

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 1, 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 Harrison Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance: Levi Stocks, Shawn Arellano, Derek Saldavar, Oran Watts, Lillian Travis, Marcus Moffat, Austin Fox, Dalton Holden, and Andy Stocks.

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 Human Resources Debbie Klein Robertson, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Community Development Laura Hansen, Urban Renewal/Main Street Administrator John Dahlgren, Chief of Police John Love, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Allan Wilson, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

Military Recognition of Nicholas J. Foster and Andrew R. Beaver

Harry Holler presented a plaque and a shirt to Barbara and Brent Foster, the parents of Nicholas J. Foster, for his service in the military.

The Mayor presented a plaque and a shirt to Robert and Debbie Beaver, the parents of Andrew R. Beaver, for his service in the military.

SWEDA Update

Michelle Hostetler, Director of SWEDA, handed out the yearly audit report to council members. She said they have just turned in five grant applications. SWEDA will be reorganizing in the next few months.

Star Transit Update

Judy Owens, Director of Star Transit, said they provide two separate services for the Green River and the Rock Springs areas. There is a shuttle service which is where people drive to a park and ride where they are picked up and taken to Rock Springs. The other is a transfer service where people are picked up in Green River at their homes and dropped off at a park and ride where they are picked up and taken to Rock Springs. The board has asked Star Transit to extend their hours to 5:00 pm. In the month of February they gave 1600 rides which is the highest they have had.

She said Star Transit will be asking council for money this coming year. They will be asking for a little more to do to the increase of an hour to their services.

Legislative Resolution Recognizing Downtown Revitalization Volunteers

John Dahlgren, Cheryl Jensen, Ed Williams, and Mike Brown, members of the Main Street Board read the Wyoming legislative resolution that recognizes and honors downtown revitalization volunteers.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Harry Hollar welcomed new council members. He said he is having trouble contacting family members of our local military. He asked citizens to contact him if they know someone who is serving in our military, so they can be honored.

Ms. Hostetler said all of her attempts to contact Mr. Pilcher have been unsuccessful. She is currently working with Gordon Cross, a developer from Salt Lake City, Utah. He is going to assist her in finding a company owned family restaurant to bring to the city.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The issuance of a new Restaurant Liquor License for High Plains Pizza, Inc. doing business as Pizza Hut 220 Uinta Drive.

Mayor Castillon opened the hearing at 7:30 pm

Galen West, City Attorney, said Pizza Hut is moving to a new location in a few months and they hold a restaurant liquor license. They have to apply for a new license for the new location. In the meantime, they need to renew their current liquor license for the old location to use until they move where they will surrender the old location's license and use the new locations license.

There were no other comments or concerns presented. The Mayor closed the hearing at 7:32 pm

RESOLUTIONS

Amendment to Salary Resolution

R11-08: Consideration of a resolution to amend Resolution R10-54 for salaries and wages for fiscal year end 2011 to add the Public Affairs Specialist position and grade designation.

Council Member McCullough moved to approve the attached resolution amending the Salary Resolution, which will add the position of Public Affairs Specialist and provide a grade designation. Council Member Killpack seconded.

Council Member Boan asked when this action will take effect.

Mr. Cook said immediately.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Amendment to the Classification Plan

R11-09: Consideration of a resolution to amend the Classification Plan for the Public Affairs Specialist and to modify job descriptions for the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor and Fleet Technician I, II, and III.

Council Member Coppolo moved to approve the attached resolution amending the Classification Plan, which will add the job description of Public Affairs Specialist and modify the job descriptions of the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor and the Fleet Technician I, II, III. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Renewal of Liquor Licenses

Council Member Killpack moved to approve the renewal of the liquor licenses as presented for the period from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of the memorandum of understanding between the City of Green River and the Keith Young Memorial Run Planning Committee.
- Minutes for February 8, 2011, and February 15, 2011

- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:
 Prepaid Invoices = \$49,167.65 Outstanding Invoices = \$75,437.70
 Pre-authorization Payments = \$755,000.00 Payroll Expenditures = \$386,943.21

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook said council will be receiving a modified agreement with Inberg-Miller for the service road. He passed out information to council on the state statutes contract for public improvements. He said he would like to discuss the benefit of the new software program at the workshop next week. The draft budget for 2011 is moving forward. There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 1:30 pm, at the Courthouse, in Green River, to discuss the CDC Building.

Mr. Cook mentioned additional items that will be on the agenda for the workshop.

He said three Police Officers, Hemphill, Sturlaugson, and Angelsey received accommodations for the way they conducted themselves during a situation that occurred. He commended them on a job well done.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Killpack had nothing to report.

Council Member Boan said the Mayor sent a letter of interest to the Union Pacific Railroad saying the city is interested in the Depot building. He asked for council's approval to move forward with having staff go in and get a ball park figure on the size of the building. He believes that if the downtown area is going to be revitalized all the businesses in the city should be included.

Council Member Maes said she would like to see some prices on the ice rink. This could be something that could bring people to the downtown area no matter what time of year it is. She asked Mr. Wilson to look into the cost. She asked if council could see the preliminary drawings for the Tomahawk.

Mr. Cook said he will ask for them.

Council Member Coppolo had nothing to report.

Council Member McCullough said he supports the ideas of Council Members Boan and Maes. He updated council on the Joint Telecom Board. The current chair person has served on the board since 2001. The elected officials are only supposed to serve two consecutive sessions. He asked council for their support in asking to have someone else chair the board. He was concerned that no meeting minutes were being passed out to the cities and county.

All the council members agreed that someone else should have an opportunity to serve on the board.

Council Member Killpack asked if the county had anything to do with the Joint Telecom Board.

Council Member McCullough said no.

Council Member Smith said the Family Justice Center is rolling along. They are looking at potential facilities to house them. The Family Justice Center will be coming to the city for support at a later date.

He thanked all the departments for their cost savings reports. He congratulated the Main Street Department and the volunteers for being recognized by the state legislators. He said he was pleased with the Police Department for their continued good work. He said the Bike Park is a huge tourist attraction for Green River.

The Mayor said he met with Robert Tompkins, from the SLIB Board. They discussed two items, grants and loan programs. The Rio Vista Water District made a presentation to the commissioners to see what they can do about the \$1 million debit that they have.

He said he is looking forward to the Chef's Challenge. The challenge is for appetizers and they are looking for volunteers that could help.

Communities Protecting the Green met and they discussed the Million Water project. Casey Snider is working his way through the counties trying to have as many resolutions passed to protect the water in this area.

The Mayor is going to have a travel and tourism strategy meeting on March 24, 2011, at the Senior Citizen Center, at 6:30 pm, to discuss a program that can market city events. He would like to have all appointees who sit on boards and commissions to come and give their ideas.

The Wyoming Association of Municipalities Convention will be in Sheridan, Wyoming, June 8-11, 2011.

He is looking into bringing Carl Neu here to make a presentation on the responsibilities of council members. It would be a joint effort between the City of Rock Springs and Green River, and the cost would be shared between both. Mr. Neu will be available March 23, 24, 30, or 31. The Mayor would like to invite other municipalities that are not able to attend the WAM convention.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Coppolo moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss potential litigation at 8:13 pm. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

RECONVENE

Council Member Coppolo motioned to reconvene at 8:51 pm. Council Member Killpack seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Boan motioned to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk