

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER  
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
December 1, 2009**

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 high school student James Naylor led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council Members were present: Pete Rust, Carl Morck, Ted York, and Jim Boan. The following were present representing the City: City Administrator Barry Cook, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Public Works Mike Nelson, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Director Mike Kennedy, Chief of Police John Love, Director of Human Resources Debbie Klein Robertson, Parks and Recreation Director Walt Bratton, Parks Supervisor Allan Wilson, City Attorney Ford Bussart, Main Street Manager Maggie Adams, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles. Parks & Recreation Supervisors Alyssa Krumholz and Katie Duncombe, and Information Technologist Tina Knezovich were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Member Boan moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Crystal Classic Update**

Ms. Krumholz presented the agenda for the 2010 Crystal Classic to be held February 13 – 15, 2010. The 5<sup>th</sup> Jackalope Snowshoe Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday with ten teams. Sunday evening, the individual ice sculpting competitions will be held on Railroad Avenue. Monday morning, Green River Main Street will host a pancake breakfast, and the team competitions will be held on Flaming Gorge Way. On Monday afternoon, Green River Main Street will be hosting a winter family festival downtown. A winter festival dinner will be held downtown on that evening to wrap everything up.

She has rearranged some of her activities for next year so she could add some funding for the event. She has been contacted by ice carvers interested in coming for the event, including a group of Canadian high school students.

**U.S. Dept. of Interior Central Utah Project Completion Act Office and American Recovery Reinvestment Act Grant Award to the Greenbelt Task Force**

Task Force Chair Gary Wolfe accepted the \$270,000 grant, and signed the grant documents along with Department of Interior Program Director Reed Murray.

Mr. Wolfe stated they have been working for approximately fifteen months on the grant agreement with the Department of Interior. This is the first major step in the completion of the Killdeer Wetlands Restoration Project. The Task Force hopes to have their final interview with the Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resources Trust Fund on Friday for another \$250,000 grant for the project. They are expecting notification on two other grants to bring the total funding to approximately \$750,000 by March or early April.

Department of Interior Mitigation Program Coordinator Ralph Swanson noted he had been working with the task force since 1996. He noted the problems at the Killdeer Wetlands were at the top of their list for the stimulus funding. The Department believes it is going to be a great fish and wildlife habitat, and a civic asset for the City of Green River. The project is a great fit for their office, the stimulus money, and the city.

Mr. Wolfe noted they had a lot of partners on the project, including the Wyoming Game and Fish, the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative and the Bureau of Land Management. They've been very encouraging. He thanked the Department of Interior and their staff for their support and ongoing relationship. Mr. Wolfe noted future projects include the building of an educational center, and working with the Seedskaadee Wildlife Refuge on the reforestation of cottonwoods along the greenbelt.

## **Sweetwater County Board of Realtors Charity Committee**

Realtor Cheryl Jensen thanked the city for their support of the annual “Boo Bash” which raised approximately \$4,000 that will be distributed to organizations in Green River such as the Food Bank, Toys for Tots, and the Green River Fire Department. She also thanked Mr. Bratton and the Parks and Recreation Department. They were absolutely awesome with their advice and help in making the event successful.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **National Honor Society**

National Honor Society President Daniel Pacheco read the proclamation, and Mayor Castillon declared December 7-11, 2009, as National Honor Society Week.

## **CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Castillon noted the Cowboys Against Cancer promotional tool and fundraising gorilla, Dooley, was at City Hall for this week. He was sent to the city by Mayor Kaumo from the city of Rock Springs. Dooley will be sent to the county commissioners next.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Concurrence with De Minimis Finding for the FMC Park Bridge Replacement under Section 4(f) of the Transportation Act*

Mayor Castillon opened the hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Cook noted the project involves replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge on new alignment, immediately south of the current location on the Green River, and the reconstruction and paving of the road approaches to the bridge. This will not result in any adverse change, in the city’s opinion, to the activities, features, or recreational attributes which are important to the purpose or functions that qualify the resource for protection as a city park, and thereby protection under Section 4(f) of the Transportation Act. Based on those findings, it is the Federal Highway Administrations current intent to make a de minimis finding under Section 4(f).

Basically, a small portion of the park land will be used for a new alignment and road for the new bridge, and the federal government requires a public notice of that intent. The mayor will sign a letter in concurrence with the finding to the Wyoming Department of Transportation. The project is funded by the Wyoming Department of Transportation Bridge Program with a local match from the city. This project has been ongoing for about six years, construction documents are being prepared, and the project is scheduled to be bid out this winter. He hopes the bridge construction will take place this summer.

Mayor Castillon closed the hearing at 7:28 p.m.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Budget Modification for a Crack Router**

**R09-86:** A resolution for the Governing Body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve a modification in expenditure authority in the General Fund to move money in the Public Works Department – Streets Division for a Crack Router in the amount of \$4,135.

Council Member Rust moved to approve the resolution. Council Member York seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

### **2009 Farmers’ Market Reimbursement Grant**

**R09-87:** A resolution by the Governing Body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, approving the submittal of a Wyoming Business Council Farmers' Market Reimbursement Grant through Green River Main Street for funds not to exceed \$400.

Council Member Boan moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Rust seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

### **Budget Modification for the Whitewater Park Reconstruction Project**

**R09-88:** A resolution for the Governing Body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve a modification in expenditure authority in the Capital Projects Fund for a project overrun on the Whitewater Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$6,800.

Mr. Wilson stated the overrun was due to the additional public notice publications for the spring high water issues, and the mandatory concrete testing for the project. The project can now be closed as complete.

Mr. Cook noted the contracts for the archeological work on the BLM Sections 10 & 12 was less than had been budgeted, so the West I-80 Development Project has money left over that can be used to cover the overrun on the Whitewater Reconstruction Project.

Council Member York moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

## **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

### **WYDOT Letter of Concurrence for the FMC Park Bridge**

Council Member Boan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter from WYDOT concurring with the findings regarding the proposed bridge replacement at FMC Park. Council Member York seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

### **Bid Award for Citywide Wireless Mesh Project**

Council Member York moved to award the bid, sign a contract (pending legal review), and give authorization to proceed to the Aviro Group for the first phase of the three phased Citywide Wireless Project for a total project cost of \$718,450. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

Mr. Cook noted the governing body would need to budget funding for the next two years in order to complete the project for a total cost of \$718,450.

Mr. Nieters stated the request for bids was issued with the nonappropriation clause. The three phases were bid as one project in order to get the best price. The bid award is for all three phases for an amount of \$718,450. Each phase of the project will be completed as funding is available. At this point, there is only \$241,763 available for phase one, and that is all the governing body is committing too.

Mr. Bussart stated the contract would be drafted with a nonappropriation clause, because the city doesn't have the finite resources in the way of revenues. Without the revenues the project can't be completed.

### **Contract for Volleyball Clinics**

Council Member Rust moved to enter into a contract for services with Dream Big Volleyball Clinics in the amount of \$250. Council Member York seconded.

There was discussion on contributions to other organizations and individuals, and the services they performed for the city. They also discussed a policy with guidelines to help the governing body decide on which activities they should fund instead of taking each request on a case by case basis.



grants. However, the traditional \$33 million will remain the same for the State Land and Investment Board.

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

Mr. Bussart had nothing to report.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Rust thanked city staff, and those participating in the Chamber's Adopt-a-Tree Program, for the Christmas decorating around the city. It looks great.

Council Member York congratulated the Greenbelt Task Force on their grant award. He noted there would be a Christmas parade Monday evening, and Green River Futures will also be having their open house at the Tomahawk. He echoed Council Member Rust on the Christmas lights.

Council Member Boan also congratulated the Greenbelt Task Force. He restated his feelings about the need for guidelines for the council's special projects contributions so they are consistent, fair across the board, and will have funding limits.

Council Member Morck congratulated the Greenbelt Task Force on the fantastic job they have done over the years. The Crystal Classic sounds good. He said it was good to see the honor society students out their doing good things.

Mayor Castillon noted Council Members Maes and McCullough had other commitments that evening.

He reported on his meeting with Commissioner Boese and Rock Springs Mayor Kaumo on the alternate road. Their next meeting will be on December 7, 2009. He noted Council Member McCullough had volunteered to chair the alternate road group.

He announced the next meeting for the Water Coalition Group is scheduled for December 7, 2009 at noon.

He asked Mr. Cook to report on the panel discussions he attended at the Wyoming Business Alliance Conference in Casper. Mr. Cook reported on guest speaker, and General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority and Las Vegas Valley Water District, Patricia Mulroy's, somber report on the predicament the lower Colorado Compact states are finding themselves in. They are going to have to "call" water from the upper basin if their situation doesn't improve. If the situation continues over the next two years, Hoover Dam will stop functioning. That will send shock waves across the United States.

Mr. Cook noted Commissioner Wonnacott was on the water panel with Ms. Mulroy. Mr. Million was also on the panel, and presented himself as a friend to the upper basin states, because he is simply moving water from the west to the east. Mr. Cook believes water will become a bigger issue before energy in the United States.

The Mayor asked Mr. Cook to check into the National League of Cities proposal for a prescription card and the required resolution in order to allow its use.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Rust moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

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H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk