

**CITY OF GREEN RIVER
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
January 3, 2012**

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 Harry Hollar 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, GIS Specialist Jason Brown, Chief of Police Chris Steffen, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Liberty, Parks and Recreation Director Allan Wilson, Parks Supervisors: Kevin Sadler and Katie Duncombe, City Attorney Galen West, and Public Affairs Specialist Stephen Pyles.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Boan moved to approve the agenda with the removal and replacement of Consent Agenda Item F: Approval of the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Green River and USA Freestyle Kayaking to Council Action Item E. Council Member Killpack seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief

Mr. Cook formally appointed Chris Steffen as the Chief of Police. He congratulated Chief Steffen and thanked him for doing such a good job as the Interim Chief.

The Mayor said there will be an open house for Chief Steffen on January 4, 2012, at 3:30 pm, in the Council Chambers. He encouraged people to attend.

Military Presentation

The Mayor presented Harry Hollar with a certificate of appreciation for his support and dedication to our soldiers. He also gave him an American flag that was flown in Afghanistan.

Mr. Hollar presented the Mayor with a calendar that has pictures of places in Afghanistan.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Hollar thanked everyone for their participation in the Holiday Cards for Heroes. This year was a big success, they collected around 5,000 cards.

Randy Neilson commended council for adopting the Red Shirt Friday.

He is opposing the ordinance on shooting bows. He has never heard of anything happening so he does not think there should be any changes made to the ordinance. He said the trajectory of the arrow would not be that high so it would go to the ground before it had a chance to go anywhere else. He asked council to make sure they use facts and statistics before they pass any more laws that can take peoples freedoms away.

Council Member Killpack asked about the freedom of the neighbors.

Mr. Neilson said you should use common sense and be responsible before you shoot in your backyard. There are a lot more sports out there that are more dangerous than bows. A trampoline is more dangerous than an arrow.

Council Member Killpack asked how a trampoline could hurt a neighbor.

Mr. Neilson said you are not going to hurt a neighbor with a bow and arrow any worse than you are by throwing a baseball.

Council Member Maes said this has come up for discussion because she had seen a gentleman shooting his bow in his backyard. She thought there was a law that prevents people from doing

so but in the projectile ordinance bows were not included. She feels this is safety issue.

Council Member McCullough said at some point something will happen so now there is an area where archer's can go and shoot safely and legally.

Mr. Neilson said if you approve this ordinance then your will have to improve the archery range.

The Mayor said if you can kill an animal in a shooting distance of thirty feet then you can hurt someone while practicing in your backyard.

Council Member Killpack said he has spoken to other citizens and ninety-five percent of them agreed with the ordinance.

Dean Simons said he is here to oppose the ordinance on bows. He said he has spoke with other archers and they said if this ordinance was approved, they would still practice in their backyards anyway. You are taking law abiding citizens and turning them into felons. There are no available time slots to practice at the red barn. He said it is convenient to shoot in his backyard instead of having to go to the outside range. He said he is not comfortable with his wife going down to the outdoor range late in the evening without him. He does not feel it is safe down there. This is a freedom and should not be taken away from safe and responsible archers.

PROCLAMATIONS

National Mentoring Month

Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Melinda Baas, Chris Horne, and Brittany Horne read the proclamation and the Mayor declared January 2012 as National Mentoring Month in Green River, and called upon all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, as well as religious and educational institutions, to join the mentoring movement and be a part of the YWCA Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

ORDINANCES

Alternative Energy Addition

12:01: The addition of Chapter 15 to Appendix B – Alternative Energy to the Code of Ordinances.

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

Regulate the Shooting of Bows within City Limits

12:02: 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 McCullough moved to approve the ordinance on third reading. Council Member Maes seconded.

Council Member McCullough thanked Mr. Dean and Mr. Neilson for coming and voicing their opinions. He said eventually something will happen so it is a safety issue. He will vote for this ordinance.

Council Member Killpack he agrees with Council Member McCullough so he will also be voting for this ordinance.

Council Member Coppolo said he has mixed feelings on this issue. Shooting a bow in someone's backyard probably isn't the smartest thing to do. On the other hand, there have not been any complaints or issues that have come from it either so he will be abstaining from voting. He does not think enforcing an ordinance where neighbors have to tattle on each other is the best idea.

Council Member Smith said he has been against this ordinance from the beginning and he will continue to be. There have been no complaints or injuries that have come from shooting of bows.

Chief Steffen said this is a difficult ordinance for him because he is an archer. He commends the

community of archers for being safe but no matter what experience you have things can happen. There are state statutes that cover things if someone is hurt so if someone thinks there is nothing that the city or the police can do, they are wrong. He said there are many times available to shoot down at the red barn and the outside range area is very safe.

The Mayor said it is a safety issue.

Melody Roberts said she lives on Evers Street and she has had an arrow pierce through her garage. This arrow was shot two streets below her and it ended up in her garage. Anyone in her family could have been hurt so there have been instances where bows have come close to hurting someone.

Council Member Maes said she knows there are safe archers but there are ones that aren't so it needs to be in the ordinance.

Council Member Boan commended the archers who use safety equipment when they shoot in their backyard. He said some people are not experienced so it is a safety issue. He said there is a huge difference between getting hit by a baseball compared to an arrow.

Council Member Smith asked if this ordinance outlaws a kid's bows and arrows.

Mr. West said yes.

Motion carried (5-1-1) with Smith voting no and Coppolo abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

Adopting the 2011-2016-2026 Strategic Plan

R12-01: A resolution for the governing body of the City of Green River, Wyoming, adopting the 2011-2016-2026 Strategic Plan for the City of Green River, Wyoming.

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

Bank Depositories

R12-02: A resolution for the governing body for the City of Green River, Wyoming, establishing and officially designating Bank of The West and US Bank National Association as bank depositories for the purpose of earning a secured rate of return for the City of Green River.

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

Way Finding Signage Service Agreement

R12-03: A resolution authorizing and directing the governing body of the City of Green River, Sweetwater County, Wyoming, to enter into a service agreement with Mayfield Creative to design a way finding signage system.

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

Council Member Boan said he will be voting no. This request is a waste of taxpayers' money. Why can't it be done by the Community Development Department?

Council Member Smith said he has two issues with this project. The branding study already gave design ideas for the way finding signage. These signs were supposed to be up before the National Finals Rodeo but there is no chance these signs can be designed and everything before the rodeo.

Council Member Coppolo said he agrees with Council Member Boan. The branding study has already done a lot of the work.

Director of Sweetwater County Travel and Tourism Jennissa Bartlett said this is a project that the

Travel and Tourism Board will be providing financial assistance with. The board has approved the assistance of \$10,000.

The City of Rock Springs has gone through this same project. They paid a consultant to come in and take a look at the city and where the best place for the signs would be. This provides an outside look to show what a visitor would see.

She said the branding study does not detail how the signs should be laid out. It does not show the logical place to put them and how to do so. This is why they are recommending this route.

Council Member Boan said Rock Springs is much larger than Green River so he still does not think this would be a good way to spend money. Green River has two main streets so it is pretty easy to see where the signs should be placed.

Council Member Killpack asked if the city's cost would be \$25,000 since the Travel and Tourism will pay for \$10,000.

Ms. Bartlett said yes. This is an agreement between the city and the design firm. The Travel and Tourism Board will give the city \$10,000 to pay for part of the project.

Council Member McCullough said he will support the motion. He has seen the signs in Rock Springs and he thinks they look nice. The directions are needed and will help tourists that come into our community. He said this could help the signs be up and ready before the rodeo.

Director of the Green River Chamber of Commerce Janet Hartford said people that are new to the community drive right by the signs and come to her office and she has to tell them how to get there. So these signs are needed.

Council Member Coppolo said he is not impressed with the signs in Rock Springs. He said when people are driving through the city they are not looking at the signs they are looking at the street trying to drive.

Council Member Boan asked if they are going to advertise for the stores on the way finding signs then shouldn't the stores help pay for the signs.

Director of Community Development Laura Leigh said they cannot advertise for a specific store so the sign would say groceries or retail. She said this project is behind but they are trying to get it started as soon possible. It is not a matter of the Community Development staff not being able to do this project; it is a matter of the other work load that has to continue to be done.

Council Member Maes said she likes the signs in Rock Springs and she thinks the city would benefit from this project.

Council Member Killpack said he will support this project.

Director of Parks and Recreation Allan Wilson said staff has been working with WYDOT on the placement of signs, directing traffic down to FMC Park and the shooting range. He would like to see the signs up before the rodeo and he knows the committee will prioritize the rodeo signs to be the first signs done.

Council Member Smith asked if there is a possibility to work with the study and have the signs in place for the rodeo.

Mr. Wilson said they will try.

Ms. Leigh said it is a phased project. They are hoping to have the rodeo signs made and put up first, as phase one.

Council Member Coppolo asked if the money has already been budgeted for way finding signs.

Ms. Leigh said there is \$50,000 budgeted already so all they are asking is to proceed with the contract.

The Mayor said he supports this project.

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

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

Election of Council Officers

Council Member McCullough moved to nominate Gary Killpack as Council President. Council Member Boan seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Council Member McCullough moved to nominate Gene Smith as Council Vice President. Council Member Killpack seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board

Council Member Smith moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Lindsey Travis to the Parks Advisory Board for a three year term. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Amendment No. 1 for Transfer Station Engineering Services

Council Member Coppolo moved to approve Amendment No. 1 for Transfer Station Engineering Services with Inberg Miller Engineers. Council Member Killpack seconded.

Mr. Cook said within three to five years the city will begin phasing out the landfill and are going to transfer station. The costs associated with the landfill are going up so this is what the city has chosen to do in order to help save money.

Council Member McCullough asked Mr. Nelson to assure the citizens that the transfer station will not affect how they do things now.

Mr. Nelson said they will not notice a difference. They will still put their garbage out to the curbs and they can still haul their garbage to the transfer station.

Motion carried. (7-0)

Supplemental Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad

Council Member Killpack moved to approve the Supplemental Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to lease the grassy area adjoining the Railroad Avenue parking lot and authorize the Mayor to sign it on behalf of the City of Green River. Council Member Maes seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

The Mayor asked how much cost.

Mr. Cook said it is \$100 a year so there are no extra costs.

Memorandum of Understanding with USA Freestyle Kayaking

Council Member Boan moved to approve the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Green River and USA Freestyle Kayaking. Council Member Killpack seconded.

Council Member Boan said he requested that this be moved to Council Action items so he could get more information. He said there are no dates listed for the event. This event was not supported very well last year. He said he asked if there would be more events that could be planned to draw more people down to the island. He said there does not seem to be a good rate of return from this event. The kayakers stay in campers or tents and eat stuff they have, they do not even spend money here.

Recreation Supervisor Katie Duncombe said there are no additional events planned because of the extra \$3,500 fee that is associated with the point series event. This did not bring a lot of spectators last year but the people who did participate did enjoy it. She said the kayaking community is very tight nit and they usually camp out when they go to these types of events.

Council Member Killpack asked if the money spent on the river improvements was to bring in events like this.

Mr. Wilson said last year the weather played a part in the low amount of spectators but hopefully the weather will be better. He said they are only applying to become a point sanctioned event, it does not mean they will be allowed too.

Council Member Boan asked if they do get the point event then the costs will go up.

Mr. Wilson said the other costs are already worked into the budgeted amount.

Council Member Smith asked if the \$3,500 is the cost to host a point sanctioned event and if we do not get selected for the event then does the event still take place.

Mr. Wilson said yes the event will take place it just would not be points sanctioned.

Motion carried. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Authorization for the City Clerk to accept the Public Officials Disclosure Forms as submitted from Barry Cook, Jeff Nieters, Trish Mansfield, Chris Meats, Joyce Peverley, Galen West, Mayor Hank Castilion, Council Members Tom McCullough, Gene Smith, Lisa Maes, Adam Coppolo, Gary Killpack, and Jim Boan.
- An agreement and payment to the organizers of the Thoman Memorial Wrestling Tournament sponsorship in the amount of \$750.
- Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Green River, Wyoming and Sweetwater County of Wyoming for the exchange of Emergency Response.
- Contracts for Bonita Lampman, Randy McReynolds and Scott Blume to judge the 2012 Crystal Classic.
- Contract between the City of Green River Parks and Recreation Department and Dave Jensen of Blue Nation to perform at the 2012 Crystal Classic, in the amount of \$1,000.
- Acceptance of the 2011 FFY Wyoming Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$23,232.36.
- Agreement of Disbursement, Receipt and Use of Grant Funds from the 2012 Sweetwater County Joint Travel and Tourism Grant for the Crystal Classic.
- Contract between the City of Green River Parks and Recreation Department and Rock On Ice in the amount of \$2,900.
- Minutes for: December 8, 2011 Workshop, December 13, 2011 Special Council, and December 13, 2011 Workshop, December 20, 2011 Council.
- Financial Reports and Payment of Bills:

Prepaid Invoices = \$47,536.10	Outstanding Invoices = \$317,542.76
Pre-authorization Payments = \$755,000.00	Payroll Expenditures = \$342,653.64

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cook said the Wyoming Association of Municipalities will be holding their first webinar on January 19, 2012, from 10 am to 11 am. The city has purchased the time so anyone is welcome to attend.

The water salesman has been vandalized and is not working. If anyone has information on this please contact the city.

He will be giving council a strategic plan update on a by-weekly basis.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. West had nothing to report.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Killpack thanked council for their support and the Chief of Police for the information on the bows and arrows.

Council Member Boan congratulated Chief Steffen on his promotion and said he will not be able to attend his open house.

Council Member Maes congratulated Chief Steffen and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Coppolo echoed all that has been said.

Council Member McCullough wished everyone a Happy New Year. He congratulated Chief Steffen and the newly elected council officers.

Council Member Smith thanked council for appointing him as vice president and congratulated Chief Steffen on his promotion. He wished a Happy New Year to everyone.

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and he congratulated Chief Steffen.

There will be a meeting to discuss the 6th cent initiative on Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am, at the Hampton Inn.

There will be a legislative forum on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION

Council Member Boan moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisition at 8:47 pm. Council Member Coppolo seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

RECONVENE

Council Member Boan moved to reconvene at 9:50 pm. Council Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Boan moved to adjourn at 9:51 pm. Council Member McCullough seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

H. Castillon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey V. Nieters, City Clerk