

Minutes of Ephraim City Council Meeting  
March 17, 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.

Mayor Casperson: Council reviewed warrant register, they questioned four bills, but they were resolved. Motion to accept bills by Garth, seconded by Don. Motion carries unanimously.

### **Agenda Items**

Bishop's Storehouse: Richard Anderson met with Lowell Draper to see if wiring has been completed so that it is up to code. Ephraim City has advertised in the paper for interest in renting the storehouse, 3 people made proposals to the council. Garth Sorenson put together criteria to choose from the three and will request they resubmit proposals in agreement with the criteria that have been established. Dr. Bateman spoke with Richard, he is establishing a medical clinic for people who don't have insurance and would like to restore the building and use it as a clinic. He asked Richard to postpone the selection until he has had the opportunity to meet with the council and talk about his restoration idea. He is on the agenda for April 7.

Kim Cragun: Presentation of the Junior Jazz Award.

Alma Lund: Acknowledged award for no accidents that was presented to the Power Department.

Ball Park Lights: Don Olson and Rick Pike went out and collected donations from businesses; they probably have \$30,000 so far. The goal of \$40,000 will most likely be met. We still need the \$50,000 donor, but even without it by April 1, 2004 we should order lights. Currently Ephraim City has \$40,000 budgeted, Snow College has their \$20,000, \$50,000 grant from Eccles Center, and Don requested other donors have their money in by May. Kim Cragun met with citizens from the area by the ballpark and their only concern was the noise, but the Rec. Board decided to have a curfew for the lights. The City needs to have a policy if a private enterprise, not the city, runs the tournaments.

Debt Proposals: Mayor Casperson proposed solutions to get rid of debt.

Live Fire Training: Richard Anderson spoke for Kerry Steck and Lloyd Stevens on the live fire training. They will burn down two old houses here in town, and they have invited any council members and the Mayor to put on the fire suit and mask and go inside

the burning house to see what it is like. It will take place on Saturday, April 17, 2004. Council will discuss this again at the April 7, 2004, Council Meeting.

Trails for Health: Parks & Recreation now accepting applications for state non-motorized trail grants.

Rodeo Grounds: Flood zone follows old creek and spreads out along rodeo grounds. Darin Cummings has to purchase Flood Insurance to get his loan. Bryan Kimball spoke with FEMA about getting flood map updated; he will try to get Darin Cummings property out of the flood zone. Darin asked the City if there is anything that they can do to help with the premium that he has to pay. Don Olson suggested calling the Trust and our local agencies to see if we can get the insurance cheaper through the Trust on his property. Mayor Casperson asked how close we are to closing on the Movie Gallery property. Richard responded that he has been in contact with them and they would like us to set the day sometime this month.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

Garth Sorenson: JUB Engineering – Richard Anderson, Garth Sorenson, and Bryan Kimball met with Ken Young from JUB Engineering and he presented a schedule with a proposed ending date of October 2004, for having a general plan completed. First phase involves getting public input. There are a couple of groups that we need to put together. The first is the citizen advisory committee of about 10 people that would work with this process until completed. The second group would invite members of the community to a Stakeholders Visioning Workshop for one night. This would occur early on in the process to help identify characteristics of our future Ephraim Community.

Scheduled work meeting for Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at 3:30.

Jannie Anderson: Met with Richard Anderson, June Crane, and Sandra Lanier, and selected Todd Alder to do the restoration of the wood doors and window seals at the co-op building. It will be completed within the next month. Jannie is going to a tree workshop in Richfield this Friday and she will report at a future meeting. Richard asked Jannie to talk to Chad Parry about the trees in front of Wal-Mart. Jannie handed out a draft copy of the newsletter.

Penny Kittlesrud: Wants to get newsletter out by the end of the month, has youth city council lined up to fold and label the newsletters. She found an old newsletter that Lynn Schiffman had done, so they will try to follow that format. She spoke with Copy Quest but couldn't get exact cost yet, but Penny and Jannie estimate about \$400-\$500 for printing. They would like to do 3 newsletters for this first year, April 1, August 1, and December 1. Council agreed to send letters only to Ephraim Citizens. They will try to finalize by next week, and get in the mail by March 30.

Kim Cragun: Cori Connors is doing “Saints on the Seas,” but Kim would like to personalize it a little bit. If anyone has personal stories about their Scandinavian relatives coming across than they can write those up and get those to Greg Boothe.

Don Olson: We have donated in years past to the high school senior party after graduation. We have received another letter this year asking Ephraim City to donate again. “Welcome to Ephraim” signs have been revised, and Don will have them changed. Bryan filled out a request for UDOT, Rod Anderson will sign and notarize his approval. Bank of Ephraim has already given their approval. Don is hoping by May 1<sup>st</sup> the signs will all be in place. Garth Sorenson will go to Planning and Zoning Wednesday night to get the sign placement approved. Don will get Snow College’s portion of the sign money. Don Olson brought up the issue of Ephraim City not doing business with Pearson Tires. Don would like to start using them again, and find a way to use all tire businesses in Ephraim. Penny Kittlesrud also brought up that Ray at Copy Qwest questioned why Ephraim City doesn’t use his services.

Penny Kittlesrud: Penny went to Youth City Council; Beth Hewes will be back on board in April as the Youth City Council Advisor. She brought up a complaint by a citizen regarding some of the signs that are on City property that shouldn’t be there. Richard suggested writing a letter and giving them a designated period of time to relocate their signs. Richard Anderson and Bryan Kimball will take care of it.

Executive Session: Motion by Don Olson to go into Executive session, seconded by Garth Sorenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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Morris O. Casperson - Mayor

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