

**MINUTES OF THE EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
7:00 PM**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 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
Don Olson
Richard Squire

STAFF PRESENT

Regan Bolli, City Manager
Bryan Kimball, City Planner
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Ron Rasmussen, Police Chief

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

See attached.

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Parrish 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 August 17, 2011 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Dart moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2011 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cragun. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register August 6, 2011.

Councilmember Olson moved to approve the warrant register of August 6, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Abraham Hundepool was present to discuss the “reverse beautification” along Main Street. He pointed out that there is a lot of dirt from the construction happening along

100 North for both the college dorms and the new church. Mayor Parrish said there has been some serious conversation about this issue, and has, himself, stopped to pick up rocks off the road. The contractors should be responsible to clean up the roads as they go. Planner Bryan Kimball pointed out that he had contacted the Church superintendent on Friday. He apologized and expressed his desire to be a good neighbor. He will be contacting his guys to come in and clean up some of that mess. Options discussed include pulling a permit, issuing citations, etc. Mr. Hundepool said the County should issue a cease and desist order. The Council will be discussing and working on this issue.

Mr. Hundepool also commented that the Ephraim City Days Celebration was fantastic and the money he invested to dunk the Mayor was well worth it.

APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: COX DAY CARE

Planner Bryan Kimball reported that Dallas Cox has requested a conditional use permit for the purpose of starting a day care for up to 16 children. Planning & Zoning states that if she does get that many children she will be asked to stagger pickup and drop off times. Both staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval based on these restrictions.

Councilmember Dart moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Dallas Cox Day Care based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

FEE RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

ECR 11-14 amends the Consolidated Fee Schedule to include language to the Election Section permitting a refund of candidate filing fees if requested before the filing deadline, and a change in the Commercial Electrical rates.

Councilmember Dart moved to Adopt ECR 11-14—A Resolution Adopting the 2011 Consolidated Fee Schedule, amending ECR 11-06. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Squire. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Dart, Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF ENTERPRISE AND RECYCLE ZONES

Every five years the Enterprise and Recycle Zones need to be updated. The Utah Enterprise Zone Program was established in 1988. An enterprise zone comprises an area identified by local elected and economic development officials and is designated by the state. Typically Ephraim has placed these two zones in our C1, C2, and Industrial zones only. However, there may be a time when these zones could benefit entities that are located outside of our C1, C2, and Industrial zones, and for that reason Planner Kimball is proposing that these zones be given a border designation to encompass all of Ephraim City.

There are no restrictions or requirements that come with this designation and therefore designating the entire city would not hinder or disturb the current City zones. Rather, the designation would merely provide the opportunity for a qualified entity to participate in the tax incentives afforded through these zone designations.

The Council agreed to expand the area and a resolution will be written to that effect.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Terry Lund

ECHA—The Housing Authority met and are putting out bids to get another house started in Cottonwood Subdivision. They are looking at different options for land to purchase with money received from a CDBG grant.

Crossing guards—We would like to show appreciation to the volunteer crossing guards and are entertaining ideas such as gift certificates. The Mayor suggested jackets saying “Ephraim City Crossing Guard.”

Cemetery Board—There are bugs in the pine trees out by the cemetery. They bore into the needles and suck the life out of those trees. There is not much that can be done about it this year, but next year some pellets will be placed around the roots and hopefully that will take care some of the problem. Hopefully we won't lose any trees over this.

Don Olson

Utility Board—We need to hold more regular meetings.

Kim Cragun

Canyon View Park—We really need lights in the pavilion at the park.

Richard Squire

Rec Board—We got a report on the Sanpete Shootout tournaments. Not counting in the cost of lights or water for the field, an income was reported of almost \$5,000. That's just those tournaments. Who knows how that impacted the city businesses here.

New bases have been ordered for the ball park that should help avoid injuries. Phil Murray has called on those and was just notified that they will be replacing all the bases for us. We were happy he has taken care of that for us.

Flag Football signups are over and the draft will begin this week. Soccer is up and running. Regan mentioned the soccer fields look very good.

The Board has prepared a list of things that need to be done at the parks. We will get that to Regan.

The City allowed the County Fair to hold their softball tournament at our fields this year. There was a problem with alcohol and tobacco. Next year we will have them enforce that

to the best of their ability or they will no longer be allowed to hold their tournaments in our complexes.

We discussed the proposed all-night event ordinance talked about at the last Council Meeting. I have recommendations from the Board that will be presented at a later time.

Phil Murray was present to give his input regarding the lights at the ball fields. “If you’re going to shut off lights at a certain time, we just as well not hold any tournaments.” It is not fair to those who travel, and pay to play, and then have to turn the lights off and be done at 10:00 when the games are not done. The lights are a great asset. But tournaments will go elsewhere if games cannot be played here until they are over. We cannot use the northeast field for some games late because it isn’t big enough. He also mentioned that if he can’t do some cleanup after the games at night, he would have to be at the field at 4:00 a.m. to get ready for the games at 7:00 a.m. and that would require lights as well. Those fields have to be watered at least an hour and it is preferable to do that at night. Someone suggested installing smaller lights along the walkways so the big lights could be turned off earlier, but people would still be able to see to get to the parking lot. That wouldn’t help with the cleaning up after the games. Mayor Parrish asked Phil to put this all in writing to help the Council be informed when making decisions.

Leigh Ann Warnock

Elections—there have been approximately 50 early votes so far. There will be a “Meet the Candidates Night” at the Senior Center Thursday at 7:00.

Greg Dart

Parking—Jennifer Jorgensen has contacted several of the Council about people parking in front of her home making it difficult to see coming out of her driveway. He has met with her and discussed what she sees as possible solutions and talked to the Chief about it as well as another officer. Chief Rasmussen said one option would be to contact DOT, but when contacted, they said they’d leave it up to the Council in directing the painting along Main Street as long as we follow guidelines. He talked to Chad, and we could mark up to 5’ on the curb and allow them to paint red out to that mark. Greg has talked with others on that road to get a sense of what people think.

Fire Department—glad to see the paving behind the Fire Station.

Bryan Kimball

Water Tank— we toured the tank with the engineers for a final inspection. All pipes are in, the roof is on, and we just need to clean up the site now. They will do a water test in a week or two. Could have it online 2-3 weeks out.

Ron Rasmussen

Police Department—Students are back and we have been very busy handling accidents, etc. We do enforce the streets but when it comes to on-campus, we refer that to Bob and Paul.

Regan Bolli

Drop Box—The utility payment drop box has been moved to the back of the parking lot. The old area gets icy, this will be sunnier. This should probably go into the newsletter.

Power--We have had five power outages in the last couple weeks. Mayor Parrish charged him with drafting a letter to inform Rocky Mountain that we were sending copies of it out to the governor and others. Within five minutes the leader of the company called to see who we were sending it to and they called for a meeting before we send off that letter. They are coming at 10:30 on Friday.

Concert--Sunday Sept. 11 at 7:30 there will be a band concert commemorating 9-11 ten years ago. This is a free concert.

Mayor Parrish

Weed Ordinance—We are making headway with the weed ordinance.

Trailer Parks—We have had discussions on trailer parks. Bryan Kimball spoke with the County Inspector; his response was that in the past there has been concern with the lack of support within the City as far as cleaning these up. Current elected officials have expressed support for his rulings on cleaning up all areas of town.

Councilmember Cragun moved the Council adjourn into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of sections 52-4-205(a) and (c) for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, and for discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Councilmember Olson moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on September 21, 2011, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date