the leachate problems and contamination of ground water.

There will be no difference for the citizens, they will still be able to load up their pickups with garbage, going through the scale house and dumping it at the transfer station at the landfill. The materials will then be compacted and transferred to Solid Waste Dist. No.1.

There are still questions regarding the rates the Solid Waste District will charge us for putting our garbage in their landfill. The contract still needs to be worked out. The intent is to be more efficient and to reduce the city's cost, but from the citizens perspective they shouldn't see a difference in how their garbage is collected and how they can dispose of it themselves.

Responding to questions from Council Member Maes, Mr. Nelson stated the waste will be transported by truck or in a transport container that won't require special permitting. It's still in the study phase. But it is his belief, the Solid Waste District is not looking at coming to get the waste, Green River will deliver it to them.

4. Capacity of the Wastewater Plant

Mr. Cook stated he had received a very detailed update from the Utility Supervisor George Michael regarding the capacity of the sewer lagoon system as it relates to growth and development within the city.

Key points: The roads around the lagoons have been raised to increase the depth of the lagoons from 4 ½ ft. to 6 ft. to increase the design flow for the wastewater treatment from 1.5 million gallons per day to 2.0 million. The EPA mandates engineering construction of a new plant when flows reach 80 to 95%, or when the population of Green River reaches 17,600.

If the DEQ and EPA require the city to treat ammonia and phosphates the city will have to build a new plant capable of removing or reducing these parameters. The city's permit expires in June 2011. At that time, the DEQ will modify the parameters and give us three years to meet the requirements.

According to the sewer system master plan developed, by Sunrise Engineering in 2008, the collection system has the capacity to handle approximately 1,200 additional connections in the FMC Park area. Mr. Michaels believes if the city moves its core capacity beyond the corporate limits to Jamestown, or surrounding areas, the system will be able to handle the increase.

The collection system is capable of handling future growth as the city continues to improve the system. Mr. Michaels hopes there will be no new requirements for ammonia or phosphates when the city renews its permit in 2011. If there are no new requirements, the existing wastewater plant can handle an increase of up to 59%.

5. Mr. Cook reviewed the draft agenda for June 15, 2010. He is trying to keep the agenda short since they will be focusing on the approval of the budget for FYE2011.

Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Maes asked what the amount was for the general fund money used to complete 6th penny projects were. Mr. Cook noted Mr. Nieters was on vacation so he hadn't had a chance to get the amounts yet.

Ms. Maes heard the bike park grand opening was a big success. She wasn't able to attend because she was laying sod all day. She reminded everyone to attend the rodeo.

Council Member Boan had nothing to report.

Council Member McCullough stated he had received comments about requiring bike park users to use helmets.

Mr. Wilson stated there is signage suggesting the use of helmets. If the city requires helmets, then the city would have to staff the facility, and have open and closing times. It is the same type of thing at the shooting range. It is recommended people wear hearing protection, but the city can't enforce it. He stated the trail structures of the park are marked with red, green and black diamonds, along with a map by each structure to designate the difficulty of the structure.

Mr. Wilson stated they had a great turnout for the event, approximately 400 people. He has been receiving emails from Kemmerer and Sheridan people that attended.

Council Member Morck had nothing to report.

Mayor Castillon stated the bike opening was a great success. He saw a lot of out of town vehicles. He commended the parks and recreation staff for putting the event together. He hopes they can have another event next year.

Mr. Bratton addressed questions from the Mayor regarding the size of the SWAT truck, and explained why there isn't any place big enough to put it where it can be readily accessible in an emergency. He also noted the storage has to have electricity and heating.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk