

**MINUTES OF THE EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING  
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011  
7:00 PM**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 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  
Ron Rasmussen, Police Chief

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Don Olson

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

See attached.

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Lund offered an opening prayer. Councilmember Cragun led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the May 18, 2011 City Council meeting.

*Councilmember Dart moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 City Council meeting 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.*

**APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of May 31, 2011.

*Councilmember Squire moved to approve the warrant register of May 31, 2011 as presented. 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.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rosie Connor commented regarding the Ephraim Ambulance Association's proposed separation from the City. Her husband has been a volunteer with the Association for a little over a year. The questions she asked to have answered by the Ambulance Association during their presentation were: why does the Ambulance Association want to split and how will it benefit the citizens of Ephraim? If the split is approved, what is the Ambulance Association's process to being accountable to the City and the citizens of Ephraim? As this will create a monopoly for services, what kinds of reinvestment will be made back into the community such as health initiatives, a committee, and independent audits of the funds that come in for those services? Who will ensure quality care and services for the citizens of Ephraim? What ongoing monitoring and auditing processes will be in place for the public benefit? Mrs. Connor said that if these questions were answered satisfactorily by the Ambulance Association, she would wholeheartedly support their decision to split.

Abraham Hundepool was present to express thanks for approving the all-night Sanpete Gives Back Softball Tournament. He reported the spirit was fantastic and there was very little noise. He feels it should be repeated as it was "a blast" for all those who participated as well as for those who were served by the tournament.

Police Chief Rasmussen introduced Brett Hansen, the new officer for the City, replacing Kevin Jackman. Today was his official starting day; he graduated from the Academy yesterday. Chief Rasmussen reported Brett is from Nephi and he is looking forward to getting him trained and putting him to work. Brett added he graduated from Juab High School and served a mission in Oklahoma City. He feels Ephraim City is an outstanding agency and is excited to be working here. Chief Rasmussen mentioned several agencies offered him a position and were turned down so he could work for Ephraim City.

## **DISCUSSION AND DECISION REGARDING AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION SEPARATION FROM THE CITY**

Christi Johnson, the newly reelected Ambulance Association President, read a statement outlining some of their desires. At a recent meeting of the Association, a motion was made to separate from the City. They would like to return to independent operation as they feel they no longer receive the benefits from the City that were agreed upon. In preparation they have obtained a tax ID number, and general liability vehicle and building insurance, with additional policies to protect the members.

Mayor Parrish felt there has been conflict because the City was requiring the Ambulance Association to operate within City policy and that they didn't wish to comply. He feels they do a good job of serving the people, but as a City entity he has the duty to make sure all laws pertaining to a municipality are adhered to. That has been the main source of conflict. He expressed his desire in their meeting to have the Ambulance Association stay with the City, but knew they preferred not to. He is saddened by the fact they feel the need to leave, however will be supportive of that decision.

Additional meetings will be held between the City and the Ambulance Association to begin the separation process, discuss the vehicles and the building, etc. They will be in contact with the State Auditor to know what type of things need to be done in order to maintain accountability.

*Councilmember Dart moved to allow and support the separation of the Ambulance Association from the City. 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.*

## **CUAC BUDGET REQUEST**

CUAC Director, Jared Latimer and Adam Bateman introduced citizens who wished to comment regarding the CUAC.

Amy Jorgensen, a resident and Professor of Art at the College, spoke in support of continuing funding for the CUAC as it has impacted over 5,400 students over the last four years.

Alex Peterson spoke concerning the future of Ephraim and the CUAC. He told of his son attending an art class where he learned about Egypt and mummies and made a costume as part of the project. “These things make a place like the CUAC worthwhile.”

Gary Anderson pointed out that the City is always looking for ways of showing off Ephraim and continuing economic development; thinking of incentives for industry or businesses to come in. He feels showing off Ephraim to people outside Sanpete County becomes part of economic development. “People come here because of the college, the quality of life, religious reasons, what they can get, but the CUAC and ball parks, etc. help us put our best foot forward.” Gary encouraged the Council to continue funding for the CUAC because it is a good economic investment. They bring in money from outside areas and use the money the city contributes to offer projects to the community.

Rob Simons, who is new to the community and has just recently become acquainted with CUAC, spoke in favor of continued funding. He is a mental health therapist and an artist. He came to Ephraim to provide mental health services for youth and sees a program like this as more than just a gem. It is a resource, not only economically, but has the ability to draw people to a community. It also has a healing quality for individuals struggling in this community. Mr. Simons and CUAC personnel have discussed possibilities of partnering to provide services to troubled citizens.

Matt Selman, a recent transplant from Utah County, frequents the CUAC and loves the programming and people there. He was impressed to learn Ephraim provided generous funding and would like to congratulate the City Council on such a forward thinking move.

Ava is an artist and loves the gallery and the kid’s classes. Ashley Webb, Ava’s father, said the classes at the gallery as well as everything else impact the kids in a way that’s

completely different than just being in a class. When they get to create something at the gallery and see some of the people at the events who work with them directly, they begin to see themselves as artists. The program means a lot to their family and the community.

Adam Bateman reviewed a handout with the Council outlining a study of the economic impact of the CUAC on the community. He pointed out that annually the CUAC has been spending \$168,000 in Ephraim in addition to \$118,000 for the renovation project they are doing this year. If \$5,000 of funding is cut, that cuts one and a half people's salaries by \$5,000. Cutting salaries could result in losing the Director.

Mayor Parrish stated the budget has not yet been finalized; the concern is trying to figure out how to balance the budget. It was pointed out that nobody on the Council has a question of the value the CUAC provides. The budget has to be cut in every area and department heads have been asked to come up with innovative ideas for doing that. Mr. Latimer was asked to look for ways to cut the budget with minimum effect to salaries and the CUAC.

Mr. Latimer will prepare an annual end-of-year budget to show accountability. He would love to have somebody from the City Council sit on the Board of Directors.

Mayor Parrish promised more discussions would take place concerning the CUAC. Appreciation was expressed and recognition that the CUAC offers a little something for everyone.

#### APPOINTMENT OF PAUL RASMUSSEN TO LIBRARY BOARD

*Councilmember Dart moved to appoint Paul Rasmussen to the Library Board. 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.*

#### COUNCIL REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### **Kim Cragun**

**Scandinavian Festival**—Gary Anderson thanked the City Public Works, Power and Police Departments and anybody else that was inconvenienced but helped in putting on the festival. It was very successful this year. Booths were successful; there was a good crowd at the conference. The conference is starting to blossom into what we hoped it would become. We are meeting tomorrow night for a recap. People have been complimentary about the festival and the community. We had a great turnout for the fun runs and the half marathon. Fara Boothe did a great job on the parade.

##### **Richard Squire**

**Rec Board**—Softball and baseball are going as well as can be hoped. Signups are going on for adult softball.

**Art Center**—Mr. Squire said he would be willing to meet as part of the Art Board.

**Greg Dart**

**News Letter**—Will be in the utility bill. He is gathering content for the next one. Any events in July should be submitted as soon as possible. As things happen at the CUAC, we can spotlight those in the newsletter as well.

**Bryan Kimball**

**Water Tank**—Concrete footings are in at the tank now. They will be pouring columns tomorrow. We just need some dry weather to move forward.

**Regan Bolli**

**Economic Development**— Met with the Division of Water Quality at a preliminary meeting and will meet again in June to have final approval of the project. We have come up with a favorable financing solution.

**Mayor Parrish**

**June 10**—There will be a meeting regarding redistricting the State at the College.

**ADJOURN**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Cragun moved the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dart. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on June 15, 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