

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
August 16, 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 Clint Lockman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council Members were present: Ted York, Pete Rust, Carl Morck, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Walt Bratton, Parks Supervisor Allan Wilson, City Attorney Ford Bussart, Building Inspector Dave Allred, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Rust moved to approve the agenda and add Executive Session on personnel. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

PRESENTATIONS

Sweetwater County Board of Health

Dr. Jean Station from the Sweetwater County Board of Health came to the council to request \$10,000 in funding. She explained there have been some changes made to how the Board of Health is receiving their monies. They are trying to become self sufficient. In the past they have received monies from grants, along with the County Commissioners. They base the \$10,000 off of the population and services rendered. With this request they would be able to continue services that they currently have offered in the past.

Military Recognition of Michael G. Shasteen

Council Member Maes presented a plaque, t-shirt, and other items to Bonnie Lockman in recognition for her Brother Michael Shasteen's military services. Michael has served as a Corporal in the Army for 8-10 years.

Sweetwater County Travel and Tourism on Lodging Tax

Jenissa Bartlett, Director of Sweetwater County Travel and Tourism commented on the 2% Lodging Tax. She explained the people that pay this tax are the people that travel and stay in Sweetwater County Hotels. This tax benefits many of the local events that happen here in this area.

Journal Communications Update

Clay Perry, Integrated Media Manager at Journal Communications Inc. gave an update on the Images magazine. The company prints a high quality magazine that highlights Sweetwater County. He will be printing the 2011 publication of Images. This is a great tool that helps the promotion of our local area. The magazine is distributed to people when they request relocation information, and some businesses included this magazine in their hiring packets. The magazine is also available at both City Chamber of Commerce, and it is online at imagessweetwatercounty.com.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Janet Hartford Director of the Green River Chamber of Commerce requests that we remember to vote for the 2% lodging tax. This tax supports many different local programs. She stated that

there are tickets available for the Cajun Shrimp Boil and she encourages everyone to remember the River Festival on August 20 & 21.

Laura Hansen Director of Community Development invited the public to a meeting on Thursday August 26th, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Sweetwater County Library. The topic at this meeting will be the downtown development and the Green River Main Street Program. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. She reminded everyone about the Farmers Market from 4:00 – 7:00 on Wednesday.

Michelle Hostettler, SWEDA Director gave an update on Illusions Technologies. Illusion Technologies is still planning to locate here in Green River at Western Wyoming Community College Green River Center with 140 jobs on October 1st and then possibly increasing to 200 jobs. She stated that the fiber company was the reason for the delay. She is having a meeting with the fiber company to renegotiate the price of fiber. Sidelines restaurant parking lot grant has been submitted. There is a concern over how the Hotel has been struggling. She feels that Sidelines will still be a great addition to our community. Ed Mocolome will be here in Sweetwater County will be hosting a public meeting August 23rd at the Homewood Suites conference room at 5:00 pm. where he will be available to discuss what the citizens feel are our community's strengths, weaknesses, and any concerns. She encourages everyone to attend.

RESOLUTIONS

R10-71: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, for support of the continuation of the existing County wide 2% Lodging Tax.

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

R10-72: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River Wyoming, to allocate funding for a new dump truck bed.

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

Council Member Boan asked where this money was coming from and what line item it was taken from. Mr. Cook reported that this item was being taken from Fleet Maintenance Supply line item and going into Asset Acquisition line item. This is going to be done due to the immediate need of the dump truck bed. Motion carried. (7-0)

R10-73: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River Wyoming, for exercising the City's option to purchase the improvements made under the 6th penny excise tax.

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

Gene Smith the City's Representative on the 6th Penny Tax Joint Powers Board, explained that there will be monies available to the city from this tax. He reported that amount to the city is larger than originally reported. The city will receive approximately \$1.5 million in October and an additional \$555,000 in January. The city will be restricted on how they can spend the funds. Motion carried. (7-0)

R10-74: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River Wyoming, to allocate funding for Utility Division storage building.

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

Council Member Boan asked why the cost for this building was at \$240,000. Mr. Nelson reported this was a best estimate on what they need. The design has already been done and there will be a few modifications that will need to be done. Motion carried. (7-0)

R10-75: A resolution for the governing body of the City of the Green River Wyoming, to amend the schedule of fees to reduce the Senior Citizen Monthly Recreation Pass fee from \$15.00 to \$1.00.

Council Member Boan moved to approve the resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees to reduce the Senior Citizen Monthly Recreation Center Pass fee from \$15.00 to \$1.00. Council Member Mork seconded.

Council Member McCullough moved to amend the resolution to state seniors 60-64 years of age will still pay \$15.00 a month and the seniors 65 years and older would pay \$1.00 a month. Mayor asked for vote on approving the amended resolution. Motion denied (1-6) with Council Member McCullough voting yes.

Original Motion carried (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of the issuance of a catering permit to cater alcohol for the Art on the Green River Festival banquet on August 21, 2010.

Council Member Mork moved to approve issuance of catering permit. Council Member Maes seconded.

Council Member Rust asked why we are approving out of town catering when there are places that would be able to cater them within our city. Walt Bratton Director of Parks and Recreation replied that the Arts Council voted on Coyote Creek to cater this event. Rust also asked if there was any policy regarding this matter. Mr. Cook replied that our purchasing policy does not state any restriction to buy local. Motion carried. (7-0)

Consideration of a deductive Change Order for the Southside Water Improvement Project.

Council Member Maes moved to approve the deductive Change Order for the Southside Water Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,109.16. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Consideration of an Amendment to the Inberg Miller Agreement for the FMC Road Project.

Council Member Rust moved to approve the amendment to the Agreement for the FMC Road Project in the amount of \$19,225.00. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Ratification for the water use by Sweetwater County to water the “Run with the Horses Marathon” route for the River Festival 2010.
- Minutes for July 27th, 2010, August 3rd, 2010, August 10th, 2010.
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:
Prepaid Invoices = \$205,801.51 Outstanding Invoices = \$599,179.76
Pre-authorization Payments = \$825,000.00 Payroll Expenditures = \$414,949.46

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Cook stated that Upland Way will be closed on Wednesday August 18, 2010 for a street cut. He also had forwarded information on the Splash Parks that Council Member Maes requested about the water testing, and the dog issues to members of the City council. He reminds the citizens that there are signs posted that no dogs are allowed at the splash park. A citizen has put in a request for the pavement of New Mexico Street. Mr. Cook states that the City is aware of the need for repairs on streets and will be including those streets in the plans for next years' Capitol Projects.

David Allred, Senior Building Inspector gave an update on the Winters Building. He has sent out letters to the owner of the property notifying them of the Building Permit expiration. He has heard from the owner about the possibility of an interested buyer. Otherwise there has been no contact between the owner and himself. He asked for direction from council. Council would like to have this matter taken care of as quickly as possible. Mr. Bussart replies either the owner tears down the building or the City will, and then bill the owner for it. Council requested Mr. Allred gives owner time to show that there is an interested buyer within 30 days otherwise the City will take the next steps of tearing down the building.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Bussart had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Rust said he is disappointed that City funded programs do not request local business in catering. He would like to see a change in the purchasing policy regarding the requirement to buy locally.

Council Member York reminded citizens to go to the River Festival. He also wanted to know if there will be a Kayak Rodeo. Janet Hartford replied there is a Kayak Rodeo and it will be at 12:00 on Saturday 21, 2010. He also reminded everyone to vote in the primaries on Tuesday August 17, 2010.

Council Member Maes asked what happens if the agenda was never voted on. She wanted to know what the legal proceeding is. Mr. Cook referred her to legal counsel. Mr. Bussart apologized for not noticing this and suggests council makes a motion to ratify the agenda unless there is a problem with the agenda and if so they would have to discuss it.

Council Member Boan moved to ratify the agenda from July 20, 2010. Council Member York seconded. Motion carries. (7-0)

Council Member York reported that the budget on June 15th, 2010 was never voted on either. Mr. Bussart apologies again for missing this and suggests that the governing body ratify the motion from this meeting also.

Council Member Boan moved to ratify the original motion on the Budget from June 15, 2010. Council member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (4-3) with Council Members Rust, York, and Maes voting no.

Council Member Boan requested a list of how many senior citizens have purchased monthly and annual passes during the months January through August 2010. Boan asked how to change the law so the commissioners cannot have total control of what effects the cities and towns of the state. Mr. Bussart replied that you would need to amend the statute. To do this you have to have it pass both houses of the Legislator and then have it signed by the Governor. Boan commented on the splash park and the dogs that are leaving messes and tearing it up. He would like to see something being done to change this. He also questioned the smell coming from the Wastewater plant. He did not believe that people were supposed to be able to smell it at any time even when the wind is blowing.

Council Member McCullough had no comments.

Council Member Mork commented on a personal experience he had campaigning. He enjoyed the door to door aspect and was very happy he was in a position to do so.

Mayor Castillion enquired about the telephone poles on Montana Way. Mr. Cook will check into this matter. He mentioned that on the 9th WYDOT presented an update on the Great Lakes Airlines. He would like to ask them to come and give an update at next workshop. Remember to vote on Tuesday 17th, 2010. He stated that protecting the Green Committee will be having a meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT to Executive Session.

Council Member Boan moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 8:47 p.m. Council Member Mork seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Council Member Boan moved to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:13 pm. Council Member Rust seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Council Member Rust moved to adjourn at 9:14 pm. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk