

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 6, 2011**

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 Cathie Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council Members were present: Gary Killpack, Gene Smith, Adam Coppolo, 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 Leigh, URA/Main Street Administrator John Dahlgren, Interim Chief of Police Chris Steffen, Fire Chief/Emergency Services Mike Kennedy, Parks and Recreation Director Allan Wilson, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Affairs Specialist Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

Key to the City

The Mayor presented Margret Parry with a Key to the City to honor her for her outstanding civic duties in the community. She is the founder of Cowboys Against Cancer which has been in the community for seventeen years.

Ms. Parry accepted the key and shared this honor with all of her volunteers.

Community Nursing Best Beginnings Program

The coordinator for the Best Beginnings Program in Sweetwater County Community Nursing Linda Cornell said the program includes other programs in the area such as the Salvation Army, and SW-WRAP to provide for the needs of families. She works with pregnant women during their pregnancy and after to provide meals and necessities.

The Mayor asked how busy they are.

Ms. Cornell said they are very busy. They are not able to help people as quickly as they would like. She also works with the Department of Family Services on court ordered parenting classes. They are doing whatever they can to keep the community healthy and to prevent any issues.

The Mayor asked about the size of the staff.

Sweetwater County Community Health Director Janet Gerkin said the staff consists of seventeen with five working with moms and new babies.

Ms. Gerkin said the revenues are down by \$50,000, and expenses are down by that much because they moved two full-time positions to part-time positions. They are on track and do not anticipate any more cuts for the remainder of the year.

Experience Works

Western Wyoming Regional Experience Works Coordinator Allan Horner said they help seniors that need to re-enter the job market. They use grant money from the Department of Labor to develop training positions to help them learn skills and get back into the job market. They have currently served thirty-five county residents, approximately bringing in \$136,000 into Sweetwater County. Fifteen participants left the program for a subsidized program at a wage of \$12 or more an hour. He is here tonight because the federal grant was cut by 45% which means he will be going from seven-two participants to fifty participants. He is looking for a \$700 donation from the city to offset the cost of training and travel for him and his staff.

Mr. Cook said the city provides funding during the budget process. He can submit a letter requesting the \$700 dollars be put in the budget for the next budget starting in July 2012. If council wished to fund him now, he would have to have a contract for services prepared by legal counsel.

Mr. Horner said he could have his staff present during the budget process.

Council Member McCullough said he thinks \$700 is a reasonable amount, so he would support the program. He asked when Mr. Horner would have to have the letter to the city.

Mr. Cook said the letter would have to be submitted by March to be included in the draft budget.

Council Member Boan suggested he could ask the Sweetwater County Tripartite Board.

ORDINANCES

Regulate the Shooting of Bows within City Limits

1st Reading: An ordinance amending Section 18-61 of the Green River Code of Ordinances, City of Green River, State of Wyoming, to regulate the shooting of bows within city limits.

Council Member Coppolo moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Maes seconded.

Council Member McCullough said he will support the ordinance because there are places where citizens can shoot their bows.

Council Member Smith said he has not heard of anyone getting hurt or any issues with this so he will not support it.

Council Member Maes said she saw a person shooting a compound bow in his backyard. After some research she found it was not something that was illegal. There is a good chance that someone could slip and miss their target and someone could get hurt. She will support the ordinance.

Council Member McCullough said this was an issue seven years ago. People said they would shoot their bows with nets and safety gear but it is still a safety issue.

Council Member Killpack said he thinks it is sad that someone would have to get hurt before we get an ordinance or law to prevent it from occurring. He would not like anyone to get hurt so he will support the ordinance.

Motion carried (6-1) with Council Member Smith voting no.

Alternative Energy Addition

1st Reading: The addition of Chapter 15 to Appendix B – Alternative Energy to the Code of Ordinances

Council Member Smith moved to approve the ordinance on first reading. Council Member McCullough seconded.

Motion carried. (7-0)

RESOLUTIONS

Budget Increase for the Recycling Baler

R11-77: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve an increase in the Solid Waste Fund for the recycling baler in the amount of \$587

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

Council Member McCullough thanked LOC Electric for their time and efforts on getting the baler up and running.

Transfer Authority for Uniform Allowances

R11-78: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve a modification in the Solid Waste Fund to transfer budget authority from Division 540 (Solid Waste Landfill) to Division 530 (Solid Waste Collections) for uniform allowances in the amount of \$200.

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

URA/Main Street Plan and Expenditures

R11-79: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, to approve the proposed URA/Main Street Plan for the expenditures in the amount of \$50,000

Council Member Coppolo moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Killpack seconded.

URA/Main Street Board Member Cathy Hughes said right now they are working on the clock tower. They have done the lighting and are looking into renovating it. They are going to light up the viaduct from December through February. They will be looking into lighting the trees on Expedition Island.

Council Member Killpack said the board is currently looking for an attorney, working on their bylaws, and trying to set up a checking account.

The Mayor clarified that the city is designating \$40,000 to be spent on projects and \$10,000 to develop the bylaws, the State required plan, retaining an attorney, and opening a checking account.

Council Member Killpack asked if the URA would have to come back to the governing body for approval before they use the money for anything.

Mr. Cook said no.

Motion carried. (7-0)

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Council Member McCullough moved to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Dottie Krauss to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Appointments to the Tree Board

Council Member Smith moved to confirm the appointments of Gwenna Michie and Lindsey Travis to the Tree Board for three-year terms. Council Member Killpack seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Bid Award for the Rodeo Arena Improvements Project

Council Member Coppolo moved to award the bid to SCI, Inc. for panels, chutes and installation for the Rodeo Arena Improvements – Capital Improvements 15-900-9215. Council Member Boan seconded.

Council Member McCullough asked if SCI was the low bidder.

Director of Parks and Recreation Allan Wilson said yes. He said one of the bidders questioned the quality of product that would be coming from SCI. He said staff looked into it and asked SCI to provide a letter from the engineering firm confirming the standards are the same.

Council Member McCullough asked if the money they allocated for this would be enough.

Mr. Wilson said it should come within budget since staff is doing some of the work.

Council Member Maes asked if they could use the old rails for stalls outside of the fenced area.

Mr. Wilson said no, the rails are in poor condition. They will be installing new rails around the arena.

The Mayor asked if all the panels will be new.

Mr. Wilson said yes. The crow's nest will remain the same, along with the grandstands, they will be painted to match the new items.

Motion carried. (7-0)

The Mayor thanked Boy Scout Troop 19 and 7 (Kaleb Nathan, Ethan Wright, Colton Spalding, Jim Carrol, Mitch Forsyth, and Bob Allen) for attending the meeting to earn their citizen merit badges.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A grant application to the Wyoming Business Council for the Farmer's Market
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Overland Stage Stampede Rodeo Committee for the 2012 Overland Stage Stampede Rodeo Event
- Horse Corral Lease Agreement with Lennie Cook for horse corral #76
- Ratification of Contract Amendment No. 001 with Olson Lavoie Corporation for the Sweetwater County Child Development Center to reflect a change in compensation percentage to reflect 30% of the design development phase verses the original reflection of 35%
- Authorization of Brent Prince to remove four tires from the landfill
- Minutes for: November 8, 2011 Workshop; November 10, 2011 Special Council; and November 15, 2011 Council
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:

Prepaid Invoices = \$58,630.26	Outstanding Invoices = \$763,438.82
Pre-authorization Payments = \$759,800.00	Payroll Expenditures = \$340,243.15

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook said the Tough Turkey Volleyball Tournament took place in November. This year they increased the registration fee and limited the number of teams. The subsidy rate dropped from 63% to 28%. The tournament was a great success. He commended Parks for putting on a great event.

The governor presented his budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee and is recommending funding for local governments in the amount of \$168.4 million to be broken down to all counties, towns, and cities. There will be \$94.5 million for consensus funding (Capital Improvement Projects) and \$33.4 million for the State Land and Investment Board. Hopefully, it will move through the Joint Appropriations Committee and have a chance to be pushed through.

The Mayor asked about the property in front of McDonalds and weather they had given the city permission to put in a sprinkler system and better landscaping.

Mr. Cook thanked the Fire Department for inviting him to attend their award banquet. He wanted to personally thank Mr. Lenard Ortega for his thirty-one years of service with the Volunteer Fire Department.

He said he has concerns with the Joint Communications Board and their intent to standardize all departments. He said the level of service will change because of the change. The standard operations will have to be looked into.

He discussed the agenda for the December 13, 2011 workshop.

He said the Parks and Recreation Department was a finalist in the Parks and Recreation Gold Medal Award. Only one out of four communities in the US is chosen for this award. The Parks Department did not receive the award this year, but to be a finalist was a great honor.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

The Mayor said there will be a workshop on January 7, 2011 to discuss the 6th cent initiative, at 7:30 am to 11:00 am, in the Council Chambers.

Update on the water diversion project: the BLM has made a final determination that the water in the Green River is over allocated.

The lights around town look great. He thanked the Parks Department. The tree lighting ceremony at the clock tower will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 6:30 pm.

Council Member Smith thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for reducing the subsidy, and congratulated them for being nominated for the Gold Award for two years in a row.

He said if the property by McDonald's could be cleaned up it would be a great improvement.

Council Member McCullough congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department for their achievements. He thanked the Radio Network for putting the tree up on Mansface.

Council Member Coppolo echoed other comments on the Parks and Recreation Department.

Council Member Maes said you can go to www.K2TV.com and vote for the governor's recommendation to give more money to towns, cities, and counties.

She Congratulated the Parks and Recreations Department. She heard the Crystal Classic carving might be held at the island. She would be against that because the Crystal Classic should be held on Main Street.

Council Member Boan said the trees on Uinta Drive and the decorations in town look great. He is excited to see the viaduct lit up.

He would not support the Crystal Classic being held on the island.

Council Member Killpack echoed everything that had been said. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for bringing Santa into town last night, it was a great success. He said the URA has met with the Union Pacific Railroad to let them know the plans for the viaduct and they were very supportive.

The Mayor thanked the person who decorated the Council Chambers with the lights and flowers. He said he wants to send a letter of support requesting intervening status regarding the water issue.

Council Member Killpack thanked the Fire Department for putting the lights on the clock tower tree.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McCullough moved to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk