

**MINUTES OF THE EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING  
5 S. MAIN  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011  
7:00 PM**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Regan Bolli, City Manager  
Bryan Kimball, City Planner  
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Don Olson

**STAFF ABSENT**

Ron Rasmussen, Police Chief

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

See attached.

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Councilmember Lund offered an opening prayer. Local scout, Cody Alder, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the February 16, 2011 City Council meeting.

*Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dart. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Cragun, and Squire. Councilmember Olson was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of February 28, 2011.

*Councilmember Lund moved to approve the warrant register of February 28, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Squire. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Cragun, and Squire. Councilmember Olson was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Abraham Hundepool commented that it sounds like the City is trying to micro-manage the Ambulance Association. Mayor Parrish assured him that concerns have been discussed with the Ambulance Association in order to understand each other. They are not being micro-managed; they are treated just like any other enterprise in the City. There were also some accounting procedures that had to be worked out. We make sure all is in order for the auditors to look at when they come.

## **APPROVAL OF TOM BAILEY TO SERVE ON THE EPHRAIM CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

*Councilmember Dart moved to approve Tom Bailey as a member of the Ephraim City Economic Development Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Cragun, and Squire. Councilmember Olson was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **ANNUAL CENTRAL UTAH ART CENTER REPORT**

No one was present to give a report.

## **DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON LAWN CARE**

John McKay, who is contracted with the City for Landscaping, presented the scope of work he presented last year to inform the Council exactly what was bid on. He pointed out that people have an impression that lawn maintenance is just mowing and trimming. It is about proper equipment and a number of people to get the work done in a timely manner. Some items not generally related to lawn maintenance are yearly aeration without leaving plugs on the ground, chemical and fertilizer applications, etc.; having people that are trained and licensed is a big issue. Mr. McKay does all the spraying himself because of liability issues, and timing can be a big factor with weather conditions coming into play. He asked the Council to please take these things into account when deciding who to contract with.

Mr. Stevens representing the Ephraim Cemetery Board commented that the landscape contract is for more than just the Cemetery. They propose lawn care be kept in-house as City employees do considerable work there anyway with digging graves and repair of sprinkler systems. This way there would be a little more control on what’s being done as they are subject to supervisors. The Cemetery Board says the lawn care over the past year is the poorest in history, and feels money could be saved by having this done in-house by someone who is experienced in the landscaping field. Their recommendation is to have Karl Lund from the Public Works Department be in charge of lawn care for the City.

Karl Lund addressed the Council regarding his qualifications to take over the City’s lawn care. He has worked for the City for 14 years and feels he would be able to do what is required. Mr. Lund is licensed to apply fertilizer and pesticides. He was a pesticide technician with an agricultural practice; he has been hired to spray orchards, and mixes the sprays that are used around the sewer ponds and roads for weeds, etc. He is required

to keep up CEU's and every year has to attend classes and pass tests. Extra summer help will need to be acquired for the Public Works Department while he is doing lawn care but he feels comfortable that he will be able to do all that needs to be done.

Councilmember Lund declared a conflict of interest as Karl Lund is his brother. The Council discussed past lawn care providers and it was pointed out that there have always been unresolved problems. Going in-house with lawn care has been discussed for years and it was decided to heed to recommendation of the Cemetery Board and try it at this time.

*Councilmember Squire moved to move the lawn care in-house. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cragun. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Cragun, and Squire. Councilmember Olson was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON HAVING SNOW COLLEGE MANAGE THE EPHRAIM CITY REC. PROGRAM**

Regan Bolli explained there is not currently a Recreation Director; Phil Murray is filling in right now. An agreement with Snow College has been proposed to hire a Director from Snow College with a coach from each of the athletic departments over each sport. Sign-ups would still take place at City Hall. It will be a wash as far as expenses are concerned. They may expand into adult programs, reduce rates for facilities, put on coaching clinics to train coaches, and hold camps for each sport.

The Recreation Board's concern was the fact that there would be so many people in charge there would be a loss of communication and efficiency. Another concern was the feeling that the citizens may feel that Snow College is delving too deeply into City Recreation where it is supposed to be a City program. Also the coaches, even in their off season, have a lot of responsibility for their main job and that would be their highest priority and the City sports might slip. The Board did not feel that would be a wise move.

Mike Tanner, previous Chair of the Rec. Board, was in favor of the idea of having a different person run each sport to save headaches. Some people are good at some sports and not others. But this could be done with people from the community. He suggested finding people who are interested in a part-time job three months out of the year to run their particular sport. In his experience on the Rec. Board he has realized delegation is a good thing. With one person trying to run it all, sports overlap and things get lost in the process. Part of that is a function of experience and managerial styles.

Mayor Parrish likes the idea of involving Snow College because it brings some strength from the experienced coaches, and involvement from some students studying recreation as a field that could assist as well. He likes the alliance with Snow College; they are great for this community, but so is Ephraim great for Snow College.

There was some discussion regarding the pros and cons of a college run program vs. hiring a Rec. Director. It is the goal of the Recreation Board to bring Ephraim City's Recreation Program to its former glory. Years ago it was top in the County. The Board feels this will not happen until a full time Director is in place. At this time they recommend hiring a three-quarter time Director who will in time become full time.

*Councilmember Dart moved to table discussion and to hire a ¾ time Recreation Director. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Cragun, and Squire. Councilmember Olson was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON ALL-NIGHT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

When the softball fields were built and lights installed, an agreement was made with the neighbors that the lights would not be on past 11:00 p.m. on weeknights and 12:00 a.m. on weekends. The all-night softball tournament that was held last year went well; we raised a lot of money and now the City would like to do that again.

It was decided to hold a public hearing for comments from those residents around the ball fields with respect to support or concerns regarding the proposed tournaments. If it is determined that an annual all-night softball tournament will take place, a Resolution will be necessary approving overnight events at the discretion of the Council.

There will be a Public Hearing on March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Terry Lund**

**ECHA**—They are still working on Snow College and the City partnership home. Things are coming along well. They also discussed future properties for building.

**Links Council**—The Council would like to participate in a service project regarding planting trees.

### **Kim Cragun**

**Tree Committee**—it is official. We are a Tree City for another year. This is the 14th year.

### **Richard Squire**

**Rec Board**—Baseball is coming up. There was a discussion at the Board meeting regarding whether to raise fees. No decision was made. They talked about joining with a lot of the state in doing the Beez baseball program. Ultimately it was decided the big benefits to participants would be limited to a t-shirt and cap; they didn't feel the tickets would be used. It was decided to put out to bid from four different contractors for shirts and caps as compared with the Beez. Sign ups start March 16th for baseball and will go through April 7th. Late fees will be assessed from the 7th to the 13th. None will be accepted after the 13th.

**Greg Dart**

**Summer Youth Programs**—Greg discussed with a proposal for Ephraim Jr. Explorers, a weekly program for children with an expansion on the summer reading program. Children would meet with the Fire Department, the Police Department, the EMT’s or the Art Center to show the children the services offered by the City.

**Scandinavian Festival**—There will be a written Memorandum Of Understanding between the College and the City regarding the Scandinavian Festival.

**Newsletter**—starting the first week in April Greg will need anything that anyone would like to see in that newsletter.

*Councilmember Squire moved the Council adjourn into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of sections 52-4-205(a) for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dart . The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Dart moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

**ADJOURN**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Squire 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 March 16, 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