

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 7, 2010**

The Governing Body of the City of Green River met in regular session at 7 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. Acting Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order and Gary Killpack led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council Members were present: 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, Payroll Supervisor Trish Mansfield, Director of Community Development Laura Hansen, Main Street/URA Manager John Dahlgren, Chief of Police John Love, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Parks and Recreation Director Walt Bratton, Parks, Facility, and Project Manager Allan Wilson, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Information Coordinator Stephen Pyles.

Council Members Ted York and the Mayor were not present.

Council Member Elect Gene Smith, Gary Killpack, and Adam Coppolo were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Addition of Council Action Item E: Consideration of approval of the issuance of a catering permit to the Wild Horse Saloon, to sell alcohol at the BP Christmas Party on Friday, December 10, 2010 from 6 pm to midnight at the Island Pavilion.

Council Member Boan moved to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of three Resolution Items:

- Item C: Consideration of a resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to increase the expenditure authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase/lease of five police vehicles for the Police Department in the amount of \$200,000.
- Item D: Consideration of a resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to increase the expenditure authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase/lease of two fire pumpers for the Fire Department in the amount of \$700,000.
- Item E: Consideration of a resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to increase the expenditure authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of five vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$200,000.

Council Member Morck seconded.

Council Member Boan said he would like these items removed because the city seems to be in a hurry to spend this money. The city needs to wait until they can review the budget at mid-year. He would hate to see any layoffs or cut in pay for the employees. He does not feel there is any need to hurry on these items and they could wait until they have time to review the budget.

Council Member Rust said council has had plenty of time to discuss this, and he is ready to move forward with the items.

Council Member McCullough said the city is getting \$2.5 million and even if everything is approved the city will still have money left.

Council Member Boan said he does not understand why there is a rush.

Motion denied. (1-4) Council Members Morck, Maes, Rust, and McCullough voted no.

Council Member Rust moved to approve the original motion as amended. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

PRESENTATIONS

Sweetwater County Board of Health

Jackson Waters, Director of the Sweetwater County Board of Health, stated he will be coming to council meetings once a quarter to update everyone on what is happening with the SWC Board of a Health. Currently they are funded by state, state grant programs, City of Rock Springs, and Sweetwater County. As of December 29, 2010 they have terminated their contract with the state. This means Sweetwater County will be in charge of what Sweetwater County needs instead of the state deciding. This does however mean a decrease in funding. The Sweetwater County Board of Health strategic planning committee is currently planning their strategic plan for the next year and they would like the Mayor to sit on this committee.

Council Member McCullough said it looks like the cities and county will be making up the \$300,000 that was lost in funding. He asked about them going to go to the legislature to help pass a bill to help.

Mr. Waters said the \$330,000 turns out to be only \$147,000 when you take away what the county is already paying in salaries. Yes, there is a bill coming out of health and labor, this will give the counties the ability to run their own programs and not have to serve at the pleasure of the state. The state will still have the ability to do administrative work in smaller counties but the larger counties can be responsible of their own.

SW-WRAP Programs Update

Cathie Hughes CEO of SW-WRAP said they employ around 13 people. They have received a donation from United Way and the City of Green River. They have received a TANA Grant worth \$444,000. This grant helps people at the poverty level. They also received a Community Service Block Grant for \$30,000. These grants make it possible for SW-WRAP to provide help to people that are in need. She is currently working on a grant to be the central aiding and disability resource center for the state of Wyoming. This would be a significant impact for Sweetwater County.

Council Member Rust said to keep up the good work.

Council Member McCullough asked for the total amount they have brought into this community and he thanked her.

Mrs. Hughes said the total is around \$800,000.

Main Street Presentation

Mr. Dahlgren reminds everyone about the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting tonight at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Dahlgren presented a plaque to the Green River Firefighters for their help in stringing the lights on the Christmas tree. These volunteer firefighters came in the middle of the week and used the snorkel truck to string the lights. He thanked Assistant Fire Chief Dea Cargile, Firefighter Clint Kendall, Firefighter Austin Ryder, Firefighter Cliff Walgren, Lieutenant JP Apostolope, and Captain Mike Nomis for their service.

PROCLAMATIONS

Green River Lions Club Appreciation Month

Bob Saunders read the proclamation and Acting Mayor Tom McCullough declared December Green River Loins Club Appreciation Month and encouraged all citizens to thank members of the Green River Lions Club for their many contributions to our community.

25th Anniversary of the Nutcracker Ballet

Adam Coppolo read the proclamation and acting Mayor Tom McCullough declared December 2010 as the month to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Nutcracker Ballet in Green River and encouraged all citizens to enjoy one of their outstanding performances this year. He also

commends The Nutcracker Ballet performers, the volunteers working behind the scenes, and especially the West family for their remarkable gift to our community.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Luis Flores commented on a statement Council Member McCullough made at the workshop last week. He felt what Mr. McCullough said was incorrect.

Council Member McCullough said the statement he made was full time employees are most important and he still confirms this. He also said part time people have their roles that they will serve within the city but the full time employees are the most important. Part time will be important in fulfilling their roles.

Mr. Flores said Mr. McCullough also stated part time people were not willing to commit to their jobs.

Council Member McCullough said what he meant was a part time person will not have the same amount of time or training that a full time person does. The city has around 20 or so part time people that work many hours and they do the same job every day, he was not including them. He apologized to Mr. Flores and thanked him for speaking.

Council Member Elect Gene Smith said he would like to speak on Resolution Items C, D, and E regarding leasing options. If the city commits to leasing the vehicles this year, it is committing for three to five years. He asks council to remember that next year's recurring money will be less than this year's because of sales tax. He would like to see these items tabled until later. If the need is there right now, then purchase one fire truck and let the leases go until they can get more information on the budget.

RESOLUTIONS

6th Penny Revenue

R10-93: Consideration of a resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve a modification in the Capital Projects Funds to account for the 6th Penny funding in the amount of \$2,566,619.

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

Mr. Cook said back in 2005 the voters passed a capital facilities tax that funded infrastructure for cities, towns, and the county. The tax was terminated in January 2010. There were bonds that were paid off and there was money left. This money will be divvied up among the cities, towns, and county. The City of Green River received 24.09% which totaled \$2,566,619.47. There were excess tax collections that will be returned to the cities, towns, and county. The City of Green River will be receiving \$550,000 in January of 2011. These monies must be spent on infrastructure. What the resolution does tonight is take the \$2.5 million and put it into the Capital Projects Fund and take the local dollars from those funds into the General Fund to move forward with resolution items C, D, and E.

Employee Stipend

R10-94: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in all of the funds with employee costs for a one-time stipend in the amount of \$211,924.

Council Member Rust moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Morck seconded.

Council Member Rust made an amendment to the motion as follows: \$1350 stipend for full time employees. A stipend for part time employees with five or more years of service at \$200; three to five years of service at \$150; zero to three years of service at \$100; and the firefighters will receive \$100 plus benefits.

Council Member Morck seconded.

Council Member Boan asked what the total cost for the stipend is.

Council Member Rust said the total is \$207,750.00

Amendment carried. (5-0)

Original motion carried. (5-0)

Police Department Vehicles

R10-95: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase/lease of Police Department vehicles in the amount of \$200,000.

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

Council Member Maes clarified if this is passed tonight it does not mean they are committing to any lease agreement. It is just allocating the funds to move forward and look into the options.

Motion carried. (5-0)

Fire Department Vehicles

R10-96: A resolution for the governing body of the City for Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase/lease of Fire Department vehicles in the amount of \$700,000.

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

Motion carried. (5-0)

Parks and Recreation Vehicles

R10-97: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in expenditure authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the purchase of five vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$200,000.

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

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Golden Generation Advisory Board

Council Member Rust moved to confirm the appointment of Craig Wolfing to the Golden Generation Advisory Board for a three year term expiring December 2013. Council Member Morck seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

Green River Arts Council

Council Member Maes moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Tami Rose and Morgan Cachelin to the Green River Arts Council for a two year terms expiring December 2012. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

Catering Permit

Council Member Rust moved to approve the issuance of a catering permit to Black Rock Inc., dba Saddlelite Saloon, to sell alcohol at the Harris/Mullaney wedding reception on Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am at the Island Pavilion. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

Amended Cooperative Agreement

Council Member Maes moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended Cooperative Agreement between the City of Green River, City of Rock Springs, and the Sweetwater County Commission for the Green River-Rock Springs Route Alignment and Survey Project. Council Member Boan seconded.

Mr. Cook said last summer the cities and county entered into an agreement to move forward with the alternate service road between the two cities. The scope of work and the distribution of funding was spelt out in the agreement and it was revised by the county and has been on hold since then. The City of Green River has received requests for proposal and they are currently being reviewed. In order to move forward, Mr. Cook has revised the agreement and taken out the parts in the agreement that the county had a problem with, and in doing so the agreement needs to be reconsidered by the County and the City of Rock Springs.

Motion carried. (5-0)

Catering Permit

Council Member Boan moved to approve the issuance of a catering permit to the Wild Horse Saloon to sell alcohol during the BP Christmas Party on Friday December 10, 2010 from 6:00 pm to Midnight at the Island Pavilion. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Rust moved to approve the following consent agenda items. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

- Licensing agreement with BMI in the amount of \$553.15, to allow for broadcasting of music at the Recreation Center.
- Licensing agreement with ASCAP for 2011 in the amount of \$305.00, to allow for the performance of music at City of Green River programs, activities, and events.
- Placement of temporary portable signs at the new location off Hitching Post Drive to promote the Green River Child Development Center per the written request of Ms. Elise Haapala of Sweetwater County Child Developmental Center; provided the sign does not impede pedestrians or traffic and that it is only up until construction of the new building is complete.
- Signing of the City's Application (Master Benefit Document only) through WEBT for coverage effective on July 1, 2010, and authorize Debbie Klein Robertson to sign the document.
- Expenditure of \$3,000 for advertising the "shop local program"
- Agreement with Questar Gas to extend the natural gas main to the new Upland Pump Station and approve the prepayment for the installation of that main in the amount of \$12,122.50.
- Agreement with Questar Gas to install natural gas service to the new Upland Pump Station and approve the prepayment for the installation of the services in the amount of \$3,575.80.
- Renewal of the Right of Way (WYW5997) with the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management for a storm drain pipeline and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary paperwork.
- Authorize the removal of items from the landfill by Cathie Hughes.
- Approval of Minutes for: November 9, 2010 Special Council, November 9th, 2010 Workshop, and November 16, 2010.
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:

Prepaid Invoices = \$52,019.13	Outstanding Invoices: \$1,192,533.18
Pre-authorization Payments = \$755,000.00	Payroll Expenditures = \$399,651.09

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook updated council on the Utility Storage Building, Alternate Route, Snow Removal Plan, Agenda for December 14 Workshop, and the Wireless Project.

He reminded council that KUGR is ready for them to do their public service announcements, to schedule them with Mrs. Lipka or KUGR.

Viaduct Update

Mr. Wilson said all steel and concrete structures are complete. On the north and south ramp there are white extensions hanging because they had to extend the hand rails to meet with the ADA requirements. These will be painted in the spring because of the temperature drop. They should be opening the viaduct next week for winter.

Council Member McCullough asked Mr. Cook what can be done about the parking lot by the Chamber of Commerce and he also asked about the cost to dump tires in the landfill.

Mr. Cook said the Streets Department will go in and resurface it.

Mr. Cook clarified there was a request from a local business owner who currently takes tires for citizens, stock piles them, then hauls them to the landfill, and pays to dump them. Businesses have to pay to dump any tires they have but a citizen can dump four tires a year for free. What is being looked into is, a tracking system for tires so when a business dumps tires from a customer they could use that customers four free tires.

He said he is not able to answer Council Member McCullough right now until more research is completed.

Council Member Boan said the tire businesses charge a fee for tire disposal when you have tires replaced. He feels it would be complicated to keep up with tracking the tires.

Council Member McCullough said if they cannot come up with a tracking system then they will probably leave it how it is now.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Rust said Uinta Drive trees look great. He thanked all the city workers that work outside during this cold time and who ever put the decorations up around town.

Council Member Maes said she wanted to thank Cathy Hughes for what she does with the SW-WRAP. She agrees with Council Member Rust on the trees on Uinta Drive.

Council Member Boan echoed all that has been said. He asked if the inspection on the winter's building had been done.

Mr. Cook said he thought it was done today, so council should be receiving the report within the next few days.

Council Morck said the decorations do look very nice.

Council Member McCullough agrees all decorations look very good. He reminds everyone about Pearl Harbor and said everyone needs to be thankful for the benefits that we have.

He hopes all the employees are happy with the stipend.

He thanked the Radio Network and community members for the tree on Mansface. He thanked Aaron Reichl and sons for the light display on Hitching Post.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Boan moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (5-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk