

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
FEBRUARY 6, 2019
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Councilmember Alder offered an invocation. Councilmember Anderson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Squire, Mayor
Margie Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tyler Alder
John Scott
Richard Wheeler

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Greg Boothe

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Steve Widmer, Financial Director
Chad Parry, Public Works Director
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief
Donnie Wood, Rec Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

PRESENTATIONS

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Ephraim Middle School 6th grade geography students, along with advisors Tara Daniels and Shelly Lutes, presented their ideas for an Ephraim City flag for South Sanpete's innovation Week. The students have brainstormed their own questions and filmed the Council responses so that they can review in class tomorrow.

Ash Brooks - Does Ephraim has a special symbol? We have a logo that we use on our letterhead and shirts and street signs. We have also used the bell in the bell tower as a symbol.

Thomas Bridges – Does Ephraim have certain colors? Bronze and gold have been used on business cards, but we are open to other color choices.

Dani Castro - Is there anything that symbolizes Ephraim? The Logo, Scandinavian Days and different Scandinavian flags we have used. The Viking Ship is a logo for Scandinavian Days.

Megan Taylor - What is your favorite part of Ephraim? It is family orientated, seeing how many people work to help everybody.

Sara Cheney - Who was the founder of Ephraim? Isaac Behunin is one of the founding settlers, but the settlement was commissioned by Brigham Young who sent Scandinavian people down to settle the town.

Elia Calderas - What are the most important landmarks to Ephraim? The Peace Tree, Snow College, the cornerstone for Fort Ephraim which is located behind the Co-op. City Hall represents a Scandinavian look. Co-op and Granary.

Aliyah Brenchley - What major historical event occurred in Ephraim? The treaty made with the Indians at the Peace Tree.

Hanna Rasmussen - Would there be a budget for our flag? That is a distinct possibility. The Council would like for them to design a flag, present cost estimates and come back with a proposal for how much they would like donated. It would also be good to solicit other donations.

Bronson Cragun - Do we need to involve the College on our flag? Mayor Squire felt that would be appropriate.

Brinton Squire – What are some popular landmarks or landforms? Witches Knoll, Bald Mountain, Little Hill, Black hill, Guard’s Knoll where they stationed guards to watch for attacks. What is the most important thing? To provide all basic services in the city and to some outside the city. Looking to the future so those things continue to be provided without crisis. Any big historical events? Scandinavian Days is the most well-known. A few years ago, President Nelson spoke because he has ancestors from Ephraim. Our Christmas Parade in cooperation with Snow College. Both will grow. We try not to compete with the other cities for event dates.

William Adams - Why didn’t we ever have a City flag before this time? We were waiting for someone to suggest it. Utah has bees as a symbol, does Ephraim or Sanpete County have a special animal that could go on the flag? The College’s mascot is the Badger. Middle School’s mascot is the buffalo.

Robin Parker - Does Ephraim have enough funding to pay for a flag? We will want to know cost estimates, and we ask that the students become invested by finding some of the funding and the City will do what it can to find the funding for the rest.

Summer Cartright – What does Ephraim stand for? Rich in heritage, invested in the Future.

Hannah Daniels – What colors would you want on the City Flag? The Council would like it to be noticeable. Not tied to any certain colors. Scandinavian colors are blue and red.

Ryker Broomhead - What are you proud that you have done to make the City better? Hired your dad for one. Our City was presented an award for the best looking downtown of all the cities in Sanpete County. We worked hard on improving our downtown image and upgrading it. During the winter those trees are wrapped in lights to help celebrate.

MOTION AGENDA

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of February 5, 2019.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve the February 5, 2019 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 16, 2019 City Council Work and Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the January 16, 2019 Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION: RYKER HEWITT

Ryker and Alicia Hewitt requested extension of residence at David Strate's trailer park. They were originally approved to stay for 90 days as per City ordinance. They moved in June 1st they should have moved out by September 1st. Mr. Strate had told them about deliberations for permanent residence and was waiting to hear from the City what would be decided. Mr. Hewitt then received a call in January from the Police Department saying he had to take it to Council or make arrangements to move out. Alicia Hewitt explained she is 23 weeks pregnant with a difficult pregnancy and they would have no place to go.

Mr. Strate reiterated he was told to contact the City to arrange for additional time. He did that and was told they would check into it and get back to him. That is where it was left.

Bryan commented when Ryker originally applied for a trailer, current ordinance allowed 90-day occupancy. They were given approval for that with signed paperwork. When the 90-day deadline came and went the City was in the middle of a water crisis. Staff were busy and was not able to follow through. Code allows extension beyond 90 days. The Council has authority to grant an extension if desired for a valid cause.

Council was assured all hookups meet specifications and everything is safe. Bryan said a lot of upgrades had been done and this trailer occupies a pad that was upgraded when they moved in. There may still be some additional pads outstanding, but this one is okay.

Ryker commented he still needs to buy a new piece for the back-flow and they have turned off their water until that can be completed, hopefully within a week. They are on the waiting list for Silver Maple Leaf apartments.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve a 90-day residence extension for Ryker and Alicia Hewitt at the Strate Trailer Court. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The Hewitts were instructed to meet with Bryan in the next day or two to sign paperwork. Mayor Squire recommended they continue to look for other housing and if unable to locate any, to come back in 75 days or so to look for another extension.

APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

LEXIPOL AGREEMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Steck asked for approval of an agreement with Lexipol, piggy-backing with the Police Department to get policies and procedures approved for the Fire Department. It will protect the Department, the City and the citizens of Ephraim. Policies will be constantly kept up-to-date. It is a web-based program that incorporates all new legislative updates related to Public Projection.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the Lexipol Agreement for the Fire Department with Chief Steck's input. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

BID: AIRPORT PROJECT

Project: sealing and protecting the runway. Total cost: \$146,488, 90% of which will be paid by UDOT. The City's share would be \$12,649. Maxwell was the lowest bid. That money will come out of the \$12,000 each entity puts into the airport.

Councilmember Alder moved to approve the Bid for the Airport Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

LOT SPLIT: BEN GORDON

Ben Gordon is looking for approval for a lot split at approximately 1175 E. Canyon Road. The Planning Commission reviewed and has given unanimous approval with Staff conditions.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve a lot split for Ben Gordon conditional to Staff Conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Scott moved to appoint Jan Johnson to the Planning and zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Margie Anderson

Youth City Council – Margie spent the day on Capitol Hill with the Youth City Council. They seemed to do very well. They enjoyed themselves and learned a lot. They will report to Council at the next meeting.

ECHA – The government shut-down has affected three prospective buyers, and solutions are being discussed for those issues.

Richard Wheeler

Utilities Board – The Board are looking at solar power and how it impacts the City with the overages produced. The City has a program where they will reimburse the homeowner. There are concerns that some of the homeowners and businesses thought they were going to be reimbursed at the amount they are charged. They will be reimbursed at the cost the City has to pay to buy power. The Board are still in the process of reconstructing the ordinance so it is clear to residents and businesses what they will be paid for power produced.

Fire Department – Chief Steck made a presentation about the new fire truck. Money is coming back into the system because the original bid was for one year and they have

exceeded that. The Fire District will be receiving money back in penalties. They also took inventory on the brush trucks and came up with a list of things needed because of pieces that have been loaned out to other entities.

Senior Board – Everything is working fine. They are in good financial standing and are looking to give money for flags to place on lawns of veterans.

John Scott

Planning and Zoning – Apartments are planned at the old motel location with 39 units. It appears they are going forward, but Staff is still waiting to hear from them regarding changes to parking requirements.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director

Well –Franson Engineers contacted every well driller in the state to put them on notice that we are looking for someone. We would like to finish the well as soon as possible. Bryan attended a conference last week and spoke to another City who has drilled a well. One bid was received, and it was \$400,000 over estimates. Lots of people are drilling right now. The water rights we purchased recently will enable us to move forward right now. Spent today with Corp of Engineers to make sure stretch money as far as possible.

Kerry Steck, Fire Chief

Josh Mann was present to give a report on winter fire School. He thanked the Council for allowing them the opportunity to go to the training. It really opened their eyes. Several other Fire Fighters were there as well.

- Vertical ventilation – climb roof cutting hole in ceiling, learned whys and hows.
- Arson Fire Investigation class – in-class lecture, but was very informative. Taught what to look for and what is normal fire behavior and what is not, what to report to the investigator and how to take mental note of observations.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Water – Totals are looking good so far. We are getting a little over 590 gallons a minute, last year were in the 400's. It is still early, but amounts are going up rather than down. 59' inches of snow in the Meadows as of today.

Aaron Broomhead, Chief of Police

New Vehicles – Ford Explorers have been received and they are out on the road.

Compliance Checks – Spoke with Mayor, contacted by highway safety office about doing compliance checks with alcohol and tobacco. They will send under aged kids to try to buy both. They wanted us to put together a list of kids or young adults they could pay to go in and do compliance checks. Off-site consumption of alcohol. Suggested they go to Snow College criminal justice program. Yesterday met with them and will do a program

with the Utah highway safety office to get a pool of young adults who can help out. Also want to get a pool of young people interested in law enforcement the police can utilize as part of Scandinavian Festival security. They will go through an application process, background checks, we will vet them, and give them the experience of the hiring process. They will not get paid but will get good experience. They will do ride-alongs, possibly fill in for crosswalk duty when needed.

Steve Widmer, Financial Director

Rentals – because of shut-down not receiving rent payments from renters.

Worker’s Comp Audit – Audit tomorrow for worker’s compensation to make sure reporting everything we need to.

Donnie Wood, Rec Director

Many meetings going on with spring coming up.

Volleyball - Getting ready to launch first adult sport since being here, volleyball.

Grants - Looking at a couple of grants

Background checks - has been working with Chief Broomhead to finalize a background check for all volunteers since they will be working with our children.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Personnel Policy – We are finalizing changes to the Personnel Policy. One more meeting before Council review.

RDA – research on redevelopment agencies. Designate areas where we would like to see redevelopment. Work with taxing authorities and plan for the next 50 years. Tax benefit. Use 50% as revenue to put in infrastructure. Helps the City and businesses financially. Would like to pursue this for the industrial park. May need to hire a consultant.

Legislative Day – Participated in Legislative Day on the Hill. Challenge this year with attack on local authority affecting sales tax. Requires City to send more reports in name of transparency, but causes more work, which causes hiring more people, which results in raised taxes. Participating heavily with the League this year.

Closed Session – Wheeler made a motion for one item/. Discussed several itesms. Real estate litigation, character.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:42 p.m. Councilmember Scott moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section(s) 52-4-205 (c) pending or reasonably imminent litigation. (d) purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. The motion was seconded by

Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

At 7:54 p.m. Councilmember Anderson moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Anderson moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date