

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 21, 2012**

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 Daisies Girl Scout Troop 1322 led the Pledge of Allegiance: Bianca Schmidt, Audrey Ferrer, Emily Myers, Brianna Page, Holly Lake, Courtney Clark, Emma Olson, Ashlynn York, Katie Kennah, and Shelby Carson. 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 Leigh, Chief of Police Chris Steffen, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Parks and Recreation Director Allan Wilson, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Affairs Specialist Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session for personnel issues. Council Member Killpack seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

PRESENTATIONS

Military Recognition – Jarrod L. Irwin

The Mayor presented Mr. Irwin with a t-shirt, a plaque, a Wyoming flag, and some pins. He thanked him for his service.

Chamber of Commerce – Distinguished & Outstanding Citizens

Director of the Green River Chamber of Commerce Janet Hartford said at the last Lunch and Learn they recognized the outgoing board members, the outstanding/distinguished citizens, the Red Carpet Person, and the Volunteer of the Year. She thanked the volunteers, and said without them they would not be able to do what they do.

The outgoing board members are Bonnie Bigolin and Mike Nelson. Both members have served on the board for seven years. The board members are an essential part of the Chamber.

Ms. Bigolin is the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year. She provided assistance when needed, she filled brochure racks around the community, and while on vacation, she redid the relocation information packets and redesigned restaurant packets.

The Red Carpet Person of the Year is Brenda Holloway. Honorable mentions were: Neena Kessner, Victoria Hune, and Robert Berg.

Mr. Berg was presented with a plaque for his Outstanding Customer Service. He rolls out the red carpet to everyone who comes in to Arctic Circle.

The Outstanding Citizen is someone who has volunteered and has done something for the community. The Outstanding Citizen is Todd Melonick. He coached kids and traveled to each game. He helped pay for kids to go to the Real Soccer camp. He teaches the kids to give back to their community.

The Distinguished Citizen is someone who volunteers in the community for a long period of time. Tom McIntosh is the Distinguished Citizen. He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes on the Wilkins Bike Park and the Green River Trail Systems. He is a great example for how one person can make a difference.

Mr. McIntosh thanked everyone for their support. He said he would like to share the honor with his parents and his wife.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bronstien thanked council for the clarification on the sewer lines ordinance. He proposed this compromise: The property owner is responsible for the line that serves as his/her building up

to the property line. However, if a blockage occurs in the service line and its location is unknown then the property owners must make an effort to take care of it. If the blockage cannot be released and is within the public layout, the city will be responsible from the city main to the property line. This will limit the cost and responsibility to the city and the property owner. It will not hold a property owner liable for something they do not have any control of.

Council Member McCullough said, in the past, the city has taken responsibility so he thinks the city has done everything they can.

Mr. Bronstien said all he would like is for the city to put it in writing so there are no issues later.

Council Member Killpack asked what Mr. West thought about it.

Mr. West said the provision of insurance that the city will be offering to property owners is offered to protect them against the costs that can be incurred.

Council Member Maes asked Mr. Nelson if there had been an instance of the city taking responsibility for a line collapse.

Mr. Nelson said if there is an issue where the city damages the line in anyway; it is repaired at the city's costs not the property owner's. He is not aware of any other situations where the city would have gone in and taken care of the repair at the property owner's expense.

Council Member McCullough said if the city sees something has been done wrong, then they step in to help the homeowner.

Council Member Coppolo asked if they could add a footnote to state the intentions of the ordinance for future council's information.

Mr. West said he would not recommend adding a footnote to the ordinance because it could cause problems down the road. The council is offering a clear defined option for property owners.

Harry Hollar said the Green River Lions Club purchased a seeing eye dog for Teresa Stark. Teresa Stark has been accepted into the training school in Michigan. She leaves on March 4th and will be gone through the 29th. The Lions Club is paying for her transportation and lodging, but she needs some spending money for while she is there. If anyone is interested in donating, they can mail a check made out to Teresa Stark to him at 1830 South Carolina. He will make sure she gets it.

He has met a good friend named Robin Lonnavigk. She would like to build a campus for the blind in Rock Springs. He would like to have the city's support on her, and would like her added to the next council agenda to discuss it.

Mr. Hollar said he is sorry to see Mr. Cook resign from his position as City Administrator. He is a good man and he considers him his friend.

Terrell Johnson agreed with Mr. Bronstein on the sewer line. He would like to see the responsibility in writing.

Misty Zimmerman said she is concerned about Council Item C: vacating the public park named Old Lincoln Track and Field at Castle Rock Park. She would have appreciated a heads-up. There was no information in the paper and she did not know there was even an option. She would like some clarification on the vacation.

She hoped the Crystal Classic went well. She will work on getting it back downtown. She feels if the city spent as much time and money on it as when it was held downtown, then it would have been just as successful.

Ms. Leigh said the vacation process that is before the council tonight is outlined by state statutes. There is a multiple step process when it comes to vacating a public park. What is before council tonight is to decide if they would like to have a public hearing. There have been no actions made at all. The second step is authorizing staff to proceed with the state statutes procedures. That would consist of advertising for three weeks in the paper, then scheduling a public hearing for around March 20, 2012. That is the appropriate time to take comments for or against the vacation of the park. If it is determined that the council wants to move forward then they can order by

ordinance to vacate the park. This process also entails public hearings. It is a very lengthy process. She believes the city has been very open about the process.

Mr. Wilson said the Crystal Classic was very successful. Staff calculated the amount of people and the numbers will be in by the next meeting. He said due to the weather the ice sculptures did not last very long. He does not believe they would have lasted downtown either.

Carl Mork said he too has a vested interest in the park. He said it is one of the most beautiful scenes in Green River. If it was made into a water park or something of that nature it would bring in people from other areas.

Robert Berg thanked council and Ms. Hartford for presenting him with the Customer Service award. He said the Saturday of the Crystal Classic his sales went up, but they did not match his sales when it was held downtown. He thanked Mr. Wilson for his hard work in putting the Crystal Classic together.

Randy Fox said two years ago his sewer lines were replaced on Birch Street and he questioned the work that was done by the contractor. The contractor said it was being done with the city inspector's approval. He thought the city was taking responsibility for the lines and now he is being told that he will be responsible for them. He knows something will go wrong with them.

Mr. Nelson said one of the standard ways to connect two different sized pipes is called a Fernco coupler with a stainless steel band that has lasted for many years with no problem.

The Mayor asked if there is a problem would the city take on the responsibility.

Mr. Nelson said he couldn't say.

Council Member Coppolo asked if the city accepts the responsibility of seeing that it is done right and there is a problem, then would it be the city's problem.

Mr. West said no, what is being specified is the property owner's responsibility, and to protect against loss, they need to buy insurance or be prepared to self insure.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Application for Technical Assistance Grant

Mayor Castillon opened the hearing at 8:02 pm.

Mr. Cook said the purpose of the hearing is to take comments from citizens on a proposed application for a \$15,000 grant from the Wyoming Business Council for the Green River Union Pacific Depot site specific feasibility study. This grant will require a match of \$5,000. The city would like to consider acquiring the building down the road by donation or lease.

Council Member Boan asked if the study has to be completed in order to get any grants. If it is required to get the grants then he will go along with it.

Mr. Cook said yes.

There were no comments or concerns presented. The Mayor closed the hearing at 8:05 pm.

Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses

Mayor Castillon opened the hearing at 8:05 pm.

There were no comments or concerns presented. The Mayor closed the hearing at 8:05 pm.

Purposed Sale of Used Fire Truck

Mayor Castillon opened the hearing at 8:05 pm.

There were no other comments or concerns presented. The Mayor closed the hearing at 8:06 pm.

ORDINANCES

Addition of Child Care Center and Family Child Care Center

12:03: An ordinance amending Appendix B. Zoning, Section 9.2 Table of Uses, adding Child Care Center and Family Child Care Center, subject to the State of Wyoming Requirements (1.311 and 1.312) as permitted uses in the PB District (Planned Neighborhood Commercial District).

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

Amendment on Alcoholic Beverage Requirements

12:04: An ordinance amending the Green River Code of Ordinances, City of Green River, State of Wyoming, Chapter 4: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 4-35 (e).

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

Ownership, Operation, and Maintenance Obligations of Sewer Service Lines

12:05: An ordinance amending Section 25-17 of the Green River Code of Ordinances, City of Green River, State of Wyoming, to set forth ownership, operation and maintenance obligations regarding sewer service lines and connections to the city's sewer main.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Technical Assistance Grant

R12-09: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to authorize the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant application to the Wyoming Business Council for a Technical Assistance Grant for the purpose of a site specific feasibility study for the Green River Union Pacific Depot.

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

Return of Restricted D.A.R.E. Donations

R12-10: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in the D.A.R.E. program to return donations to the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in the amount of \$8,030.

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

Animal Control Housing Agreement

R12-11: A resolution accepting and approving an Animal Control Housing Agreement between the City of Green River and the Sweetwater County, Wyoming Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Department and authorizing Hank Castillon, as Mayor of the City of Green River, and Jeff Nieters, as Clerk of the City of Green River, to execute said agreement on behalf of the city.

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

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Bid Award for the Pavilion Re-roofing Project

Council Member Smith moved to award the bid to North Face Roofing for the Pavilion Re-roof

Project-Capital Improvement 15-900-9207. Council Member McCullough seconded.

Council Member Maes said she wished they would have included solar panels.

Mr. Wilson said they will be looking into adding them at a later date since they are expensive.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Amendments to the Green River Urban Systems Functional Classification Map

Council Member McCullough moved to accept the amendments to the Green River Urban Systems Functional Classification Map from the Urban Systems Advisory Committee, for submittal to WyDOT. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Authorization to Proceed with the Public Park Vacation Process

Council Member McCullough moved to authorize staff to proceed with the vacation process and set a public hearing date for March 20, 2012 to consider vacating the public park named as “Old Lincoln Track and Field at Castle Rock Park” (Tract B, Lincoln School Addition). Council Member Killpack seconded. Motion carried (6-1) with McCullough voting no.

Re-Appointment to Joint Powers Water Board

Council Member Coppolo moved to confirm the Mayor’s reappointment of Phillip Luzmoor to the Joint Powers Water Board for a three-year term. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Agreement/proposal for July 4, 2012 fireworks display with Fireworks West Internationale in the amount of \$20,000
- Memorandum of Understanding with the 2012 Quilting on the Green Committee
- Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Green River and the Green River Greenbelt Task Force pending legal review
- Approval to sell the City Surplus 1982 Fire Truck (VIN:46JBBA82K1002802) to Boulder Lake Improvement District in the amount of \$15,010
- Minutes for: January 10, 2012 Special Workshop, February 7, 2012 Council

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Cook had nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Killpack thanked Parks and Recreation for their work on the Crystal Classic, it was very successful. He liked where it was located because people could go inside the pavilion to get warm and then go back outside. He said the Frostbite 5K Run had 132 people sign up and only five did not show, so IT was very successful.

Council Member Boan said he loved the lights on the trees down on the island. He would like to see the lights on year round. He said it adds so much to the city and the park. He said be ready, gas prices are going up.

Council Member Maes congratulated the people that were recognized by the Chamber of Commerce. She thanked Parks and Recreation for their hard work on the Crystal Classic. She said the Island looks wonderful with the lights. She said the smores station was a big hit with the kids.

Council Member Coppolo thanked the citizens who give their time by volunteering in the community. He asked about the status on the Energy Efficiency Grant.

Mr. Wilson said the city is advertising for bids and he hopes to bring it to the council to award the bid in March.

Council Member Coppolo said if it had already been done then it would have paid for itself.

Council Member McCullough said the Crystal Classic was a very good event. He congratulated Pat Drinkle on being appointed as the County Assessor. He asked council to send a letter in support of building a school for the blind in Rock Springs.

Council Member Smith said the Crystal Classic was a great success and he agrees with sending a letter of support for the school for the blind.

The Mayor echoed the comments on the Crystal Classic. He thanked the volunteers that help in the community.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Boan moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel at 8:26 pm. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

RECONVENE

Council Member Boan moved to reconvene at 9:08 pm. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION

Council Member Boan moved that the confidential personnel agreement presented in Executive Session be approved and the Mayor be authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the City. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Boan moved to adjourn at 9:08 pm. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk