

**MINUTES OF THE EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING  
5 S. MAIN  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011  
7:00 PM**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council Room.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Parrish, Mayor  
Kim Cragun, Mayor Pro Tem  
Greg Dart  
Terry Lund  
Richard Squire  
Don Olson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Regan Bolli, City Manager  
Bryan Kimball, City Planner  
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder  
Ron Rasmussen, Police Chief

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

See attached.

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Dart offered an opening prayer. Councilmember Squire led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2011 City Council meeting.

*Councilmember Dart moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2011 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of January 18, 2011.

*Councilmember Lund moved to approve the warrant register of January 18, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Squire. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Abraham Hundepool asked for an update on the power situation. City Manager Bolli replied that Engineers will submit a final report within two to three weeks. 780 feet of

new power line has been installed which will operate the breaker. This is not entirely online yet because a breaker control device is still needed and has been ordered. The Power Department replaced eight lightning arresters on Phase A of reclosure #2 and will install some transformer arresters. They took out three regulators today and put in three leased regulators in the canyon substation. The original three will be rebuilt and reinstalled in six weeks time.

#### **ADOPTION OF ECO 11-01 – NET METERING ORDINANCE**

City Manager Bolli explained that the definition of net metering is when an individual wishes to generate their own power and if more power than the resident requires is generated, that excess power may be sent into Ephraim City's power system. An agreement is required between the City and the resident wishing to net meter. The ordinance, which is required by federal law, allows Ephraim City residents to begin generating their own power. The Federal Government is offering a rebate for all those wishing to generate their own power. Once the ordinance is adopted a resident may fill out a net metering application and the Power Department will inspect the resident's power generation system for approval. Once approval is granted, the resident may begin producing power. Ted Olson and Alma Lund have approved the ordinance.

*Councilmember Dart moved to adopt ECO 11-01, Net Metering Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Olson. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **SIX COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT SELF-BUILD HOUSING PROGRAM**

The request from Six County last summer was to waive or reduce impact fees to help make their program "affordable." At the time, the Council requested more information, including what other cities are doing, so a final decision was postponed at that time. Several cities that have the self help program were contacted, such as Richfield, Payson, Logan, and Nephi. Nephi does not charge impact fees at all to anyone, so they could not waive any fees for the self help program. Payson does not waive impact fees, but does reduce some of their plan review fees, mostly because they build numerous houses using the exact same house plan. Logan and Richfield did not return the calls. Ephraim City currently waives all administrative fees for the Ephraim City Housing Authority (ECHA) homes. In the past, impact fees have been assessed as a lien on the ECHA homes to be paid when the houses are sold. Recent discussions have been that in the future, those fees will likely be required to be paid up front rather than as a lien for the ECHA houses.

Not all of the fees presented are charged to every house, but represent fees that *may* be charged, depending on the individual situation. For example, homes in approved subdivisions are not assessed connection fees for water and sewer since those utilities are already stubbed into the property as part of the subdivision.

The Council felt waiving the impact fees for the 6 County self help project would create a burden to City it and it would be irresponsible to waive or delay payment.

*Councilmember Dart moved to deny the request for waiver of impact fees for the Six County Rural Development Self Help Housing Program.*

Discussion continued regarding administration fees.

*Councilmember Dart amended the motion as follows: Ephraim City denies the request for waiver of impact fees for the Six County Rural Development Self Help Program but will waive all administration fees up to \$225. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **COUNCIL REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Terry Lund**

**ECHA**—The next meeting will be held on January 26; Regan Bolli was invited to participate.

**Elaine Reid**—Concern was expressed for Elaine Reid. She is going in for tests and hopefully will be able to be back in Ephraim and healthy, but it is up in the air right now.

### **Richard Squire**

**Rec Board**—Basketball is underway and things are going without a hitch. The schedule shows some of the teams playing teams twice and other teams not at all. There may be some rescheduling to fix this problem. Also discussed was the need to lengthen the season or put more games into the allotted time.

Baseball and Softball signups are under way. Practices will begin in August. The Committee would like to keep the t-shirt type jerseys that were used last year. Bids will be collected from four companies.

Mike Tanner, Rec Board President, has resigned so a replacement will be needed for him as a member and then a President will be selected from the Board.

### **Greg Dart**

**Communication system**--A communication system for future power outages or other emergencies has been discussed. Councilmember Dart feels it is key in order to receive information and be used in conjunction with updating the City website. This would be helpful in not only receiving incoming communication but to help people who are seeking information.

### **Ron Rasmussen**

**Post Office/Hazmat**—A white powdery substance was discovered in the commons area of the post office. It was shut down and quarantined until it could be determined what the substance was or additional action taken. Some citizens were upset because the post office was closed, but officers deposited mail for them if they could. Hazmat was called in as well as the sheriff's office, Snow College public safety, and the Fire Department. After numerous testing processes, it was determined the powdery substance was not life-

threatening. It was sent to the lab up north today to be identified. The process took about five hours from beginning to end.

**Regan Bolli**

**Economic Development**—The City’s electronic sign shows a message that can be texted to receive notification of deals in Sanpete County. This will help to generate more shopping in Ephraim.

**ADJOURN**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Olson moved the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cragun. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 2, 2011, starting at 7:00 p.m., in the Ephraim City Council room.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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City Recorder

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Date