

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 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 Jackson Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance: Kaylee Lundgren, Sydney Brice, Moriah Brice, Ce’Nedra Hooley, Emma Young, Trenton Dowley, Damon Thurston, and Kelsi Angelovich. 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, Engineer Dave Westling, Engineer John Canaday, Director of Human Resources Debbie Klein Robertson, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Community Development Laura Leigh, Interim Chief of Police Chris Steffen, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Recreation Supervisor Kevin Sadler, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Affairs Specialist Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor noted the removal of Council Action Items:

B: Consideration of Change Order #1 for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project, Schedule “B” (New Mexico) in the amount of \$6,278.00 to adjust the contract price to reflect as-built work and to close out this portion of the project.

C: Consideration of Change Order #2 for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project, Schedule “C” (Expedition Island) in the amount of \$37,723.20 to adjust the contract price to reflect as-built work and to close out this portion of the project.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

American Education Week

School District #2 Superintendent Donna Little Kaumo read the proclamation and the Mayor declared the week of November 13 – 19th as the 90th Annual Observance of American Education Week in Green River and encouraged all citizens to thank and support all individuals associated with providing our children and adults with an education that will provide for their future.

America Recycles Day

Sanitation Supervisor Linda Roosa and Jennifer Knight read the proclamation and the Mayor declared November 15th America Recycles Day in Green River and encouraged all citizens to get involved, and to take this opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle to keep our community green and clean.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Resident Mike Lynch said he has some concerns on the Tomahawk building. He asked how much money the city spent on the building so far.

Mr. Cook said \$298,882.

Mr. Lynch said this is taxpayer’s money, and he feels the council needs to inform the citizens on what is going on. If the council members are not aware of what is going on how are the citizens going to understand what is going on. He does not think the council members are doing their jobs.

A local resident said he thinks the parking ordinance is useless and senseless. He parks his truck on the street, it is licensed, it runs fine, and he is now told that he cannot park his vehicle in front

of his own house. He does not see how the council should have the right to tell him he cannot park there.

Council Member Coppolo said the police department does not go around marking cars, so it was probably a neighbor complaining. This ordinance is for trailers not trucks or cars. This ordinance has been the same for a long time. He said if he does not like the zoning laws where his house is located then he has the choice not to buy that house. Look at your zoning laws before you buy.

Another local resident said he is also concerned about the parking ordinance. He has a limited amount of parking on his property. He said the council should consider all the different issues when they look into this.

Director of Community Development Laura Leigh introduced the Comprehensive Plan consultant Darcy White from Clarion and Associates.

Ms. White said she is the project manager for the city's project. She introduced the Project Director Ben Herman and Shelby Summer. She said there are two gentlemen from a local Wyoming firm, Brian Grey and Shawn Gustophsen that will be working with them primarily on the transportation and engineering aspects of this project.

She said the timeline for the project is approximately one year. So they are planning to have it completed by October of 2012.

ORDINANCES

Repeal Tree Advisory Board

11-04: An ordinance repealing Ordinance 84-2; and Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-91 through 2-96, titled "Tree Advisory Board", of the Green River Code of Ordinances

Council Member Smith moved to approve the ordinance on third reading. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Obstructions within Streets and Sidewalks

11-05: An ordinance amending Section 22-1 of the Green River Code of Ordinances, City of Green River, State of Wyoming, amending Section 22-1, titled "Obstructions" and pertaining to obstructions within streets, sidewalks and other public places.

Council Member Coppolo moved to approve the ordinance on third reading. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried (6-1) with Council Member Boan voting no.

Amendment to the Parking of Motor and Towed Vehicles on Streets and Alleys

Second Reading: An ordinance amending Section 24-24 of the Green River Code of Ordinances, City of Green River, State of Wyoming, to change the number of days a vehicle can be parked on a city street.

Council Member McCullough moved to approve the ordinance on second reading. Council Member Smith seconded.

Council Member Killpack asked for clarification on the ordinance. He understands the ordinance to say that once you have been notified that you are in violation then you can never park on any street again.

Interim Police Chief Steffen said he understands citizen concerns. The motor vehicle ordinance has never changed. Subsection B has been clarified to a 72 hour period for better enforcing ability.

Council Member Killpack asked about the wording in Section C. Does it mean once a citizen was in violation of the ordinance then they could not park their vehicle on any street or alley in Green River?

Interim Chief Steffen said that is not correct. Over the years there have been vehicles that have had their tires marked and then the owners moved them one foot forward so they were not in violation and that technically was true. This is not what was intended. Subsection C will allow the Police Department to have some enforcing ability. This does not mean the person cannot park on the street ever again. If they move their vehicle, their time starts all over again.

He said since January 1, 2011 the total number of five-day parking instances that occurred was 226 and out of that, they issued five citations. They would rather work with the citizens than write citations. The citizen has a lot of time to comply.

Mr. West said the ordinance was put into place to stop people from parking for too long on the street.

Council Member Smith said by making this change, it allows citizens to park on the street longer than before. It is not more restrictive, it is less.

Council Member Boan asked if he gets a citation, pays his fine and moves the trailer, can he put his trailer back on the street at a later date.

Interim Chief Steffen said yes.

Council Member Maes asked if it was possible for a citizen to call the police to say they are going on vacation and they are leaving their vehicle on the street.

Chief Steffen said he would encourage people to call and let the police department know they are leaving so they can watch their homes, but they cannot excuse a person from following the ordinance.

Council Member McCullough said everyone should look at both sides. Once a person has been notified of a violation, they need to do whatever they can to comply.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Budget Increase for Insurance Claims

R11-72: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditures in the Risk Management Fund for additional money to be added to the Internal Damage Repair account in the amount of \$25,000.

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

Director of Finance Jeff Nieters said this resolution is needed because the city uses the Risk Management account to pay for damaged property and to do the construction on what is damaged. This basically covers the additional revenues that are expected this year and offsets it with the expenditure account.

Council Member Smith asked what is driving the costs, and if the city would receive the money back.

Mr. Nieters said the costs are high because of the high amount of property damages that are occurring. He anticipates the city recouping most of the money.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Bulk Water Filing System

R11-73: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund for additional money for the Bulk Water Filing System project in the amount of \$13,200.

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

Mr. Cook said this system was moved by the Utility Department. Per council's request, the system was upgraded to a card system along with credit cards and will track water usage. The extra cost is due to the upgrade to the system.

Council Member McCullough asked what people have to do in order to get a card.

Mr. Cook said the horse corral members can get a card from the Finance Department. This is the only location they will be able to get water from.

Council Member McCullough asked if other people who do not have a horse corral can use the system.

Mr. Cook said yes, they can use their credit card. Only the horse corral members with leases will have a card issued to them for the system.

Motion carried. (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

School Resource Officer Program Donations

Council Member Maes moved to allow the Green River Police Department permission to solicit and accept restricted donations for the School Resource Officer Program on an ongoing basis. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Change Order #1 for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project (Visitor's Center)

Council Member Coppolo moved to approve the Deductive Change Order #1 to *Lewis and Lewis*, for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project Schedule "D" (Visitor's Center) in the amount of (\$10,802.00) to adjust the contract price to reflect as-built work and to close out this portion of the project. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A horse corral lease with Gayle Taylor for horse corral #11
- Accept the donation of 1800' of 4.5" pipe from Williams Field Services by the City of Green River Parks and Recreation Department
- The maintenance agreements with Copier and Supply for the city-wide printer maintenance, pending final approval of the contract by the city attorney
- Contract with Rocky Mountain Battery, LLC for battery removal from the Green River Landfill at the following rates: \$0.00 household batteries, \$4.00 utility batteries, \$5.00 automotive, \$7.00 light commercial, \$10.00 heavy commercial, \$2.00 broken batteries
- Minutes for: October 11, 2011 Special Council, October 11, 2011 Workshop, and October 18, 2011 Council.
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:

Prepaid Invoices = \$70,994.12	Outstanding Invoices = \$416,424.12
Pre-authorization Payments = \$1,299,500.00	Payroll Expenditures = \$343,073.06

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook said the solid waste baler has been installed and is operational.

The water salesman is up and running and that will be the only place to get water.

A timeline on the new Child Development Center building process has been placed in the council mailboxes for review. They are looking to start the construction in the spring.

The city is looking into hosting the State Little League 2012 Tournament that will occur after the National High School Rodeo events.

An explanation on the utility lines and sewer lines has been placed in the council's mailboxes.

He discussed the items that will be on the agenda for the November 8, 2011 workshop.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Killpack asked about council members buying their own iPads and not having the city buy them.

Council Members Boan had nothing to report.

Council Member Maes said Ms. Schmitt was mistaken when she said she talked to her about the Red Shirt Fridays. She wanted to clarify that she actually talked to Mel Nomis.

She said her significant other and his family lost their grandfather today. He was a really good guy.

Council Member Coppolo had nothing to report.

Council Member McCullough asked that the Parks and Recreation staff make sure new people that are leasing a horse corral are made aware of the time left on the horse corral agreement.

Council Member Smith had nothing to report.

The Mayor said the city is aware of complaints that are being made by citizens on the Cowboy Corner area needing to be cleaned up.

He said the URA board training went well. All of the members seem to be exited.

The concrete work is finished at the shooting range so it is now open.

He said he feels the governing body is doing everything they can to keep the citizens aware of what is going on in the city. He would be happy to sit and talk to anyone that is interested in what is going on.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL

Council Member Coppolo moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

RECONVENE

Council Member Boan moved to reconvene at 9:50 pm. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Coppolo moved to adjourn at 9:51 pm. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk