

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
November 1, 2010**

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 Washington Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance: Orianna Knight, Savannah Knight, Presley Weaver, Kolbi Hester, Ridge Hester, Abby Atkinson, Sydney Ferrer, Tya Brangham, and Zayden Brangham.

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, Sanitation Supervisor Linda Roosa, Main Street/URA Manager John Dahlgren, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles.

Council candidates Gary Killpack, Gene Smith, Adam Coppolo, and Dick Wilson were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

Star Transit

Judy Owens from Star Transit updated the council on two items. The city has currently budgeted \$29,624.00 for Star Transit and they would like the council to consider reducing this amount to \$16,288.00. They received a grant that will help them for this year.

She is also asking council for \$1,040.00 for the buses on New Year's Eve night. The cost is for two buses to pick up students from the Recreation Center New Year's Eve Party, along with busing adults during the evening.

Council Member McCullough thanked Star Transit for returning the money, and asked when this could be put on the agenda.

Mr. Cook said they would be placing a resolution for the change from \$29,624 to \$16,288 at the next council meeting and the reallocation of the money would be up to the council.

Council Member McCullough asked if they could add another resolution on the \$1,040 for the buses on New Year's Eve.

Mr. Cook said yes.

Council Members Boan and Maes thanked Star Transit for returning the money and forwarded their support for the buses.

SWEDA

Michelle Hostetler said Eleutain Technology is currently up and running in the Western Wyoming Community College Green River Center. They are hoping to have an open house the first week of December.

In the last week they have began the formation of a Brown's Field Coalition. Barry Cook, Jeff Nieters, and Laura Hansen are the people participating. The Brown's Field Grants are clean up and evaluation. They can literally bring millions of dollars into the community for the cleanup of contaminated grounds. These are loosely defined areas. The members that will be mentoring us on the grants would like us to have a hundred sites within the county to give to the federal government. They are asking for sites that have had a gas station, oil station, dry cleaners, or other businesses that could have put contamination into the ground.

Sidelines restaurant is on hold. The financing letter from his bank was not available to the Wyoming Business Council when it was required. The Wyoming Business Council has extra money coming out of this grant cycle. SWEDA will resubmit the grant for Sidelines project on January 15th. The owner of Sidelines is still planning to break ground in April.

There is a new business coming into Granger.

She asked the council what projects they may like to see for Green River. The upcoming grants start in January and she is looking for anything that the council may like to see to help Green River grow. She said the Wyoming Business Council has some money left over and will be considering more grants.

Council Member York asked where the left over grant money came from and what kind of grant it is.

Mrs. Hostetler said the money came from grants that were turned down. The grant is a Community Development Block Grant for economic development.

Council Member York asked if the owner of Sidelines has submitted anything to Community Development for the development of the land and if not would he have time to do so.

Mrs. Hansen said they have only received the preliminary site plan but to submit a final site plan would only take a short amount of time.

Council Member McCullough asked about the company that is going into Granger.

Mrs. Hostetler said the company's name is Rocky Mountain Trucking.

Council Member Boan asked for an update on the Hampton Inn Hotel.

Mrs. Hostetler said she was not sure what is going on with the hotel but she reassured the council that there is someone ready to step in and take over if the current owners cannot continue with the building.

Council Member York asked about the sign that the Hampton Inn had requested.

She said she was not sure what happened with the sign.

Holiday Cards for Heroes Program

John Dahlgren said this is the third year for the program to send cards to the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. They collected 1108 cards last year and they would like to collect 2500 cards this year. There are posters in many locations around the city. All cards must be dropped off by December 7, 2010. If there are any questions or for a list of drop off locations call 872-6141 or 872-0562.

Council Member Boan asked if the city could send around 50 holiday cards.

Mr. Cook said his assistant is currently working on this. He would check on the amount that she was preparing.

PROCLAMATIONS

American Education Week

Donna Little-Kaumo, Superintendent of Sweetwater School District #2, read the proclamation and the Mayor declared November 14-20 as the 89th annual observance of American Education Week.

National Honor Society Week

National Honor Society students Jacqueline Tramp, Davianne Vanderpool, Aitor Andikoectxea, and Noah Lujan read the proclamation and the Mayor declared November 1st – 5th to be National Honor Society Week.

American Recycles Day

Linda Roosa and Jennifer Knight read the proclamation and the Mayor declared November 15th, 2010 to be America Recycles Day.

ORDINANCES

Amendment to Nuisance Order

Second Reading: An ordinance amending Section 5 of Green River Ordinance 05-08 and Section 17-10 of the Green River Code of Ordinances, City of Green River, State of Wyoming, to allow Special Municipal Officers whose duties include Municipal Code Enforcement to issue nuisance notices.

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

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Julio Delgadillo Pavilion Rental Extension

Council Member Maes moved to approve the extension of the Julio Delgadillo pavilion rental from midnight to 1:00 am for music and alcohol being served and from 1:00 am to 2:00 am to clean the facility and vacate the premises for his rental on Friday, December 31, 2010.

Council Member Boan seconded.

Council Member York said the Pavilion rental agreement states music and alcohol must cease by 12:00 midnight.

Mr. Delgadillo said they would like to extend the time to vacate the premises to 3:00 am.

Council Member Maes clarified that they wanted to extend the music and alcohol until 1:00 am and then have 1:00 am to 3:00 am to clean.

Mr. Delgadillo said yes that is what they are asking.

Mr. Bratton said they are asking for the alcohol and music to be extended until 2:00 am and the cleaning until 3:00 am. He said it is staffs request for the time to stay the same because of the possibility of complaints from residents in the surrounding area.

Council Member Boan said because it is New Year's Eve he would go along with the serving alcohol along with music until 1:00 am and no longer.

Mr. Delgadillo said they would accept any time given from the council but they would really like some extra time to clean up. He said they have rented the pavilion for a long time and have a very good record with keeping the facility clean and would like to make sure this continues.

Council Member Boan asked Mr. Bratton what he thought about the extension of time for clean up.

Mr. Bratton said they would be fine with the help.

Council Member Boan moved to amend the motion to state the music and alcohol end at 1:00 am and the clean up go until 3:00 am. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried (6-1) with Council Member York voting no.

Original motion carried as amended (6-1) with York voting no

Golden Advisory Board

Council Member Rust moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Orman Tripp to a three-year term on the Golden Generation Advisory Board. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Main Street Advisory Board

Council Member McCullough moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Stephanie Majdic to the Main Street Advisory Board for a three-year term. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Boan moved to approve the following consent agenda items. Council Member Maes seconded.

- Ratify the acceptance of the FY2010 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant from the Wyoming Association of Sheriff and Chiefs of Police in the amount of \$12,040.
- Withdraw our CDBG grant application for a public parking lot in the Wild Horse Canyon and authorize the Mayor to send a letter of notification to the Wyoming Business Council.
- Ratify the application and acceptance of the FY2011 WYDOT Highway Safety grant in the amount not to exceed \$16,423.10.
- Approval of the Minutes for: October 12, 2010 Council Workshop and October 19, 2010 Council Meeting.
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:

Prepaid Invoices = \$104,856.39	Outstanding Invoices = \$939,928.48
Pre-authorization Payments = \$755,000.00	Payroll Expenditures = \$353,316.83

Motion carried. (7-0)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook received a copy of the Craig Report. This report projects the revenue for the State of Wyoming for the next biennium. The funds available for the 2011 Legislative Session will be \$576 million. This is more than projected by \$320 million. At the same time the number one revenue for cities and towns is sales tax and it has dropped by 16% in 2009-2010. The projected sales tax was to increase by 4.3%. This will not make up the amount lost within the two years.

Council Member York asked if the report states where the money has come from.

Mr. Cook said it was mineral royalties and severance tax.

He also discussed items for the next workshop.

He reminded the citizens of the winter hours for the Landfill to be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

He thanked the Streets, Parks, and Solid Waste departments for working together on the demolition of the old animal control building.

He congratulated the city on the national award for the website, and thanked the IT department for their efforts with this.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Morck had nothing to report.

Council Member McCullough thanked the members of Sportsman for the Green, and Protecting the Green for getting together and protecting our water. He reminded everyone to vote on November 2, 2010.

Council Member Boan thanked the volunteers that keep the city running.

Council Member Maes would like everyone to look into the possibility of bringing back the Crystal Classic. She feels the discussion on the 6th Penny Tax on November 30 will be too late to make a decision. She feels it would be best to move quickly and decide so there is ample time to organize everything. She asked for consideration to extend the closing time of the Recreation Center by one hour, when they look at the 6th Penny Tax. It is hard for people to get off work and get there before the closing time of 8:00 pm.

Mr. Cook said the approximate cost was \$15,000 when they were looking into it for budget.

Council Member Maes said it is causing a lot of problems for residents and she would like it to be changed during the week.

Mr. Cook said if council decides to put these items back in it would require a special council meeting. They would have to do a resolution to allocate money back in for both items if they choose to.

Council Member Maes asked for Mr. Cook to look into the cost for the weeknights only.

Mr. Cook said he would look into it and then let her know.

Council Member York said he supports Council Member Maes on bringing the Crystal Classic back. He reminded everyone to change their clocks back by one hour this weekend.

Council Member Rust was happy to see the enforcing of underage drinking grant, and he agrees with council members on bringing back events for the community along with extending hours for the Recreation Center. He said he respects everyone who ran for office, and reminded everyone to vote.

The Mayor said the grant development agreement has been signed by Futures and is now going to the Wyoming Business Council.

Mr. Cook added the agreement has been signed, sent to the Wyoming Business Council, and from there will go to the Attorney General for his review. The grant agreement from the Wyoming Business Council for the \$1.8 million will be sent to the city for signature, then to the Attorney General for review, and then sent back to the Wyoming Business Council. This could take anywhere from four to six weeks.

The Mayor said there is a meeting scheduled with the Wyoming Main Street Organization on November 10th at 9:00 am, at the Homewood Suites in Rock Springs. They have asked for the Green River Main Street to present their action plan.

The Communities Protecting the Green hosted two individuals. Eric Koon, Director of Colorado Water Division and Charlie Love from the Western Wyoming Community College. Mr. Love updated everyone on the status of the Wyoming glaciers.

The Mayor said the Secretary of Interior is going to commission a study to take a look at the 1922 Compact Agreement and this could give a look into the water availability.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McCullough moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk