

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL  
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 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, Leigh Ann Warnock offered an invocation. Brian Page led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Scott, Mayor  
Tyler Alder  
Alma Lund  
Greg Boothe  
Richard Wheeler

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Margie Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem

**STAFF PRESENT**

Shaun Kjar, City Manager  
Brian Page, City Attorney  
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder  
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.  
Devan Fowles, Planner  
Steve Widmer, Financial Director  
Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director  
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief  
Michael Patton, Rec Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ted Olson spoke to the Council concerning a press release about the Nuscale Power Project/ The Project has been approved and certification has been designed for the small nuclear reactor. It is almost time for Phase 2 to license and begin construction for the plant. Cities have until September 30, 2020 to withdraw, increase or decrease their allocation. If the larger cities in the project choose to withdraw or reduce to the point it makes risk for smaller cities untenable, the City would want to withdraw also. The Utilities Board has reviewed and analyzed everything. If we should have to drop out, it would be greatly expensive, but we would have the Intermountain Power Project to fall back on.

At the press conference this morning, Anti-nukes slammed the project with misinformation. They do not understand the new technology. Logan and Lehi are withdrawing from the project. Sanpete cities will meet to discuss the situation and come up with a decision regarding withdrawal. The Board's recommendation is to wait until the end of the month to see what other larger cities are doing. We would like to keep our allocation if possible.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU SHOOT OUT KRIS WINKLE**

The South Sanpete Health Department has created a drive-through flu shot program to help them improve emergency preparedness by giving them an opportunity to inoculate a large amount of people in a short amount of time. Rather than just create a written plan outlining the procedure, they get to practice. Different nurses oversee each pod or area within the County. They are holding a drive-through flu shoot-out at various fire stations and people can get their shots and the health department can practice procedures.

## **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of September 1, 2020.

*Councilmember Boothe moved to approve the September 1, 2020 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the August 19, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

*Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the August 19, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boothe. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **LIBRARY PARK MASTER PLAN**

Good feedback was received from the public surveys regarding what they would like to see at that park and what could be done in the future.

*Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the Library Master Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Tyler Alder**

**Recreation Board** – Soccer finished tonight. Flag football signups are in progress now.

### **Richard Wheeler**

**Utilities Board** – Encouraged the Council to read Ted's materials to familiarize themselves with the details of the Nuscale Power Project.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

**Tunnel Project** – Bryan went through the tunnel last week with Brandon from Franson Engineering. They spent about six hours in the tunnel, and he feels it looks good. There are still some bellies in the floor that could be worked on.

**Wells** – Crews have passed the half-way point in connecting the well to the city's water system. We are also working on a new well. A ground water study will be conducted in the near future. We are still working with the Corp of Engineers to get funding for the pipeline up the mountain. Best case scenario if Rex's well comes online, 1,700 gallons per minute. Those two wells would produce more than 50% more water for the City in the next few years.

**Community Development** – Several building permits are underway. The property from the old motel where a condo project was approved is now for sale; one company has shown interest. A new subdivision is coming in as well as some commercial buildings.

### **Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director**

**Water Supply** – We don't foresee any water restrictions this year.

**Misc.** – Lots of things are going on and there is lots to keep up with. Running the water system is not a new thing, I have been doing it for 21 years. The administrative side will take a little longer to get perfected.

### **Aaron Broomhead, Public Safety Director**

**Police** – the College is definitely back in session; they keep us busy. We have received multiple complaints about traffic around the football field. We have had several accidents already.

**Fire** - Next Tuesday the department will be conducting some training at the Hansen house. They will be working on venting and getting a crew on an old roof. Outside agencies may be coming as well.

### **Michael Patton, Rec Director**

**Grant** – A \$10,000 grant has been received for new baseball equipment.

### **Brian Page, City Attorney**

**Court** – Court proceedings are still online at least through the end of the month. He will be working on potential suggested ordinances will be working on.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

**Public Works** – Welcome to Jeff in his official role as Public Works Director. He is doing a great job. Compliments have been received on the flowers on Main Street.

**Co-op Plaque** – A brass plaque was installed in front of the Co-op that came as a state-wide initiative concerning a geological tour highlighted in our area.

**Sports Complex** – We are working on a new recreation agreement with the College on the sports complex. We have a long-term agreement there but want to make sure that relationship is good. We are also looking at new ways to deal with the maintenance aspect.

**Fly-In** – The Airport Fly-In will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. and the event will run to about 1:00 p.m. There will be a car show and activities. A helicopter will be available for rides.

**Website Photos** – Photos have been presented for review showing work done for the website.

Mayor Scott asked Shaun to write an official letter to UCCU requesting they build out their branch office in Ephraim.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Alder moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 7:32 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, September 16, 2020, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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John Scott, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder

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Date