

**EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Mayor Casperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 16, 2005 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Kittelsrud moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2005 City Council meeting as corrected. Seconded by Councilmember Olson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of April 4, 2005.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the warrant register of April 4, 2005. Seconded by Councilmember Cragun. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Augustus of Don's Café addressed the Council regarding any progress that has been made towards parking on Main Street. Assurance was made by the Mayor that the City will continue to work on the issue. Councilmember Kittelsrud added that as soon as the weather permits, the city will tear down the old garage and put asphalt there and behind the buildings. The asphalt will go to the fence line by the white building. If store owners would like to pave their own property, they are welcome to do that.

PASS RESOLUTION ECR 05-03 AMENDING THE 2004/2005 BUDGET
Councilmember Olson moved to approve Resolution ECR 05-03 Amending the 2004-2005 Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

REMOVAL OF SUBDIVISION MORATORIUM

Mayor Casperson stated that the time of the moratorium has expired and is no longer in effect. The revision of the Subdivision Ordinance is still in progress. The Public Hearing for the Planning and Zoning Commission was held previous to this meeting and the Council's Public Hearing will be two weeks from tonight, at which time the Ordinance will be approved.

BECKY CUMMINGS-DISCUSSION OF CITY FENCE ORDINANCE

Mrs. Cummings addressed the Council regarding their fence which does not comply with the Ephraim City Ordinance, to reiterate her concerns and reasons for being allowed to keep the fence. She pointed out that they had met with the previous City Planner before installing the fence and were told that the fence would not be in compliance with City Ordinance, but that the ordinance would probably not be enforced. Mayor Casperson stated that the City is bound to follow the Ordinance when a problem arises. There was a difference of opinion as to whether the problem was that the fence was along the neighbor's driveway, or that it obstructs the neighbor's view of the sidewalk while backing out. Options were reviewed including moving the fence in a few feet at the corner to allow a view of the sidewalk from Mr. Nicholls' driveway. Mrs. Cummings was asked to come up with a solution and the Council would be willing to talk to Mr. Nicholls about it in her stead.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

800 South property owners attended to further discuss the road width and possible curb and gutter on their street. Loren Steck was assured that if a Special Improvement District was not put in place, the Council would let him know specifically where the road should be so that he could put in his own curb and sidewalk.

Councilmember Sorenson is waiting for final approval to get the grant money for the park. It is hoped that the money will be awarded within the month.

Councilmember Anderson has contacted those with the Sister City to let them know that the Mayor and his wife will be coming in July.

Councilmember Anderson also reported that a mini grant from the Department of Natural Resources has been approved. The grant will allow \$290 to put in more trees with fiber mats around them, and also to

run an Arbor Day poster contest at the elementary school. Posters will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall.

Councilmember Cragun reported on the progress of the Scandinavian Festival.

Councilmember Olson reported on a meeting with the Arena Committee. A pencil sketch has been made of what is envisioned on the landfill property.

Bryan Kimball stated that the Planning Commission is looking at recommendations on sign ordinances and parking, and verification on corner lots. There could be a possible change regarding existing parking for multi-family housing.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Olson moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date