

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL  
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH  
AUGUST 7, 2019  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, in the City Council Room. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Fernando Montano, leader of local Catholic Dioces, offered an invocation. Resident and former City Councilmember Terry Lund led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Shaun Kjar, City Manager  
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.  
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder  
Steve Widmer, Financial Director  
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief  
Donnie Wood, Rec Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jeremy Hallows - Airport**

Jeremy, Chair of the Manti/Ephraim Airport Board, reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fly-in will held on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will include a few guest speakers, food and activities, as well as a military helicopter. All are invited. The Board are tentatively planning on September 28<sup>th</sup> for a Young Eagles event for kids under 16 who can go online to sign up for 15-20-minute flights at the airport.

**Rachel Keller – Mosquito Abatement**

Rachael presented at Council Meeting in 2012 back when the City was still fogging. The argument has been that fogging is a waste of money as it is minimally effective, and alternatives are available. Spraying grass works much better and is less risk to children, expecting mothers, the elderly and wildlife. At the 2012 presentation, the Council discussed

personal responsibility of residents spraying their own yards. Rachel's Power Point and other information regarding mosquito abatement is available on the City website for anyone to review.

#### **Amy Jorgensen – Mosquito Abatement**

Amy was part of the group who presented with Rachel in 2012. They had completed extensive research and know that fogging and pesticides are not safe, period. It's about a scale of safety. When an entire town is fogged, there is no control over what goes into the atmosphere. When you fog, you are "adulciding" which aims at hitting the adult mosquitoes. The optimum time to do that is dusk, when families are outside. If avoiding those hours in the name of safety, you miss the active time of the mosquitos and effectiveness drops to almost zero. Studies show that .001% of fogging actually reaches a live mosquito. Fogging is the least effective method of mosquito abatement. It was suggested the City use its funds on projects that actually work, such as spraying large open areas and letting residents take that fiscal responsibility to spray their own yards.

#### **Monica Peterson – Mosquito Abatement**

It has been a wet year and I would love to find a solution to getting rid of these critters. It is my responsibility to protect my family and I can only do so much in my own yard. After a lot of research, I presented with Amy and Rachel in 2012. I learned a lot about how ineffective fogging is. Fogging is like asking your kids to wash the car and having them spray the front bumper with a water bottle. As a resident and a parent, I don't want the residue of fogging on our cars, trampoline, toys, door knobs, and everything the fog touches. Fogging is very invasive and expensive. I would like to see the Council explore other options.

#### **Dr. Paul Gardner – Mosquito Abatement**

Dr. Gardner commented that the end of this year's mosquito season is nearly over. I like to sit in the back yard at the end of the day and relax. I have not had a huge problem with mosquitos in our yard. If people make sure there is no open water on their property, it is easier to control the mosquito population. It might be a good idea for the City to print options for people to use on their own to decrease the mosquitos in their yards. Ephraim Creek runs through their backyard. We told it would never stop running. It has since been turned off and a benefit of it running was, there was a fauna living in the creek that eliminated mosquitos. To have that turned back on would be a good natural way to reduce mosquitos in town.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **SWEARING IN OF NEW EPHRAIM POLICE OFFICER**

Dillon Rasmussen was sworn in as the newest full-time Ephraim City Police Officer by the City Recorder. Mayor Scott commented what a great man Dillon is, stating he has the highest integrity and has been taught well by his family. "He knows how to work; his father was a beloved Police Chief in the City for many years. It is incredible to now see him in this position."

Chief Broomhead commented he used go to recruit classes and try to identify new candidates for the Police Department that they felt would be good for the SWAT team. He looked for

the guy that could operate and work under pressure. He and the other officers started watching Dillon right as he came out of POST, along with others they felt would be a good addition to the Ephraim Department. They watched how he interacted with community, officers, and other agencies. Dillon was quickly identified as an incredible potential addition to the Department. “Ron and Tracy Rasmussen have done an excellent job raising him and making him the guy he is. We welcome him to the family.” The Chief presented him with his temporary badge.

### **GIRLS’ STATE REPORT**

Emilie Lewellen, Megan Masters and Aleya Hardy thanked the Council for their donation that allowed them this opportunity to attend Girls’ State. They claimed sleep deprivation and hunger but said they would never give up the experience. During their time at Girls’ State they learned more about the state and cities and how things are built, but mostly respect for America. All ran for public office in the mock elections.

## **MOTION AGENDA**

### **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of August 6, 2019.

*Councilmember Alder moved to approve the August 6, 2019 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

### **JR. FAIR BOARD**

Riley, a member of the Jr. Fair Board, was present to request a donation to the Fireman’s Challenge. Last year Ephraim donated \$400.

*Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve a donation of \$400 to the Jr. Fair Board for the Fireman’s Challenge. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boothe. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **RESOLUTION AGENDA**

### **APPROVAL OF ECR 19-13 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES TO BE USED ON CITY ACCOUNTS.**

With the recent changes of leadership in the City, it becomes necessary to authorize individuals to sign checks at the various banks and PTIF accounts. It is recommended in this resolution that Mayor, City Manager, City Treasurer and Mayor Pro Tem be authorized for signatures, negating the need for a new resolution after each election.

*Councilmember Anderson moved to approve ECR 19-13, a resolution authorizing signatures to be used on City Accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boothe. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

**RESOLUTION ECR 19-14: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES TO BE USED FOR THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS.**

This resolution designates trustees who will have authority to sign for that account. Mayor, City Manager, City Recorder and City Treasurer are listed as trustees.

*Councilmember Boothe moved to approve ECR 29-14, a resolution authorizing signatures to be used for the Building Authority Accoounts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

**APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Margie Anderson**

**Youth City Council** – Please check out their Facebook page; they have been very active lately.

**ECHA** – They have not met this summer. They are winding down as the Olene Walker loan has been paid off and is no longer available to our communities. They only have two houses they are working on right now.

**Richard Wheeler**

**Fire Department** – They are excited about receiving their new \$500,000 fire engine. It will be used throughout the system because we have the biggest town. A training was supposed to be given last night on all the extras on the truck, but the person could not attend so will try to do it next Tuesday.

**Greg Boothe**

**Scandinavian Festival** – Looking forward go great shows from the BYU Folk Dancers at the Theater next year.

**Library Board** – Meets tomorrow at 5:00. The strategic plan is under way right now. Evaluation coming for the July 24<sup>th</sup> event.

**Service Project** - Spencer Cox, Lt. Governor, will be here on Saturday morning as part of his campaign to do a service project at the old Pioneer Cemetery at 8:00 am. Appropriate to invite the Youth City Council to come if they would like to help plant some trees.

**John Scott**

**Airport Board** – Discussed lease agreements for the hangars at the airport. Discussed access funding and invoice implementation for hourly wages attributed to the airport between Manti and Ephraim. Planned the Fly-in and Young Eagles event. Hoping to have the YCC at the County Fair handing out fliers.

**Planning and Zoning** – A lot of interest is being shown right now. Plans are going forward on a new development for high density housing on Main Street.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director**

**New Planner** – Devan Fowles has been hired as the City Planner. He has been with the City for one week and is currently at the Business License training.

**Tunnel Project** – Meeting today. Doing a survey to measure and make sure everything was installed correctly.

**Well** – Some progress has been made on the well, but not as much as was hoped. We had the well cameraed again. Overall it looks good, but a few spots need some more cleaning. Hoping to get up to more than 1,000 gallons/minute.

**Economic Development** – Very high interest in projects coming to Ephraim. Working with Corps of Engineers on various projects. Interest has also been shown in the Industrial Park.

### **Aaron Broomhead, Chief of Police**

**Memorandum of Understanding with Snow College Public Safety** – Would like to change a few things from the current MOU as it pertains to liability and risk. We are getting too big, Snow College is growing, and we may look at separating some of the systems to lessen liability. Will meet with Chief Walk to work on that.

**Ordinance Investigation** – How the City investigates ordinances. All forms will be universal. We will progress through steps to end in criminal charges or court appearances.

### **Steve Widmer, Financial Director**

**Service Order Program** – with origination of service orders, we dropped an old program and have integrated a new one from Caselle which will speed up the process. It will pull up a map right on your phone, allowing you to type in the progress and it is done.

### **Donnie Wood, Rec Director**

**Second Tournament** – Went very well. 17 teams participated, one from Arizona. Reece Reynolds was a life-saver to have around. He led an army of high schoolers to help with the tournament. Good feedback has been received about that event. We will be adding new tournaments for next year's schedule.

**Rec Board** – Postponed last night's meeting. Each member will be given assignments for the things that they do. That will help with development, new programs and events.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**City Council vacancy** - We are accepting applications until the 21<sup>st</sup> for the vacant Council position and will interview the applicants at a Special Meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Website** – Under review for simplification for users. Double checking on links and updates.

**Roofing for Senior Center** – The Board likes to keep their building updated and the current 20-year old roof is leaking. They have investigated several options for the new roof and will be making that decision in the near future. It will have a 20-25 year warranty. Because the budget is so tight this year, the Board have offered to pay for half of that expense.

**Newsletter** – We will be publishing an updated and expanded version of our newsletter beginning in September. Councilmembers will be given the opportunity to rotate reports in that newsletter as well as the implementation of a Mayor’s Corner. There will also be an expanded section for the City Manager who will talk about different things. We are serious about having a robust communications service with the citizens of Ephraim. We want to provide truth and information of things happening within the City.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

*At 7:50 p.m. Councilmember Boothe moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section 52-4-205. (a), for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. (b) collective bargaining. (c) pending or reasonably imminent litigation. (d) purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. (e) sale of real property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Boothe moved to amend the motion to include just the topics that would be discussed in the closed meeting: Utah State Code Section 52-4-205 (a) for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, and (d) purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

*At 8:24 p.m. Councilmember Alder moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Wheeler moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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City Recorder

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Date