

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
MAY 18, 2022
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, in the City Council Room. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

At the invitation of the Mayor, Richard Wheeler offered an invocation. Councilmember Anderson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Shaun Kjar, City Manager
Leigh Ann Warnock,
City Recorder
Bryan Kimball,
Community Development

Jon Knudsen, Finance Dir.
Jeff Jensen, Public Works
Cory Daniels, Power Dir.
Colby Zeeman, Police
Jeff Hermansen, Fire Chief

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Alma Lund

GRANARY ARTS PRESENTATION

Amy Jorgensen, Director and Curator of Granary Arts, presented a quick overview of events and future plans. This year at Granary Arts, they have hosted 27 exhibitions and 99 artists. 2,575 total participation in the children's workshops. Grants have been written and funds received for workshops. The center has had three paid interns who get Snow College credit. They recorded 2,685 volunteer hours last year. They are currently working on a 30-year plan. This year is the ten-year anniversary as Granary Arts. They have served 170,221 people in person at Granary Arts and satellite sites.

UAMPS ENERGY

Mackenzie Monthey, with UAMPS, presented four programs that the City could take advantage of and offer to residents:

- Home Energy Savings Rebate Program

- Cool cash program: cash for central air conditioning efficiency, ductless heat pumps, gas furnace to encourage energy efficiency, Smart thermostat.
- See “Ya” Later Refrigerator Rebate Program: encourages removal of old appliances.
- Commercial Lighting Program

The purpose of these programs is to reduce the energy demand for the City.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Lorna Olsen, Director of Ephraim City Housing Authority. Presented a proposal for consideration by the Council, beginning with a background of ECHA. In 1996, Mayor Anderson began the program in response to legislation providing affordable housing. The program consists of a bid program to build the homes. A lien is put on the home to pay back what the Housing Authority paid. The current housing market has made it difficult to continue the program due to the affordable parameters set. The ECHA Board has discussed options to continue the program and feel the most viable option is to purchase acreage owned by the City in the NW part of town to build a small subdivision. Ms. Olsen will be talking with Six-County to see if they could do another self-help program for single family homes, keeping building costs down. Olene Walker grants are still available and other funding could be applied for. With guideline adjustments available, it is more reasonable to continue the program. The Council was in favor of the proposal and will give final approval at a later date.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of May 17, 2022.

Councilmember Alder moved to approve the May 17, 2022, Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the May 4, 2022 Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meetings.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the May 4, 2022, Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: RECREATION

The Recreation Director, along with the Rec Board, have put together a Recreation Policies and Procedures Manual. Michael reviewed the manual with the Council and explained having the directive would save much time, grief, and public displeasure. It includes sports programs and facility rentals.

Councilmember Alder moved to approve the Recreation Policies and Procedures as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

EPHRAIM CITY ORDINANCE 22-15: UTILITIES BOARD AMENDMENT

Candice Maudsley reviewed the ordinance amendment and explained the changes and additions made to term limits and reappointment of members. City Attorney Chad Woolley reviewed and cleaned up the ordinance to be more current.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve ECO 22-15, an ordinance amending City Code outlining the duties of the Utilities Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

EPHRAIM CITY RESOLUTION 22-05: LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS YARD

This item calls for discussion and possible approval of a lot line adjustment on City property located at approximately 790 S Main. The sale of property is imminent for several properties the City currently uses. The adjustment combines several small parcels into two pieces and cleans up boundaries.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve ECR 22-05, a resolution approving a lot line adjustment on City property located at approximately 790 S Main. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Tyler Alder

Recreation Board – Went through policies and procedures. The Board is very busy.

Margie Anderson

Youth City Council – Corinne Olsen will not be an adviser after this year, with possibly Juli Arnoldsen moving on as well. Their youngest children are on the council this year.

Miss Ephraim – It was a successful scholarship pageant and emceed by Shaun Kjar.

Richard Wheeler

Airport Board – New hangars are being built and we are in the process of making water available to those hangars.

Lloyd Stevens

Scandinavian Festival – The Board meets weekly, and no hiccups are anticipated.

Cemetery – The Memorial Day Program is planned. Vance Larsen will be the speaker.

Mayor Scott

Parade – Congressman Owens will be riding with the Council in the parade for the Festival.

ESG Score – a lengthy discussion took place with the mayors before the Mayor’s and Commissioner’s meeting regarding ESG scores. It is a measure of a City’s exposure to long-term environmental, social, and governmental risks. It raises costs to rural Cities for loans. The inflation rate here is approaching 12%.

City Planner Position – An offer was made for the City Planner position; it was not accepted. We will put that out again. An offer has been made for the City Treasurer position as well.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Public Hearings - A notice will go out to residents about a series of public hearings in June regarding the budget and changes coming for residents regarding rising sewer, water, power, and fire district rates.

Water – We have been watching the flows. With warm days and rain, we are currently moving a lot of water and are hoping to avoid serious flooding. We are watching the well development closely.

Funding – Last year we put in for \$7M from Congressman Stewart. This year we have put in for \$10M for two different projects. He has proposed that both of those go forward, and they have been approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Alder moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:36 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, June 1, 2022, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

John Scott, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder

Date