

Minutes of Ephraim City Council Meeting  
February 18, 2004 – 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Morris O. Casperson, Council members: Don Olson, Jannette Anderson, Kim Cragun, Penny Kittlesrud, Garth Sorenson, Manager E. Richard Anderson.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Casperson, the prayer was offered by Don Olson.

Mayor Casperson introduced two new employees, Jared Hansen as the new police officer and Bryan Kimball as the new Engineer/Planner.

Minutes: Motion by Don, seconded by Jannie to approve the minutes of February 4, 2004. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussed bills. Motion by Kim, seconded by Don to approve the bills and authorize payment. Motion carries unanimously.

Mayor Casperson: Handed out financial statement for Dec. 31, to give everyone a general idea of where the City is at. Sales tax is right on, the City is right at the 50% mark. Water, sewer, and power are all doing pretty well. Garbage is losing money.

Mayor Casperson: The City has a UDOT contract to move power poles up the canyon road at the A-frame corner. Alma has given UDOT a contract saying that we can do that for \$2,024. Mayor will sign this contract.

Municipal Water Systems Source Protection Resolution: Richard contacted the state, and since this document is an older document a resolution is okay rather than an ordinance. The purpose of this report is to discuss protection zones, management areas, potential contamination sources and management of potential contamination. Motion by Don, seconded by Garth, to accept the Municipal Water Systems Source Protection Resolution, motion carries unanimously. Don questions whether there is any money from the state to protect these springs. He suggests putting nicer fences up around them for better protection.

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sanpete County Cruise and Poker Run: Glen and Teri Morris - In memory of Ed Big Daddy Roth Ratfink would like to hold a parade of old cars. The old cars will start out at Wales Park and then come through Mt Pleasant, Ephraim, and Manti. They would like to block off a parade route from 3<sup>rd</sup> south to 3<sup>rd</sup> north on main street for about an hour. It would be a two-day event between the three towns on Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Council and Mayor would like to see the old cars parked somewhere for an hour so the community can have a chance to look at all of them. The Morris' will look into it and try and find a location where they might be able to park all of the cars. Richard Anderson suggested talking to the Chief about closing the road off

for the hour. Mr. Morris asked the City for a donation. The slogan will be “Cool Summer Nights.” Mayor and Council will give an answer next council meeting.

Cemetery Board: The Board feels there are inconsistencies and improvements that need to be made in the city ordinance; they are making a proposed revision of the Cemetery ordinance and they will bring it to the Council when it is finished. In the proposed revision, they would like to hand out a brochure to every one who owns a grave site and everyone who buys a grave. They will try to have it finished by the next council meeting on March 3. Also they want to replace the old gazebo at the cemetery. They propose a new gazebo similar to the old one. It would include a directory of all of those that are buried and where they are at and would be updated every year. It would also include a directory of service men, a memorial to those who have given their lives, a plaque explaining the old gazebo, and also an explanation about the different flags in front of the cemetery. They have estimates from Larry Black, Ben Gordon, and Dale Christensen. The Board would like to try and have it up by Memorial Day, however additional money is required and they would like the City to add \$15,000 to the \$12,000 already in the budget. Richard Stevens would prefer to use up all of the money and then ask people to donate money to complete the memorial. The Mayor suggested that if we are going to do this anyway maybe we should take out a one year lease. The Mayor, Richard Stevens and Penny will meet to discuss this further.

Mayor Casperson: Beth Hewes advisor to the Youth City Council just had a baby and is sick and would like some help. She would like to stay on as advisor but will need temporary help. Penny will contact Beth.

Kim Cragun: Interviews for the Recreation job will be on Saturday and then again on Tuesday. There was a clear separation in applicants and the committee has decided to interview 9 candidates and will give the council their recommendations at next council meeting. Also they will be making an appreciation plaque to give to the Activity Center for their help with Junior Jazz. They would like to present it at next council meeting. Also they are looking at the “ZAP” tax or PAR tax. This allows an increase in sales tax of 1/10 of 1% for use in capital expenditures for parks and recreation. The legislation would allow cities to impose the tax independently. It would be about \$48,000 a year for Ephraim. Kim requests that we do something about Sesquicentennial Celebration, whether we tie it into Scandinavian Days or do something independent of that. Kim will check to see if there is a good time for the celebration. Mayor Casperson suggested Snow College will have Arbor Day; maybe the Sesquicentennial Celebration could be tied into that.

Don Olson: Rodeo Grounds will be awarded soon. Darin Cummings and the Movie Gallery are anxious to get there buildings started.

Welcome to Ephraim City Signs: Don passed out two different drawings of what the sign could look like; both have already been approved by the college.

Ball Park Lights: Don read the letter that they have drafted to send out requesting donations to fund the project; all contributors will have their names on a plaque at the field. Don suggests having a public meeting with the homeowners in that area about the “lights out policy” so that they are okay with the project.

Newsletter: Penny and Jannie have talked to Dean Cox and he will send the newsletter for \$400 with the Pyramid Shopper. It would be a two sided paper; one side newsletter, and one side advertisements. Richard Anderson got an alternative proposal from Municipal Services and he will get a copy to Penny and Jannie. Penny wants an article in the paper about the Big Fix coming up, which will also include no dog licensing fees.

Richard Anderson: The crosswalk from the institute to Snow College needs to be painted again. Richard talked to David Church and Craig Bott to see if a center block cross walk will increase city liability. Both indicated a properly marked cross walk will not significantly increase liability. It was suggested the City contact President Benson for the proper location and to see if the college has the equipment to do the painting.

Auditors from the state are here to begin their audit. It could take up to 6 months.

Executive Session: Motion by Don to go into Executive Session for personnel issues. Seconded by Garth. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 10:00 PM.

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Morris O. Casperson – Mayor

Attest:

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Recorder