

**EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2005
7:15 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Morris Casperson, Mayor
Don Olson, Mayor Pro Tem
Jannette Anderson
Kim Cragun
Garth Sorenson

OTHERS PRESENT

Richard Anderson, City Mgr/Recorder
Bryan Kimball, City Planner
Leigh Ann Warnock

Mayor Casperson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 7, 2005 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2005 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Olson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2005 Public Hearing.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2005 Public Hearing to discuss the 2005 Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Olson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 19, 2005 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Olson moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2005 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of January 28, 2005.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the warrant register of January 28, 2005. Seconded by Councilmember Cragun. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

SANPETE HOSPITAL – WAYS OF PROVIDING BETTER SERVICE

Ned Hill, the new Administrator of Sanpete Valley Hospital, addressed the Council with an update of what is happening at the hospital that will involve Ephraim and Sanpete County. The remodeling of the emergency room will be done by the end of February. At that point, a new clinic for Drs. Cole, Day and Nunn will be built in front of the hospital, which will triple the size of the current facility. In two weeks, Mr. Hill will be attending a meeting with the hospital's Board of Directors and the medical staff to develop a 10 year strategic plan, and would like to address the council again in two months to report on the outcome of that meeting.

BOWN STONE PRODUCTS PROPOSAL

Mr. Bown addressed the Council about his company mining the gravel pit. There was much discussion as to the best way to access the pit and resulting right-of-way issues. No decision was reached; the subject will be discussed further at a later date.

CEMETERY GAZEBO – UPDATE AND PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES

\$30,000 has been allotted for the gazebo in this year's budget. The \$39,000 estimate from the architect is expected to go up because of necessary upgrades. This will exceed the budget by \$11,000 to \$12,000. It was decided, pending approval of the Cemetery Committee, to begin construction this year, completing the project in the next fiscal year, in July or August.

PRECIS COMMUNICATION CONTRACTS – SALE OF SERVICES TO CENTRAL TELECOM

Central Telecom is buying Precis Communications. Contracts need to be in place in order to complete the service transfer.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the transfer of the existing franchise with Precis to Central Telecom. Seconded by Councilmember Olson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

LIBRARYBOARD – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF

New staff for the library will be negotiated as part of the new budget. Discussion will commence at a later date as Librarian, Jackie Brown, was not present. City Manager, Richard Anderson will look into steps necessary for a bond for Library Committee Chair, Jay Snow, in order to obtain three to one in matching money for a grant in the amount of \$500,000.

BJERREGAARD VS. EPHRAIM CITY – DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve a Disclaimer of Interest on the Bjerregaard property as outlined. Seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

KRIS JORGENSEN SUBDIVISION – DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Jorsensen put his concerns regarding his proposed subdivision in writing as requested at the last City Council meeting. Prior to the meeting, the document was reviewed by the Council, and Public Works Director, Chad Parry inspected the roads to report on the materials used for the 400 East road. Mr. Parry stated that rotomill was put on this road in an attempt to cut down on the amount of dust and dirt, and that it was not built as a permanent road. UDOT recommends a hard surface road be put in. Mayor Casperson affirmed that the previous expectations laid out by the Council concerning the road still stand. Mr. Jorgensen will put in 24' of road with the understanding that as other developers or organizations attach, including Snow College, he will be reimbursed.

Mr. Jorgensen presented new road options as far as materials to be used, such as rotomill, chip seal, etc. Discussion ensued as to the quality and durability of his suggestions. Rather than rely on hearsay, the Council would need an engineer to do a compaction test and submit a statement that the road would meet standards. The City would be willing to share in the cost of the compaction test/engineer stamp. City Planner, Bryan Kimball and Mr. Jorgensen will work together to acquire an engineer.

It was reported that two separate people, unrelated to the subdivision, have expressed concerns that the water level on the property is way too high to support a subdivision. The Council asked Mr. Jorgensen to address that issue and obtain a geological opinion to see if the property will withstand the planned subdivision.

Mr. Jorgensen said he had already contacted Mr. Pieper with NRCS, and was told that there are no flooding issues. Mayor Casperson stated that if a problem is suspected, and Council does not require due diligence, the City could be liable for problems encountered in the future. Mr. Jorgensen has no problem with the due diligence and examining the issue further.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Anderson reported that a letter of request for restructure of the loan for the Housing Authority had been sent.

Councilmember Cragun reported on his meeting with Bruce Watts regarding the Scandinavian Festival. Mr. Watts was in charge of the

Denmark supper last year, and would like to write a letter requesting the Tabernacle Choir open the festival in 2006 in the Eccles center. It was decided that the letter be on City letterhead, with the Mayor's signature as well as those of the Stake President and President Benson.

There will be a Recreation Board meeting on Saturday to work on a long term plan. Soccer and softball tournaments will be planned. The Board is also sponsoring a high school soccer club, and is considering a slow pitch co-ed softball tournament for Scandinavian Days.

Councilmember Olson reported on legislation at the capitol. The tax issue seems to be running out of steam, as there are too many amendments and stipulations. Mr. Olson also reported that he took maps and diagrams to Rick Wheeler and others try to get \$70,000 to finish the road in the industrial park.

Councilmember Anderson spoke for Councilmember Kittelsrud who was absent. Councilmember Kittelsrud spoke with the Youth City Council about applying their money to the cabinets to be built in the lobby of the City building instead of the benches as previously planned. The Youth Council was amenable to the idea and would like to know the particulars of the project. The Council felt that they should receive recognition for their contribution.

Mr. Anderson reported that the Director of the Art Center, Adam Bateman, would like to host the March 16th City Council Meeting. Mr. Bateman feels this would show support and may bring in additional people who would not normally attend in order to view the Art Center.

Councilmember Olson moved to go into closed session. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss names for appointments to the Board of Adjustments and the Planning Committee.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Olson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date