

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
June 7, 2011**

The Governing Body of the City of Green River met in regular session at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Castillon called the meeting to order and Washington Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance: Savannah Knight, Orianna Knight, Kayde Foster, Lauren Foster, Shandalyn Frye, Carden Frye, Kanyon Sample, Trent Collar, Andrew Nelson, Kynadi Fairchild, Makenna Christiansen, Maddie Christiansen, and Dillon Christiansen.

The following Council Members were present: Gary Killpack, Gene Smith, Adam Coppolo, 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 Human Resources Debbie Klein Robertson, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Community Development Laura Hansen, Chief of Police John Love, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Interim Parks and Recreation Director Allan Wilson, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Affairs Specialist Stephen Pyles.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Military Recognition of Zac Bramwell**

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Earl McDonald, Mark McDonald, and Mike Kinneburgh presented a plaque and a t-shirt to the grandfather of Zac Bramwell. Mr. Bramwell is currently in training for Special Forces.

**National Award for Expedition Academy**

The Mayor congratulated Expedition Academy for winning the National Award for recycling the highest amount of cans. Students raised more than \$34,000 dollars nationwide. He presented them with a plaque to honor them and their efforts.

Public Affairs Specialist Stephen Pyles said they received \$1,000 for collecting the highest amount in Wyoming and received \$5,000 more for winning the National Title.

School District #2 Superintendent Donna Little-Kaumo thanked the Mayor and Council for honoring Expedition Academy. This demonstrates the collaboration between the city and the school district. This teaches the students values of service, to care about their community and others. They collected 29.21 pounds of cans per student and they are planning to do better next year.

**SWEDA Update**

Director of SWEDA Michelle Hostetler said she served on a panel for a community assessment in Dubois. She watched the process of an assessment and learned that it is a process of bringing the community together in segments to set the course for their community. She encourages the city to update their community assessment. She said there are grants that would be available to pay for the assessment.

She has a presentation given by Dave Ivan from Michigan State University on Economic Website Development showing a community working in conjunction with economic development.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Police Department Radios**

**A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditures in the General Fund for the Police Department to purchase radios in the amount of \$16,465**

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

Police Chief John Love said he is wondering why this is not being budgeted. He feels council is telling them to go out and bust more drug dealers to get money for equipment. The money in the Seizure Fund should be used as an emergency fund. He would like this be budgeted and not be taken out of the Seizure Fund.

Council Member Smith said this motion was to spend General Fund money and not Seizure money.

Mr. Cook said during budget discussions it was suggested the seizure money be used to buy the radios now. This resolution takes the money for the radios out of the Seizure Fund and pays for them right now out of this year's budget. If council decides not to go forward with this now it would have to be budgeted in the 2012 budget.

Council Member Boan amended the motion to have the money taken out of next year's budget and not to take it out of the Seizure Fund.

Council Member Killpack said he does not have any problem with this because it is money that comes out of the General Fund.

The Mayor said it would deplete the Drug Seizure Fund and that is the issue.

Council Member Killpack said it is going to be replenished when they do another drug seizure so it will come back.

Council Member Boan said it is not a guarantee that the money will be replaced.

Council Member Coppolo said this is taxpayer money no matter what. You are pulling money out of a fund and now people know it is there.

The Mayor called for the motion.

Council Member Boan motioned to have the money taken out of next year's budget and not out of the Drug Seizure Fund. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried (5-2) with Council Members Killpack and Coppolo voting no.

Amended motion passed (5-2) with Council Members Coppolo and Killpack voting no.

*This item has already been addressed in the 2012 budget so no council action was needed.*

### **Farmer's Market Sales**

**R11-29: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditures in the General Fund from the proceeds of the Farmer's Market sales to be placed in the Main Street Division's Technical Supplies Line Item in the amount of \$1,377.48**

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

### **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Lease/Purchase Proposal for a Fire Apparatus Pumper**

Council Member McCullough moved to approve the Municipal Lease/Purchase Proposal for the purchase of a fire apparatus pumper. Council Member Boan seconded.

Finance Director Jeff Nieters explained the lease proposal history. He looked at five institutions and he narrowed it down to two. The difference between the two is thirty basis points which come out to be around \$5,000 over the life of the lease. He is recommending CAL First because they are offering the lowest interest rate and could lock it in right away. In August of 2012 the first payment will be due and this is in the Fiscal Year budget for 2013.

Legal Counsel Galen West said ordinarily if you are looking at utilizing a lease arrangement for equipment, the equipment is waiting for you to come and pick it up. In this case, it is for two trucks that are going to be built. It is a locked in rate, but it can change over the time the trucks are being built, and he would like to make sure council is aware of this.

Council Member McCullough suggested moving forward with the lease proposal.

Council Member Smith asked Mr. Nieters if the city will be paying one of the lease payments this year with part of the vehicle money that has been set aside.

Mr. Nieters said they would pay for one vehicle now and then send the first payment for the lease in August of 2012 which is in the city's 2013 budget.

Council Member Coppolo clarified that the lease will go forward with a possibility that council would have to come up with \$300,000 if the lease should fall through.

Mr. Nieters said it would be around \$400,000 but he is confident that there will not be any problems because they have leased through them before.

Council Member Smith asked if the lease does fall through, would the city have the right to go with the other choice.

Mr. Nieters said it would depend on why the lease fell through in the first place. They might have to use the Risk Management money.

Motion carried. (7-0)

### **Bid Award for the Fire Apparatus Pumpers**

Council Member Maes moved to accept the bid from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for two custom fire apparatus pumpers, and to award the bid for two custom fire apparatus pumpers to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for the total of \$1,089,689.00. Council Member Boan seconded.

Council Member Coppolo asked what the reason was for two bids.

Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy said the biggest reason was because the truck was not built to specs, they did not have a bid bond for both trucks and the only bid bond received was not in the same name as the bidder.

Motion carried. (7-0)

### **Ratification of the Vote for the Purchase of Land on 375 West Flaming Gorge Way**

Council Member Killpack moved to ratify the vote taken on 5/27/11 for the purchase of the property at 375 W. Flaming Gorge Way in the amount of \$250,728.89. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried (6-1) with Council Member Boan voting no.

### **Wireless Advanced Communication Bid Award**

Council Member Smith moved to approve and award the bid for the emergency equipment and installation of the equipment for three police vehicles and one Fire Department vehicle to Wireless Advanced Communication in the amount of \$69,902. Council Member Coppolo seconded.

Council Member Smith asked Mr. Cook if the dollar amount is covered in the amount that has been allocated for the vehicles.



Interim Parks and Recreation Director Allan Wilson said the HVAC system project at the Recreation Center is at 99% completion. He said he is very proud because there have been no change orders at all. He will be coming to council in July to close the project and release the retainage.

Council Member Boan commended Mr. Wilson for not having any change orders.

Council Member Coppolo commended Mr. Wilson for keeping his projects on target and within budget.

Council Member Maes commended him for a job well done.

Council Member Smith agreed.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. West had nothing to report.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Smith asked for more information on the flashing school zone light signs.

Council Member Coppolo said the signs draw your attention to the school zones and it provides more protection for the students.

Council Member Killpack thanked Mr. Pyles for bringing the students to say the Pledge of Allegiance. It is a positive thing for the community and council. He hopes it will continue in the future. He thinks it is good to have military recognition.

He said he serves on the SWEDA board and the city needs to support the economic growth within the community. Ms. Hostetler is not resigning. The meeting last night was not very good and they may be faced with some challenges.

Council Member Boan had nothing to report.

Council Member Maes said she and Council Member Smith attended the recycling meeting and they have budget authority of \$30,000 for a baler. They want to have a meeting to look at both cities recycling needs.

Council Member Coppolo said he agrees with Council Member Killpack on the importance of economic development. He would like to hear different group ideas on economic growth at a workshop. He thanked Mr. Wilson for doing such a good job with his projects.

Council Member McCullough reminded everyone about the rodeo that is taking place on Friday and Saturday night.

Council Member Smith said the outlook with SWEDA is not good for economic development in Sweetwater County. We still need the functions that SWEDA needed to perform but it does not look like the County or the City of Rock Springs are going to fund them. He thinks it would be a good idea to have some workshops to discuss what can be done to accomplish the goals for growth.

The Mayor said there are several issues facing SWEDA and no one knows what will happen.

He attended the Main Street Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. He said it was interesting to see what other areas are doing within their communities.

He encouraged everyone to attend the Keith Young Memorial Run on Saturday.

### **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Killpack moved to adjourn at 8:13 pm to discuss personnel. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

**RECONVENE**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Boan moved to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

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H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk