

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 15, 2011**

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 the Wolf Cub Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance: Christian Schmidt, Greg Sherwin, Eli Thomas, Garrett Blaisdell, Oran Watts, Chris Taylor, Kayden Gailey, Rocco Coppolo, and Jeffery Scott.

The following Council Members were present: Tom McCullough, Jim Boan, Lisa Maes, Adam Coppolo, Gene Smith, and Gary Killpack. The following were present representing the City: City Administrator Barry Cook, Director of Public Works Mike Nelson, Director of Human Resources Debbie Klein Robertson, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Community Development Laura Hansen, Community Development Planner Ladale Brinton, Urban Renewal/Main Street Administrator John Dahlgren, Police Lieutenant Chris Steffen, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Allan Wilson, City Attorney Galen West, Municipal Judge Jason Petri, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member McCullough moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Killpack seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

PRESENTATIONS

Chamber of Commerce Update

Janet Hartford, Director of the Green River Chamber of Commerce, presented information from the statewide tourism report. The tourism industry supported 29,140 jobs which account for almost 8% of Wyoming's total employment. In 2010 Wyoming enjoyed 8 million overnights resulting in \$2.6 billion in direct expenditures. Travel and tourism generated \$690 million in payroll income. Local and state tax receipts from tourism-generated spending have increased by 5.1% per year for the past thirteen years.

Lunch and Learn is February 16, 2011, at 12:00 pm, at Pizza Hut. The Lunch and Learn in March will be at the Hampton Inn.

The Mayor has a copy of the water presentation from Eric Kune. Ms. Hartford said it was a very good presentation. She will send it to Mr. Pyles so he can make it available on the website.

She said they are planning to move into the new Visitor's Center starting on February 22, 2011. She thanked staff for their assistance on this project.

The public is invited to attend the Legislative Forum on February 16, 2011 at 5:00 pm, at Little America.

She is going to meet with a gentleman from the *Off Road* magazine. He is interested in writing about the Sand Dunes and other areas in Sweetwater County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Renewal of Retail, Restaurant and Limited Retail Liquor Licenses

Mayor Castillon opened the hearing at 7:15 pm.

Police Lieutenant Chris Steffen said the staff does not have any concerns with renewing any of the licenses.

There were no other comments or concerns presented. The Mayor closed the hearing at 7:17 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

County Jail Services

R11-07: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in the General Fund for the Police Department for County Jail Services that increased in the amount of \$20,000.

Council Member Killpack moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Boan seconded.

Council Member McCullough asked for an explanation on the need for \$20,000 more.

Mr. Cook said in preparing the budget he looked back several years and noticed there was much more budgeted for jail services than was being used. He decided to make a cut to that line item from \$40,000 to \$20,000. However, in 2009 and 2010 costs seem to be consistently rising and that is why there is a need for more money.

Council Member Maes asked about the work restitution program. She said since the program does not exist then violators have to pay their fines or go to jail. She said this could be contributing to the rising cost.

Municipal Judge Petri said there are some people that cannot pay their fines so they go to jail at a cost of \$1,800 a month each. He believes if someone is on probation and they commit the same offence, they should have to go to jail. It would send the wrong message to them not to send them to jail. The average sentence is under three days but there are instances where they spend more time in jail.

The Mayor asked if the city was working with a teen program, he would like to make sure the offenders are not getting off scot-free.

Judge Petri said they are participating in Teen Court.

Council Member Coppolo suggested teenagers work for the city to pay back their fines.

Mr. Cook said the work restitution program was cut at the same time as the nuisance officer when the officer retired. This is something that can be looked into at budget time.

Motion carried. (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

Council Member Killpack moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bryan Hughes to the Green River Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Board of Adjustment Appointments

Council Member Maes moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments of Steve Galley for a term expiring on March 2013, Jim Steiss for a term expiring on March 2012, and Mike Curtis for a term expiring on March 2014, to the Board of Adjustment. Council Member Smith seconded.

Council Member McCullough thanked all the volunteers for their service.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Joint Powers Water Board Appointment

Council Member Smith moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Tom Jacobsen to the Joint Powers Water Board for a three year term expiring March 1, 2014. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

City-wide Comprehensive Plan

Council Member Coppolo moved to approve the authorization for staff to proceed with the advertising of the Request for Proposals for the 2012 City-wide Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Smith seconded.

Council Member Boan said he will vote no on this. He said it could be done in house, at a smaller cost. The city spends too much money on studies that do not do anything. The money that would be spent on having the plan done could go towards something of better use to the city.

Laura Hansen, Director of Community Development, said the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated. There are many items that are not included in the 2005 plan. An appropriate comprehensive plan has many sections and is very large.

She would love to be involved in the process of updating the plan but she and staff do not have the time.

Council Member McCullough said he agrees with staff's recommendation and he will support moving forward with the RFP's.

Council Member Killpack said the city needs this study. Sometimes when you have fresh eyes looking at something it can help.

Council Member Coppolo said this is a motion to go out for bids, not anything else. No one knows how much this could cost. He will support it.

Council Member Smith agreed there are a lot of studies that have cost the city a lot of money and have not been used. He thinks the city needs an updated comprehensive plan and he will support it.

Council Member Maes said she will support this plan.

The Mayor said they could take all the studies, combine all the ideas into one, and make one updated plan that could be followed.

Motion carried (6-1) with Council Member Boan voting no.

Tourism Promotion

Council Member Killpack moved to approve the designation of \$200,000 to be used for the promotion of tourism with \$100,000 set aside to pay for the comprehensive plan which plays a big part of tourism. Council Member Smith seconded.

Council Member Boan said he thinks all the money needs to be for tourism. The money for the Comprehensive Plan needs to come from somewhere else.

Council Member Smith said the study is a lead-in for tourism. He feels part of the \$200,000 needs to be used for signage that was supposed to be done under the Blue Canopy Study.

Council Member McCullough said the comprehensive plan should be paid for out of another place. The \$200,000 should be set aside for tourism only.

Council Member Killpack withdrew his motion and Council Member Smith withdrew his seconded.

Council Member Killpack moved to approve the designation of \$200,000 to be used for the promotion of tourism. Council Member Boan seconded.

Council Member Coppolo said he would like to see the signs go up here soon since it is almost the season. There are a lot of groups that have something to do with tourism and he thinks they should mend them all together so different groups aren't doing the same thing.

The Mayor said he agrees to the \$200,000 as a start. He sees it going over that amount.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Joint Powers Telecom Board Appointment

Council Member McCullough moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Nieters to the Joint Powers Telecom Board for a three year term expiring March 1, 2014. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Maintenance agreement with Copier & Supply Co., Inc. for \$.012 per copy for the SAVIN 8045SPF copier to cover the period of February 15, 2011 to February 14, 2012.
- Authorize the Chief of Police to sign the HIDTA Grant agreement with the Division of Criminal Investigations for the City of Green River in the amount of \$96,286.
- Terminate the agreement with the Sweetwater County Historical Museum for the sale of *"Echoes from the Bluffs, Vol. II"*.
- Terminate the agreement with Book and Bean for the sale of *"Echoes from the Bluffs Vol. II"*
- Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Greenbelt Task Force for the period of March 2011 through February 2012.
- Approval of the City of Green River's financial audit report presented by Karen, Hendrix, Stagg, Allen Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.
- Approval of the service agreement with Xerox Corporation for \$800.18 for the Phaser 7400.
- Approval of the Minutes for: February 1, 2011
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:

Prepaid Invoices = \$125,081.97	Outstanding Invoices = \$346,642.43
Pre-authorization Payments = \$777,000	Payroll Expenditures = \$393,794.86

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook commended the Police Department for their arrest of two juveniles as a result of an investigation in vehicle thefts. Sergeant Friebel received an accommodation for his work on the investigation.

He said the timeline for the budget 2011-2012 is as follows: Draft presented to governing body on April 20, 2011. Workshops will start on May 5, 2011 continuing May 12, 19, 26, and if needed June 2, 2011. By state statute the budget will be adopted June 21, 2011 and begin on July 1, 2011.

He asked staff to prepare cost savings measures that have been implemented within their departments over the last six months. The reports are due tomorrow and he will present them to the governing body next week.

The Mayor asked if they received any numbers from the census.

Mr. Cook said no.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Killpack thanked the city employees for their good work. He was asked to say thank you for the use of the Recreation Center and they were extremely pleased with the staff during an event this weekend.

Council Member Boan thanked the Police Department on their speed on solving the vehicle thefts and getting a loaded hand gun of the streets.

He reminded the citizens to use the city's blog as a resource.

Council Member Maes reiterated what Council Member Boan said about the Police Department. She said there is a huge pothole on the river bridge that shows pieces of rebar and she wanted to know who is responsible for fixing it.

Council Member McCullough said it is the state department's responsibility.

Council Member Coppolo commended the Police Department on a job well done. He suggested doing role call on votes for clarity. He would like a show of hands or something so people can see who is voting.

Council Member McCullough had nothing to report.

Council Member Smith congratulated the Police Department on a job well done. He thanked Mr. Cook on providing the cost cutting reports. He mentioned the Family Justice Center is moving forward very quickly. He is going to be on the Family Justice Center Building Committee so Green River can have a say in where it will be located. He will be going to the National Conference in April.

The Mayor said he was surprised on how fast the Family Justice Center is moving along. The city needs to be a part of it, and he thanked Council Member Smith for attending the meeting.

He asked council for a volunteer to represent the City of Green River on the Airport Board. Council Member Coppolo volunteered. The Mayor said the city does offer support to the Airport so he wanted to have a representative from Green River be a part of the board.

He thanked the Police Department on a job well done.

The Mayor said everyone needs to start thinking of what they can make for the upcoming Chef's Challenge. He would like to see the Golden Spatula stay in Green River.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member McCullough moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the selection of a site or the purchase of real estate at 8:21 pm. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

RECONVENE

Council Member Boan moved to reconvene at 8:39 pm. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Coppolo moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk

