

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 21, 2010**

The Governing Body of the City of Green River met in regular session at 7 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Castillon called the meeting to order and Jackson Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance: Audrie Harrison, Jax Peterson, Alex Atkinson, Alexa Barajas, Emma Young, Jordan Wuolle, Cherylann Moritz, Grant Huber, and Kassie Bohlmann.

The following Council Members were present: Ted York, Pete Rust, Carl Morck, Tom McCullough, Jim Boan, and Lisa Maes. The following were present representing the City: City Administrator Barry Cook, Director of Public Works Mike Nelson, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Community Development Laura Hansen, Main Street/URA Manager John Dahlgren, Chief of Police John Love, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Parks, Facility, and Project Manager Allan Wilson, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles.

Council Members Elect Gene Smith and Adam Coppolo were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor noted the following: Addition of Consent Agenda Item E: Approval to allow the Police Department to hire a new Patrol Officer.

Addition of Executive Session on Personnel

Council Member York moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Rust seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

PRESENTATIONS

Reichl Family Recognition

The Mayor presented the Reichl family with the key to the city for their Christmas lights on Hitching Post Drive. He thanked them for lighting up the community.

Animal Control Calendar Awards

Animal Control Officers Jamie Green and Kim Wilkins presented the calendar winners with a gift certificate and a prize. The winners are: Rose Klein, Jamie Sprecher, Torie Green, Ashlie Gold, Alexis Welch, Bree Stewart, Sarah Rich, Cade Wilkins, Remington Huff, Grace Mortimer, Alisha Sling, Connar Wilkins, Mckenzie Huff, Anna Ujvary, and Vanessa Welch.

SW-WRAP Update

Cathie Hughes reported she has received the \$200,000 WyADRC Grant. The grant assists in connecting the aging population and persons living with disability in Wyoming to information, supports, and services for long-term living.

At last council meeting Council Member McCullough asked her how much money SW-WRAP has brought into the community. She told him around \$800,000 but she ran the numbers and it is around \$1.4 million.

Communities Protecting the Green River Update

Don Hartley reported the committee has met with Steve Wolf from the Wyoming State Engineers Office, Rena Brand from the US Army Corps of Engineers, and Carol Anderson from the EPA to go over their views on water issues. There were two nine month phases to look at the sources of the water and one to look at the uses of water. Once these phases are complete the next step is to contact cooperating agencies.

The committee also met with Eric Kuhn from the Colorado River District. This group has been working on opposition to the Trans Basin Diversion since 1937. He suggested they stay involved in all issues, educate everyone, and remain patient. Mr. Hartley said there will not be a decision made until 2018.

Council Member McCullough said thank you to all members of the committee.

The Mayor asked about the anti-speculation legislation.

Mr. Hartley said this is legislation on speculating water and is currently being looked into for Wyoming. They are not sure of the effectiveness until they have more information on the legislation.

SWEDA Update

Michelle Hostetler Director of SWEDA said she attended training at the International Economic Development Institute and she is looking for partners to bring the trainers here. They could teach the community and SWEDA how to work together to bring economic development to the city.

SWEDA is planning to do a capital campaign, and this will bring some changes. They would like to grow as a community with the communities input. She is putting together an advisory board for this and she would like community members and any council members to take part.

Sideline's Restaurant is still planning to move forward. He can begin to build before the grant is put through. The grant will be submitted in March for the parking lot.

Mrs. Hostetler said they are planning to renew the Comprehensive Economic Plan. The state requires the plan to be updated every seven years. They have to have this plan in order to receive any grants from the state. The first time they did a Comprehensive Economic Plan it cost \$25,000 but they are hoping it will be much less this time.

She said the Green River booklet is almost complete and the SWEDA's website is up and running www.sweda.net.

Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

The Mayor presented Council Members, Morck, York and Rust watches with the city logo and thanked them for their years of service.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Dahlgren said they had a very successful collection of cards for the Holiday Cards for Heroes. The card total for this year was 1,941. He thanked everyone who participated.

Janet Hartford, Director of the Green River Chamber of Commerce, said thank you to council members that are leaving for their service and support.

She reminds everyone about the legislative forum on Monday, December 27, 2010, at the Hampton Inn in Green River, at 6:00 pm. If anyone would like to talk to the legislators during this meeting they can call the Chamber to schedule an appointment at 875-5711.

Green River Chamber of Commerce will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2010 until January 3, 2011.

She said adopt a tree program is going well, and she thanked council for their help with Santa's Arrival.

RESOLUTIONS

Animal Control Donation

R10-98: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in the General Fund; Police Department-Animal Control Division and accept a donation from Smith's Grocery Store in the amount of \$1,100.

Council Member York moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Energy Efficient Project

R10-99: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in the Capitol Projects Fund for the Energy Efficient Project in the amount of \$125,000.

Council Member Morck moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Maes seconded.

Mr. Wilson said this will update city buildings lights and will make them more efficient. The city will have a return of investment within two and a half years.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Spur Road Change Order Number 1

R10-100: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in the Capitol Projects Fund for the FMC Spur Road Project and to accept change order number one in the amount of \$60,616.47.

Council Member Morck moved to approve the resolution. Council Member McCullough seconded.

Council Member Boan said he knows for a fact that Reiman Corp. did not get a copy of the engineering study. If they would have they would have known that they were going to encounter very hard rock. Page three states that there is rock there and they would need specialty equipment to break the rock up. He said J. Wright was the only bidder that received the study and he feels their bid was much higher because they knew ahead of time that rock was going to be a problem. He wanted to know why Reiman Corp. is asking the taxpayers to pay for this now, when Reiman Corp. had the information available to know this was going to be an issue.

Council Member York said he wished Reiman Corp. was here to answer Council Member Boan questions but he will still move forward with his vote.

Mr. Brown from Inberg-Miller Engineers said the change order is a change in procedure in the contract. There is a need for the change order because there is approximately 7,000 cubic feet of rock that has to be broken down with different equipment because of the size.

Council Member Boan said the city pays Inberg-Miller a large amount of money to study the project and make the information of the study available to the contractors. It is the fault of the contractors that do not get the study information, bid on a project, and then need more money to complete the project.

Mr. Brown said they cannot specify the kind of equipment that a contractor brings to the site for a project. It is outlined in the contract the contractor will have to break down the rock by running over it with heavy equipment, so it is not a factor of how hard the rock is it is the size of the rock.

Council Member Boan said this is probably why J. Wright was so much higher than the other bidders. After this change order and the additional costs of Inberg-Miller it will be closer to the highest bid.

Mr. Brown said J. Wright was 37% higher than the other bids but he cannot speculate why. He said he did not know the amount that Inberg-Miller will charge.

Council Member Rust said no one knows why J. Wright bid the amount he did, so council should not speculate.

Council Member McCullough said at the workshop last week the amount requested was \$115,000 and now it is \$60,000. He said maybe all contractors should be aware that next time a change order is requested it might be looked at with more scrutiny.

Council Member Rust said he will be voting no on this because what Council Member Boan has brought up. He feels they do not have all the information.

Motion carried. (4-2) with Council Members Boan and Rust voting no.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Business Ready Community Grant and the Community Development Block Grant

Council Member Morck moved to approve both the Business Ready Community Grant and the Community Development Block Grant agreements from the Wyoming Business Council for the purpose of renovating the Tomahawk building and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Green River. Council Member McCullough seconded.

Council Member McCullough asked Mr. Cook when he thinks they will be able to start working on this project.

Mr. Cook said currently Myers Anderson Architects are designing the project and when they are finished, the designs will be reviewed. After all design aspects are completed the project will go out for bid. Possibly the project will begin in the summer 2011.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Joint Powers Water Board

Council Member McCullough moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Phillip Luzmoor to the Joint Powers Water Board. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Main Street Advisory Board

Council Member York moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Terri Cook to the Main Street Advisory Board for a three-year term. Council Member Rust seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Visitors Center Building

Council Member Maes moved to authorize expenditures from the Force Account line item to Century Contractors in the amount of \$6,105.60 for the Visitors Center Building. Council Member McCullough seconded.

Mr. Cook said the city entered into a contract for the Visitors Center Building for \$635,798. The \$635,798 included \$10,000 that would be placed in a force account. A force account is for any unforeseen costs that might come up while a project is in progress. Therefore the money will come from the force account so there will not be an increase to the line item for the project.

The Mayor asked what will happen to the remaining \$3,000.

Mr. Cook said it will stay in the force account line item, unless it is spent, until the project is completed.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Visitors Center Change Order #1

Council Member York moved to approve Change Order #1 to Century Contractors for an additional thirty days to allow for completion of construction on the Green River Visitors Center within the specified contract. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Rust moved to approve the following consent agenda items. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

- One night fundraising event for the Parks and Recreation Department Plato's Loft After-School Program.
- Solid Waste Division submittal of a grant application through the USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs.
- Minutes for: November 30, 2010 Special Council and November 30, 2010 Special Workshop.
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:
Prepaid Invoices = \$120,227.81 Outstanding Invoices = \$408,358.91
Pre-authorization Payments = \$755,000.00 Payroll Expenditures = \$348,041.48
- Allow Police Department to hire a new Patrol Officer

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook updated council on the ongoing Capital Projects. The 16-inch waterline, water system improvements, and the storm drain project. He is planning to review these projects at the workshop in January.

There will be a Legislative Forum on Monday, December 27, 2010. He will be putting together a booklet to highlight local issues and any other issues that anyone would like to address.

The holiday trash collection schedule is listed on channel thirteen and in the newspaper.

The Employee Relations Committee sent a signed letter to say thank you to the Mayor and Council for the employee stipend and to wish them a Happy Holiday season.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and he reported he has enjoyed serving as the City's Attorney for 2010.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Rust wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy New Year. He thanked Main Street Board, Futures Board and Brad Sutherland for their efforts in the Tomahawk. He also thanked the citizens of Green River along with his family for their support for the past eight years.

Council Member York said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He said it is hard to believe that it has been eight years. It has had its ups and downs but he has enjoyed it. He mentioned his family and the amount of changes that happen during the time that passes. He said he does plan to continue to be involved even though he will not be on the council. He thanked Mr. Cook and the city staff for their help through his time on the council.

Council Member Maes echoed everyone in wishing Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She said it was an honor to work with Council Members Rust, York, and Morck. She will miss them.

Council Member Boan said he knows there have been problems keeping the tree lights lit on Uinta, but he is asking if there is any chance they could get them lit. They have adopted a tree in honor of their son's fiancé, he is coming home tomorrow, and they would like for him to see the tree lit.

He also said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked the council members York, Rust, and Morck for their service and the volunteers that serve on committees.

Council Member McCullough said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He said there are going to be three new members on the council so it will be different. He said being up here with the council is totally different then being down with the public. There will be disagreements, and that gives you different perspectives.

Council Member Morck said it was an honor to work with the board members and the people of Green River. He wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Mayor said thank you to Council Members Rust, York and Morck for their years of service. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

He was surprised that the Animal Control calendar has been printed for 25 years. He would love to see it continue because the kids seem to enjoy doing it.

He said the lights around town look great and he thanked staff and community members for putting them up.

He said the Council's Retreat will be January 15, 2011. The agenda should be out next week.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Rust moved to adjourn executive session on personnel at 8:17 pm. Council Member York seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

RECONVENE

Council Member Rust moved to reconvene from executive session at 8:26 pm. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEM

Council Member Boan moved to hire Steven Pyles (*Public Information Coordinator*) as full time. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Rust moved to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk