

**EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2006
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Birrell, Mayor
Kim Cragun
Penny Kittelsrud
Elaine Reid

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Mayor Birrell called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Councilmember Reid offered an opening prayer. Mayor Birrell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 21, 2006 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the June 21, 2006 minutes of the City Council meeting with corrections. Seconded by Councilmember Reid. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of July 5, 2006.

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the warrant register of July 5, 2006. Seconded by Councilmember Reid. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

SHANE OSMOND – C.U.P HOME OCCUPATION FOR PRINTING BUSINESS

Bryan Kimball explained that Shane Osmond is applying for a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of running a printing business out of his home. This will be the office; however, the actual work, customer service, deliveries, etc. will be carried out at another site. The Planning Commission has recommended approval.

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the C.U.P for Shane Osmond based upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

LLOYD STEVENS – CANYON RIDGE SUBDIVISION FINAL APPROVAL

The Planning Commission has recommended final approval for the Canyon Ridge Subdivision, based on conditions listed in their July 5, 2006

meeting. The Stevens' have previously received conditional preliminary approval based on improvements that needed to be made, and Planner Kimball feels all have been adequately taken care of or are in the final stages of completion.

Councilmember Cragun declared a conflict of interest due to his friendship with Charlie Stevens.

Councilmember Kittelsrud moved to grant final approval for the Canyon Ridge Subdivision based upon conditions listed by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Reid. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORT – FIRE CHIEF RONDE LARSEN

Chief Larsen made a presentation to the Council outlining Fire Department Administration, departmental needs, budget, etc. He explained his understanding that money set aside for equipment was used instead for the building of the station. Other monies as well have been withheld from the Fire Department. Chief Larsen pointed out that \$20,000 was cut from the budget that had been set aside for the Fire Department. Richard Anderson stated that the amount in question was a reduction of the amount requested by Chief Larsen, and that the 2007 budget for the Fire Department is actually an increase over last year's amount.

Lloyd Stevens suggested raising the Fire Department fee on the utility bill from \$2.00 to \$4.00 to have some money to put away for badly needed engines. Charlie Stevens suggested that the extra amount could be used for Ephraim exclusively, instead of going to the Fire District to be given out according to need. Councilmember Cragun would like this put on the agenda in August.

The question was asked, what about pulling out of the Fire District and keeping the full \$4.00? Chief Larsen said that if Ephraim pulls out we would lose the ladder truck and one of the brush trucks, as they retain ownership. The Chief feels that Ephraim has ultimately benefited from being a member.

Chief Larsen asked what kind of coverage the firefighters have in case of a death or serious injury. Certification requirements were presented as well as a status report of the department regarding these requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lantz asked the Council to take a look at the flag at the Fire Department. He feels it is a disgrace to the City and to the nation. Chief Larsen said that it would be replaced in the morning.

ECR 06-08 – MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Councilmember Cragun moved to adopt ECR 06-08 – Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Resolution. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE POLICIES

Possible changes to the Holiday Policy were discussed. In the event a holiday should fall on a Tuesday or Thursday, should employees be able to take that Monday or Friday off, using annual leave or comp time?

Richard Anderson suggested the possibility of creating a floating holiday in lieu of Columbus Day or Veterans Day. This would allow employees to take that day any time during the year. This topic will be on the next agenda to give the Council time to consider.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

The individual asked is not ready at this point in time to serve. More names will be discussed in a closed session at end of the meeting.

REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Kittelsrud – library materials are being moved to the City building for storage. Richard Anderson mentioned that Wal-Mart is donating storage tubs in the form of a grant.

The Youth City Council will be busy with the Lion's Tournament this week.

Mayor Birrell – There will be a neighborhood meeting on the 12th for all those living West of Main Street. The Youth City Council will put out door knockers to advertise for the meeting. If they are too busy, it is a possibility that a scout troop could do that.

Councilmember Cragun – 92 baseball games have been played in four days' time. It has been a very busy tournament season. Next week begins the Falcon Tournament from the UGSA. There will be a Charge of \$1.00 for admission that can be used for trophies. These kids will come from as far away as Blanding.

A Festival meeting was held. Lots of good suggestions have come out of that.

Councilmember Reid – The Cemetery Committee would like a gate built for the Pioneer Cemetery. Two designs will be ready for the Cemetery Committee meeting. The cemetery is looking better, but the north gate has been open for more than a week. The police are supposed to close those at night and open them in the morning. They should be reminded again.

Richard Anderson – Garth Sorenson has resigned as of July 5. Notice must be made two weeks before the meeting in which a decision will be made.

Bryan Kimball – Ben Gordon is holding off seeking approval of his new subdivision until more infrastructure is in. Ken Butterfield is hoping to be on the next agenda. The Young Women’s Empowerment Center will also be on the next agenda. The buyer of June Crane’s home is sensitive to the history of the house, and is currently building onto the back of the home.

Councilmember Cragun moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing names for the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Kittelsrud moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Reid. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date