

**MINUTES OF THE EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
7:00 PM**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Parrish, Mayor
Kim Cragun, Mayor Pro Tem
Terry Lund
Don Olson
Richard Squire

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Dart arrived at approximately 8:00 p.m.

STAFF ABSENT

Regan Bolli, City Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

See attached.

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Squire offered a thought. Councilmember Cragun led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the September 7, 2011 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Cragun moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Olson. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. Councilmember Dart was not present. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of September 19, 2011.

Councilmember Olson moved to approve the warrant register of September 19, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. Councilmember Dart was not present. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Abraham Hundepool was present to discuss the construction dirt on Main Street as discussed at the last meeting. He reported that they did clean one night, but now there is a tremendous amount of dirt in the road from the Subway construction as well.

Mayor Parrish commented that he, City Manager Bolli, and Planner Bryan Kimball have had discussions regarding this problem and will continue to do what they can to help the situation. Bryan stated that Taurus Plumbing has offered to reimburse the City for man-time etc. to go down with a street sweeper and otherwise as needed. Mayor Parrish asked Bryan how expensive it is to run the sweeper. Chief Rasmussen pointed out that it is a matter of manpower, not cost, in running the sweeper. The Public Works crew is overloaded as it is.

Mr. Hundepool indicated that the dust is a health issue as well as just an annoyance. That is a lot of dirt and dust to be inhaling.

BOND HEARING

Richard Chamberlain of Chamberlain Associates was present and explained that the legislature has imposed a new public hearing requirement whenever you have a bond like this. If read closely, it says the purpose of the public hearing is to see what impact it might have on the private sector. They rarely take rural Utah into consideration when writing legislation such as this.

The legislature feels it is important to make sure constituents understand why this money is being borrowed, what is going to be done with it, and how it will be paid back. The resolution for this bond was passed at the last council meeting. It was then noticed in the paper giving people 30 days to protest the issuance of this bond. The loan can be closed at the end of the 30 days. At this point Mr. Chamberlain invited the audience and Council to ask questions.

Mayor Parrish explained the reason the City pursued this bond was because the sewer lagoons are almost overflowing. "If we do not move forward and do something we will have a serious problem within the next few years. We thought our capacity was good for another 10 years, but we reached capacity more quickly than anticipated."

There were no comments forthcoming. The Public Hearing was closed.

CIB HEARING

Planner Bryan Kimball stated the City is planning to apply for a CIB Grant. This will be a matching grant in order to begin Phase II improvements on Canyon View Park. It is anticipated the southeast corner can be completed, including an amphitheater. There will be a small stage and the hill will be terraced for seating. We are looking at around \$180,000 - \$200,000 total, including grant funds and the City match.

Resident Rosie Connor asked what agency will be supplying the funding and where the matching money will coming from. She also inquired if other agencies had been looked into that didn't require a match.

Councilmember Cragun explained the matching portion will be coming out of the impact fees that are designated for recreation. The land can be counted as an in-kind match as well. We may look at asking for donations with the possibility of naming the amphitheater after an individual or family should one donate a sizeable amount. The Recreation Board will start brainstorming on ideas for donations.

No more comments were forthcoming. The public hearing was closed.

DASH IN THE DARK

Roxanne Squire and Beckie Hermansen sponsored a 5K run last October, called Dash in the Dark. They were present today asking for permission to do so for a second year. Last year's event went really well; a lot of positive comments were received. 50 people participated last year. The route will begin behind Walmart, continue up slaughterhouse road, back north and end up at the cemetery; runners will be in costume. We would like this to be an annual event, with the proceeds being donated to a worthy cause in the community. This year proceeds will benefit a woman in town with breast cancer.

The date will be Friday the 28th of October at 6:30 p.m. It would help to have the officer on duty keep an eye on traffic, etc. The cemetery gate on the north end of the cemetery could be opened to accommodate runners as they are finishing the route.

Councilmember Squire declared a conflict of interest as his wife is running the event.

Councilmember Cragun moved to grant permission to hold the "Dash in the Dark" event on October 28th. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. Councilmember Dart was not present.

ADOPTION OF ECR 11-15

ECR 11-15 is a resolution adopting an agreement between the County and Ephraim City for an NRCS Grant to stabilize eroding stream banks east of Ephraim near the hydro power diversion inlet structure, which was damaged by the high runoff earlier this spring. The County applied for and received \$500,000 from the NRCS, which will be shared between the County, Ephraim, Manti, Gunnison, and Fayette, which were the areas hardest hit by the flooding this year. The County is acting as sponsor for this project. Ephraim's share of that total amount is about \$120,000. There is a 25% match requirement, which can be a soft match such as our employee time, equipment and materials that we can donate to this project. This agreement puts on the City the responsibility to cover the required 25% match, as well as any cost overrun for our project. There is a 60 day window from the date of the County's approval to complete all the repairs if all extensions are granted, which means repairs must be done by mid-November.

Jones and Demille helped come up with an initial estimate of cost, which was used to help establish where the money would be split up between the different areas that were affected by the high runoff this year. Ephraim would like a little bit more money, but it has to be shared with other cities in the county. It is still early in the process; preliminary designs are being reviewed that meet the funding and timing constraints, but a firm figure has not yet been determined for a final design.

It is critical to repair this structure to at least some extent before the next spring runoff, or risk losing the structure due to further erosion. There are several agencies involved which all have their own requirements, including the Forest Service, the NRCS, and FERC. Some initial hurdles to work through for this repair include obtaining the necessary permits and environmental clearances from the different agencies. Right now we are working to bring all the players together under the County's umbrella to try and make it happen before the funding window closes. It appears the current Forest Service permit is a critical piece to the whole thing. The project cannot be started without clearance from the Forest Service because it's on Forest Service Land. Planner Kimball will be working with them and will continue to give further updates.

Councilmember Olson moved to adopt ECR 11-15, a resolution adopting an agreement between the County and Ephraim City for an NRCS Grant to stabilize eroding stream banks near our diversion structure east of Ephraim, not to exceed \$120,000 unless Council is notified and approves. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cragun. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Lund, Olson, Cragun, and Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. Councilmember Dart was not present.

ECR 11-16 ELECTION CANVASS

The canvass for the 2011 Primary Election was conducted by City Recorder, Leigh Ann Warnock. Statement of Disposition of Ballots forms, Tally Lists, number of persons voting and number of registered voters were verified, and 15 county approved provisional ballots were counted by the Council to finalize the election totals.

Councilmember Dart arrived at the meeting during the canvass.

Councilmember Cragun moved to adopt ECR 11-16, Canvass of the 2011 Primary Election, with new totals added. 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.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Don Olson

Main Street—We will be starting revamping and Main Street Beautification. There has been talk of using the Zions Bank property on Main Street for parking if they are not going to build a bank there in the near future.

Richard Squire

Scandinavian Festival—We have a couple names of people who may be interested in heading up the Festival. That will have to be discussed in closed session.

Greg Dart

News Letter—Will be done in the morning; council will e-mail things for that.

Mayor Parrish

Economic Development—We need to think aggressively to entice people to come into town. The Governor is coming on 13th of October. at 1:00 p.m. He will be looking at Bailey Farms International. We would like a good showing from the City at that.

League – we had all the Council at the League Meetings last week. They were very good. They presented a lot of great ideas on how to be better and more efficient as a City. One of the main things he wants to see is Ethics in our office.

ADJOURN

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 5, 2011, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date