

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 6, 2010**

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 the following Girl Scout Brownies led the Pledge of Allegiance: Makayla Rutherford, Robyn Bowels, Teryn Dahlgren, Samantha Hardin, Cayleigh Welch, Raina Scott, Zoe Turner, Sharidan Sherwin, Marissa Lee, Isabelle Fenton, Hannah Thomas, Katie O'Toole, Torie Green, Jarin Mandros, Nicole Alderson, and Brianna Meyer. The following Council Members were present: Pete Rust, Carl Morck, Ted York, Tom McCullough, Jim Boan, and Lisa Maes. The following were present representing the City: City Administrator Barry Cook, Director of Finance Jeff Nieters, Director of Community Development Laura Hansen, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Director Mike Kennedy, Chief of Police John Love, Director of Human Resources Debbie Klein Robertson, City Planner John Dahlgren, Parks and Recreation Director Walt Bratton, Parks and Recreation Supervisors Brenda Roosa and Katie Duncombe, City Attorney Ford Bussart, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Castillon moved the approval of a contract with STAR Transit from the Consent Agenda to Council Action Items, and he removed the consideration of an agreement with MSI Systems Integrator, Inc. from the Consent Agenda.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Military Recognitions

Harry Holler presented Dominic Martinez with the military plaque, Wyoming flag, and city t-shirt in recognition of his son Corey J. Martinez who is serving in Kuwait.

Rock 'n River Chefs Challenge

Beth Whitman with the Business Leadership Network relayed a message from Rock Springs Mayor Kaumo challenging the Green River governing body to a cook-off for the Golden Spatula Award at the April 30, 2010 Rock 'n River Chefs Challenge. Mayor Castillon accepted the challenge.

March Madness Coloring Contest Awards

Census Committee Chair Janet Hartford, and Council Member Maes presented the following March Madness Coloring Contest winners with gift certificates. Lila Villalobos won first place for the over fifteen age group. The six to ten-year old age group winners were: first place Austin Nelson, second place Liliana Villalobos, third place Alyze Farris. The winners in the five-year old and under age group were: first place Kaden Eastman, second place Allison Brown, and third place Allison Cory.

2009 Distinguished Citizen and Outstanding Citizen Awards

Chamber of Commerce Board Member Bryan Mortimer, presented the Outstanding Citizen Award to Lyneen Murphy. Since moving to Green River ten years ago, Ms. Murphy has given her time, talents and energy to help those who are in need or have disabilities, from the very young to the elderly. She has raised money for several people dealing with critical medical conditions. She is also the driving force behind the Green River Pond Club. She is a volunteer who makes a difference.

Board Member Jeff Nieters presented the Distinguished Citizen Award to Marsha Tynsky. Ms. Tynsky has been a behind the scenes community builder for many years, and has served as a School District Board Trustee for over fourteen years, worked on several United Way

committees, and served on the Ducks Unlimited and the Flaming Gorge Days committees. She also encourages her staff to volunteer.

Sweetwater County Travel and Tourism Update

Board Chair Pat Robbins presented the Sweetwater County Joint Travel & Tourism Board Annual Report for 2009.

PROCLAMATIONS

National Poetry Month

Sweetwater County Librarian Ellie Eaton read the proclamation and Mayor Castillon declared April as National Poetry Month. Steve Davis played his guitar and sang a song he composed, and Jaqui Vanderpool and Kyla Baumfaulk read poems they had written.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

YWCA Board Member Carol Milano read the proclamation and Mayor Castillon declared the month of April 2010 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

ORDINANCES

Sweetwater Television Franchise Agreement

Second Reading: An ordinance amending Subsections Sections A, B, E, F, I, and R of Section 1 of Green River Ordinance No. 90-9, and Sections A, B, E, F, I, and R of Article I, Appendix D ‘Franchise’ of the Green River Code of Ordinances, City of Green River, State of Wyoming, to increase the indemnification requirements, to extend the term of said ordinance, which granted to Sweetwater Television Company, its successor and assigns, a non-exclusive right and franchise to install, maintain, and operate in, over, under and upon the present and future streets, alleys, public grounds and ways of the City of Green River, Sweetwater County, Wyoming lines and equipment necessary to provide cable television signals, for the purpose of providing cable television, internet, telephone, and other related services to the City of Green River, the inhabitants thereof, and others, and to provide for an effective date.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Budget Modification for a Used Police Vehicle

R10-35: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve a modification in expenditure authority in the General Fund for the Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Division to purchase a used vehicle in the amount of \$20,000.

Addressing questions from Council Member Boan, Chief Love stated the Criminal Investigation Division wasn’t going to use the \$20,000 remaining in their professional services line item this year.

The purchasing policy requires a used vehicle to cost less than \$20,000 and have less than 20,000 miles on it. Letters have been sent to all the local auto dealers to submit proposals on a vehicle. While a new vehicle for patrol would cost around \$20,000 by the time it is “outfitted” the cost could go up to \$35,000. The used vehicle will be purchased and outfitted for the \$20,000. According to city policy vehicles should be scheduled for replacement after they have 80,000 miles. The Police Department has at least four detective vehicles that have over 100,000 miles on them.

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

Budget Increase for Police Radio Equipment

R10-36: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in the General Fund for Police Department radio equipment in the amount of \$4,252.

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

Amendments to the Classification Plan for the Weed Crew Leader and Weed Crew

R10-37: A resolution amending the City's Classification Plan.

Ms. Robertson stated the job descriptions were being changed to correspond with the positions being moved from the Police Department to the Parks and Recreation Department because of the retirement of Nuisance Officer Wayne Zickefoose. The positions are summer seasonal hires.

Council Member Maes moved to approve the resolution amending the Classification Plan in its entirety. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Special Use Permit for Oak Tree Inn Electronic Sign

R10-38: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to issue a Special Use Permit requested by Lodging Enterprises, LLC, dba Oak Tree Inn for an electronic rate sign at 1170 W. Flaming Gorge Way, Green River, Wyoming.

Council Member McCullough moved to approve the Special Use Permit for an electronic rate sign with the stipulation that it be used to advertise room rates only as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Council Member McCullough moved to appoint Jason Fuss to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Council Member Maes moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert Burke to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Transfer of Grant Funds to the Sweetwater County Combined Communications Center Joint Powers Board

Mr. Cook stated since the Joint Dispatch Board has been approved by the state, and is officially up and running, the grants originally given to the City of Rock Springs, Sweetwater County, and the City of Green River need to be consolidated and transferred to the Joint Powers Board who will be overseeing the new dispatch center.

Council Member York moved to allow the Mayor to sign the letter to the Public Safety Communications Commission transferring the City of Green River WyoLink Grant to the Sweetwater County Combined Communications Center Board. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Bid Award for the Pool Condensation Rectification Capital Project

Council Member Maes moved to award the bid to Hogan Construction in the amount of \$195,000 and authorization to proceed and notice to proceed subject to review and approval of the city attorney. Council Member Rust seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Contract for the After School and Summer Day Camp Program Transportation

Council Member Boan stated he had a hard time approving an open ended contract. Walt Bratton stated this will be the third year the city has used STAR Transit for the program's transportation services. The first year the charges were \$1,400 and the second year they were \$2,500.

Council Member York moved to approve the contract with STAR Transit for participant transportation for the After School Program and the Summer Day Camp in the amount of \$65/hour.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The contract for services with the Community Chest Board in the amount of \$3,107.04 to be used for the Main Street Program.
- Agreements of disbursement for the 2010 Sweetwater County Travel & Tourism grants for the Sail Over the Green Kite Festival (\$1,000) and the Green River Bike Park Grand Opening (\$4,000).
- A horse corral lease agreement with Sylvia Prejean for Corral #71.
- To extend the City's banking service agreement with US Bank.
- The Cooperating Agency Agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Green River with Mayor Castillon designated as the City's point of contact.
- The Minutes for: March 16, 2010
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:

<i>Outstanding Invoices = \$451,160.33</i>	<i>Prepaid Invoices = \$125,599.30</i>
<i>Payroll Expenditures = \$713,865.31</i>	<i>Pre-authorization Payments = \$775,000.00</i>

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook stated he had received word from the staff at the State Loan and Investment Board. The city is being recommended for approval of a \$472,000 50/50 Emergency Grant. The application was prepared by Nelson Engineering for the \$900,000 16" Water Line Replacement Across the River Project. He and Jeff Nieters will be attending the award meeting on Thursday.

Responding to a question from Council Member McCullough, Mr. Cook stated they shouldn't need to increase the water rates to replace the line since the city will receive the grant.

Mr. Cook stated he had received the consumer confidence report from the Joint Powers Water Board stating the city's water is safe and meets all the federal and state requirements. The report will be included in the May and June utility bills.

Mr. Cook noted the items scheduled for discussion at the April workshop, and the council retreat to be held at the Hampton Inn on April 17th, 9 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Cook thanked the Parks staff for building the new council chamber podium and for the purchase of new chairs for the council chambers.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Bussart had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Rust congratulated Lyneen Murphy and Marsha Tynsky on their awards.

Council Member York also congratulated them, and stated he would not be at the council's budget retreat on April 17th. He will be speaking at a wild game banquet in Cheyenne.

Council Member Maes noted seventy-two percent of the Green River citizens had returned their census questionnaires. She congratulated Ms. Murphy and Ms. Tynsky on their awards.

Council Member Boan also congratulated them. He asked Mr. Bussart about the Winter Building on Flaming Gorge Way. Mr. Bussart stated the judgment has been paid, and he has prepared, and submitted to the attorneys of Mr. Pleasant and Ms. Winter, a motion to the court releasing the building from the restriction on any city action, and is awaiting receipt of the motion. When he gets the motion back, he will file an order to release them from any oversight by the court, and then the city can undertake some kind of analysis on how it wants to proceed with respect to that building.

Council Member Boan asked the governing body to consider discussing ways to get people to stop in Green River at a workshop, sometime after June, in order to capitalize on tourism dollars. He feels they need to start working on the tourism portion of their strategic plan.

Council Member McCullough thanked Mr. Fuss and Mr. Burke for volunteering to serve on the city's boards. He noted the city had three more grants going before the State Loan and Investment board, two for the Tomahawk and one for the parking lot in First Springs Canyon for the Sidelines Restaurant. He hopes they are successful in receiving the grants.

Council Member Morck gave his regards and thanks to all the Green River volunteers.

Mayor Castillon thanked Police Officers Fred Moczulski and Bob Ross for participating at the White Mountain Mall show. He also thanked the volunteers who worked on the Liberty Day celebration. He thanked Stephen Pyles for his work on the Water Diversion Project public forum meeting and his outstanding presentation.

Mayor Castillon stated the water coalition will be considering approval of the Joint Representation Agreement at the next committee meeting on April 19th. Mr. Bussart noted he and attorney Dick Honaker would be the litigation team for the committee, and will be contacting Professor McDonald as soon as the agreement is signed.

Mayor Castillon noted he had attended the Lunch and Learn, and thanked Council Member Maes for keeping track of the census returns. It looks like the city is going to meet their 10% goal. He congratulated Ms. Murphy and Ms. Tynsky on their awards.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Rust moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk