

**EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cliff Birrell, Mayor
Kim Cragun, Mayor Pro Tem
Jannette Anderson
Penny Kittelsrud
Elaine Reid
Dave Warren

OTHERS PRESENT

Bryan Kimball, City Planner
Leigh Ann Warnock

Mayor Birrell called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Leigh Ann Warnock offered an opening prayer. Alma Lund led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the August 2, 2006 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Reid moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2006 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of August 14, 2006.

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the warrant register of August 14, 2006. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

POLICE CHIEF RON RASMUSSEN – DARE PROGRAM

Police Chief Ron Rasmussen was present to propose to the Council the reinstatement of the DARE Program into the public Schools. He introduced Kevin Holman, an officer and previous DARE instructor, who wished to address the issue with the Council.

The program has changed since public criticism was voiced, and has been validated by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The University of Akron was asked to check into the allegations that the program was not working and they feel that the new program is very effective in helping kids to make life decisions. There are still naysayers, many of whom come

from the drug legalization community. There is not a more effective tool to bring drug abuse information to the kids as from a police officer. If an officer is talking about drugs and their effects, their credibility is huge.

Drugs and paraphernalia are not shown to the kids. Consequences of abuse are taught. The DARE officer is not there to spy on kids or parents, but as kids grow older they know they can rely on an officer if they need help. It also teaches them to feel comfortable talking to their parents about issues that are bothering them.

Clarene Brenchley, a school teacher from Ephraim Elementary School, stated that it is much more effective for an officer to teach the kids the DARE Program rather than teachers trying to do it. There is a relationship the students have with the officer that lasts a long time. It would be a big mistake not to have DARE in our schools. Other teachers feel the same way.

Tibby Milne, of the Utah Crime Council which has partnered with the Utah DARE Program, told the Council that her office had just received new information on research which shows that the success the studies are finding are highlighting the role of the officer as the ideal figure to teach this subject. It emphasizes that the impact is coming because we are using law enforcement in the schools. The program is geared to start with 5th grade students and then move into the Middle School. She encouraged the City to adopt the program and assured the Council that the Utah Crime Council will work closely with them on the cost of materials. 70% of school districts participate and 22 of 29 counties participate. Those that don't are very very small and very very rural.

Tim Miller, Principal of Ephraim Elementary School, supports the DARE Program and stated that they have other programs to use in place of DARE since it has been discontinued, but they don't have the kick or impact the DARE officer has. In the past, businesses have helped financially and probably will again if money is an issue.

Snow College officer, Bob Wright, spoke representing the children. He said that they have a lot of choices to make in life and the younger we can educate them to understand what they need to do as it relates to drugs and alcohol the better. These decisions will have to be made for the rest of their lives. Sometimes kids can't talk to their parents, but if they have a relationship with an officer, they will feel like they can talk to him and ask questions. This is not prevention as much as it is education to give kids something to base their decisions on.

Councilmember Anderson asked what it would mean by way of cost and inconvenience. It would require additional hours for Officer Hansen, which

would cost the City approximately \$3,500 a year plus materials that would run a couple hundred dollars a year. The first year the books are free. Chief Rasmussen has already found businesses that are willing to donate and he has committed to work Officer Hansen's night shifts so it won't take away from officers covering the City. Councilmember Cragun mentioned that trust in law enforcement officers has a very positive spin. You can't put a money value on that.

Motion by Councilmember Cragun to approve and support the reinstatement of the DARE Program in the fifth grade. Ephraim will commit from here forward to support the program and allow the time for Officer Hansen to do that. Seconded by Councilmember Kittelsrud. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

KRIS JORGENSEN – DANISH FIELDS PHASE II – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Bryan Kimball reviewed a memo listing items to be completed before approval of Phase 2 of the Danish Fields Subdivision. Kris Jorgensen then spoke to inform the Council where he stood regarding these items.

Phase I

1. 400 East road. Met with Richard Anderson and Chad Parry regarding the 400 East road. Two options were discussed, the first of which was having the City bring that road back to its original condition prior to digging in order for him to do the overlay as outlined in the Jones and DeMille letter. The other option would be for the City to cover it with hot mix. Cold mix is Mr. Jorgensen's preference, but is waiting for another meeting with Chad Parry and Richard Anderson to discuss this possibility. Mr. Parry feels the City is being blamed for more than is due. He says the road has been restored to its previous condition. Mr. Parry feels there is a big discrepancy over his and Mr. Jorgensen's feelings in the matter and suggested another meeting with the two as well as with Richard Anderson and Bryan Kimball.
2. Intersection on 400 E and 700 N. Plans show that Phase I dead ends and stubs. Mr. Jorgensen has partnered with Chad Parry to do a radius for a gutter box which will take water underground and into a ditch. The gutter box has been placed and he is now waiting for curb and gutter preparation. Road base can then be laid to avoid puddles.
3. As-builts This is an ongoing process with the road, but he is currently working hand in hand with the City to work that out. According to the approval for Phase I, he was granted two full

years to accomplish everything on the list. He still has another year to complete that. It was never mentioned that Phase II would be conditional upon completing Phase I.

Phase II was also discussed with no questions or comment. Mayor Birrell does not feel that final approval is warranted until all on the memo has been completed.

Bryan Kimball mentioned two concerns:

1. 400 E resolved with 2nd letter from Jones & DeMille.
2. Need to see financial guarantee before any kind of final approval is granted.

ROBERT TAYLOR – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SNOW CHATEAU

CUP for Snow Chateau has been discussed in a series of Planning Commission meetings. If they meet the terms for conditional use, approval is guaranteed, however they must renew in 18 months.

It was asked if the City will benefit. This situation would show a similar benefit as any other business. The building will be put to use instead of being vacant. They will pay a business license fee and they will employ people, etc. Mayor Birrell commented that it's a state licensed facility so they will be required to meet the State code as well as the local building code. Any building that is left unoccupied deteriorates quickly. If they meet the other qualifications, it's a win/win situation for the city.

The neighbors have given written approval for this project. The Planning Commission has voted to approve the CUP. Mr. Taylor will come to the next meeting in order to answer questions.

POWER DIRECTOR ALMA LUND – DEPARTMENT REPORT

Alma Lund talked at length about all the projects the Power Department is currently working on, including the study he is conducting on a possible residential rate increase.

The Department is trying to get a new substation put in which will be placed South of Wal-Mart in the refuse area of the cemetery. A transformer and unused hardware materials have been purchased from Lehi City. They have not yet billed us, but approximately \$15,000 will be spent for \$132,000 in materials. The project, designed by Randy Strand, will begin this fall, with completion estimated sometime in 2008. City crews will be doing all the work so there will be no labor costs.

Mayor Birrell expressed appreciation for Mr. Lund's report and for all the work he and his crew do to better the City. The community just expects the lights to come on. Alma makes it happen.

REPORTS

Councilmember Kittelsrud reported on the fund raising efforts for the library; everyone is working very hard. Another \$200,000 is needed The Committee was happy with the number of tickets sold for the home and garden show. Architects want to meet in a week and a half to finalize the plans. The project will then go out to bid.

Councilmember Warren met with Dean Cox and will have a park meeting tomorrow night.

Councilmember Cragun announced that Frank and GayDene Montoya have been hired to be the new Recreation Directors. Erin Thompson has been hired to write a Recreation Master Plan and to be in charge of non traditional recreational activities. The light boxes at the ball fields need to be taken care of, and that will save a lot of Kilowatts. Mike Duncan will rewrite the agreement with the college on the fields two weeks from Monday.

Councilmember Anderson reported on the Utah Rural Summit she attended the previous week.

Councilmember Reid announced that the ordinance for the cemetery will be done next week. By next council meeting we should have fees ready for approval. The Cemetery Committee is looking for new board members. There is a party coming up for all City employees and those on boards and committees. Everyone is looking forward to it.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Warren moved to adjourn at 9:50 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Reid. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date