Dear Ephraim City Residents,

What a great time of year this is. The weather is beginning to moderate, the mornings are turning crisp and cool and we see the autumn leaves beginning to show up in our mountain canyons. I just love this time of the year!

Labor Day weekend we had a major fire on the southeast edge of the city. Our fire crews battled the blaze in 91 degree plus weather. Our Power Department head, Cory Daniels, was on the scene ready to cut power from our hydro-plant at the mouth of Ephraim Canyon if the need arose. Our Public Works Department was also on the scene, ready with a backhoe to aid in the extinguishing of a sneaky, fiery trouble spot that we could not get to with just water hoses. Our Police Department, including our Chief of Police, was on scene directing, and sometimes stopping, traffic. Our City Manager, Shaun Kjar, was on scene in his dress pants and white shirt because he had come straight to the scene of the fire from a funeral and didn’t go home to change.

These dedicated City employees were there for the duration of the day and did not leave the scene until the fire was extinguished and our community was safe.

Let me share with you what I observed from City crew and staff personnel during this critical time.

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Mayor John Scott
Call or text 435-851-6101

Sincerely,

John Scott
Ephraim City Mayor
Rob Nielson was sworn in as an Ephraim City Councilmember on September 4, 2019.

When Councilmember John Scott took Mayor Squire’s place as Mayor, it created a vacancy on the Council. The vacancy was advertised, and Mr. Nielson was selected from four impressive candidates after interviews held in a public meeting for that purpose. He will serve for the remainder of John Scott’s original term, which ends December 31, 2019.

We welcome Mr. Nielson and look forward to working with him.

Here are some things you should know about the 2019 Municipal General Election:

- **Election Day:** November 5, 2019
- **This is an all-by-mail election.**
- **Ballots will be mailed to your homes on October 15th.**
- **Marked, signed ballots may be submitted in one of three ways:**
  1. Mailed in the provided envelope postmarked on or before November 4, 2019.
  2. Left in the election drop box at the back of the Ephraim City Hall parking lot.
  3. Taken personally to the Sanpete County Clerk’s office.
- **If you would like to register to vote, you may do so online at vote.utah.gov or in person at the County Clerk’s office.**

**Meet The Candidates Night**

You are encouraged to attend the Lions Club’s “Meet the Candidates Night” on October 10th to find out what your candidates are talking about. See below for more details.

The Ephraim Lions Club is hosting a “Meet the Candidates Night” on Thursday, October 10, 2019 in the City Council Chambers.

Come meet the candidates for City Council to hear what they have to say and answer your questions before you vote. Ballots for the General Election will be coming in the mail soon after this event.

We encourage you to come talk with the candidates in the lobby outside the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. to find out what is important to them and to let them know what is important to you. At 6:30 p.m. the formal meeting will begin.

The public will be asked to submit questions in writing, 5 of which will be selected by the moderator. The candidates will have 2 minutes each for an opening statement, and then will rotate answering the selected questions. They will then each have 2 minutes for a closing statement.

Please come meet your candidates for Ephraim City Council for an informed vote.

**City Council Candidates:**

- Richard Wheeler (Incumbent)
- Ted Meikle
- Kimberlee Jacobson
- Alma Lund (Write-in)
- Tyler Alder (Write-in, Incumbent)
- Rob Nielson (Write-in, Incumbent)

**Voting:** There are three Council seats open, each for a 4-year term. You may vote for up to three of the six candidates. Write-in candidates’ names will not appear on the printed ballot, but blank lines will be available for you to write them in. Write-in votes will only be counted for the above listed write-ins who have filed with the Recorder’s office.

For 109 years the Anderson family has owned and operated Anderson Drug in Ephraim. It is the end of an era for many as pharmacist and owner, Jeff Anderson, and his mother, pharmacy technician and florist, Marge Anderson, retire and move on to new adventures.

Thank you, Anderson Family. We wish you a happy retirement!
Here’s a quick update from Ephraim City Public Works.

We hosted a professional from the Division of Water Quality which is a group within the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. They did a sanitary survey on the entire Ephraim water system to certify that each part of the system, from the spring catches all the way to the sewer are functioning properly. Their specifications are very tight and we are happy to report everything is in order.

Our road department has been busy inside Ephraim and we thank you for your patience. We completed several overlays of neighborhoods. Each of the lots in these neighborhoods has a home and utilities on it so we hope there will be less need to cut into these new overlays any time soon. These roads will be good for many years to come. We still have some chip sealing and pothole fixes throughout the coming year to keep our roads in the best possible condition. Again, thank you for your patience!

Youth City Council

By Corinne Olsen

The 2019-20 Ephraim Youth City Council has been very busy this year. The YCC advisors are Juli Arnoldsen and Corinne Olsen. The mayors are Emma Allred and Trevor Steck and the Secretary is Janica Baker. The Council has many responsibilities which include: attending 2 City Council meetings, attending monthly YCC Meetings, and participating in 1 or more service projects each month while chairing 1 a year. The members include: Emma Allred, Trevor Steck, Janica Baker, Emma Bean, Megan Masters, Nicole Nelson, Marcus Bahlmann, Rylee Brinkerhoff, Taylor Palmer, Tiania Chamberlain, Shane Arnoldsen, Darcy Hess, Kelsie Tippett, Adalee Olson, Alice Grover, Anneke Bahlmann, Cali Alder, Sarah Litteral, Gracie Brinkerhoff, Adrienne Shelley, Kaulin Nielsdson, Mathew Olsen, Andrew Lund, and Mitch Ostler.

Some of the activities they have participated in so far include: cleaning the pioneer cabins in preparation for the Scandinavian Festival, chairing the Scandinavian Festival Fun Run, helping at Fun on the Farm at the County Fair, teaching children’s activities at the airport fly-in, cleaning the pioneer cemetery with Spencer Cox, helping at the Clothing Bank Back-to-School activity, and making over 250 Teeny Tears hats for Share Parents of Utah. Their advisors have been very proud of them and how they represent the youth of Ephraim.

Airport News  By Jeremy Hallows

The Manti-Ephraim Airport held a community event September 7th. Over 600 people came throughout the day to check out airplanes, a hot air balloon, the new Ephraim City Firetruck, and a firefighting helicopter!

There were fun events for kids including water bottle rocket launching, as well as food and drinks. We also had a representative from UDOT Aviation who spoke about Urban Air Mobility, which in the future will provide better travel options into and out of rural communities like ours.

The U.S. Forest Service had a helicopter team here for nine days in September fighting a fire near Huntington and another fire near Ferron. Their helicopter was sectioned off at a spot on our new tarmac to hold operations, and they were glad to have such an airport to use in the fire fighting.
Hello Ephraim citizens—what a privilege it is to serve you. I enjoy living in our community and having great associations with so many of you. I have attended and learned much from the Housing Authority Board. They are capably led by Mel Jacobsen as the chair and Lorna Olson as the Executive Director. Currently serving as board members are Sheron Cherry, Sandra Olcott, Rob Cherry, Curtis Ray and Don Saltzman. The Housing Authority secures funding with the intent to provide housing for lower incomes. There are many areas in Ephraim that have nice housing developments because of the Housing Authority. Some were built as self-help home programs through the Six County Association of Governments, where a group of future homeowners helped each other with some of the labor on their homes to reduce cost. Most recently they have had a loan from the Olene Walker Foundation which helps with lower income housing developments across the state of Utah. The Hidden Creek Subdivision is the current project and is located on 200 South and 300 West. Presently, there plans for two homes, one that will soon begin construction, leaving one lot for a future home. Housing Authority also owns one other lot in town. The Olene Walker loan we received 5 years ago has been entirely paid off; but unfortunately in the last legislative session, the Olene Walker Foundation was discontinued.

It is also my privilege to work with the Youth City Council, or I should say to “observe” the great things they accomplish, with their capable advisors, Juli Arnoldsen and Corrine Olsen. While they are busy high school students with a variety of extra-curricular activities, they manage to find the time to serve in our community. It seems their main focus is to provide great service. They are a very lively and motivated group who are also learning about how government works. They are modeling and conducting their meetings in the same way our City Council meetings are conducted. They are required to attend a few City Council meetings and they also attend a legislative day at the State capital. Check out their Facebook page!

I would like to encourage all of you to vote in the upcoming elections. While I was still in high school, the voting age was changed from the age of 21 to the age of 18. It was one of my teachers that really instilled in me the importance of voting. That teacher was Clair Ericksen who was also a former mayor of Ephraim. I hope you feel that just the act of voting is important, though not always common around the world.

A Message from Our Council
Margie Anderson

Granary Arts

Workshop Wednesday: Free art classes Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30. All materials will be provided. No workshops the first two weeks of Oct.

- 10/16 Special Collaborative Landscape Project pt. 1
- 10/23 Special Collaborative Landscape Project pt. 2
- 10/30 Full Watercolor Resist Painting

Munchkin Music: Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25 / 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.
Children ages 18 months to 5 years. Other ages also welcome. $15 for one child, $10 for each additional sibling. Visit our website to sign up.

Opening Reception: Join us for the opening night of three new exhibitions, community and fun! Friday, October 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For more information visit our website at granaryarts.org.

Granary Arts
86 N Main Street, Ephraim
Wed - Sat. 11 to 5:00 pm

Ephraim Participates in the Carbon Free Power Project
By Ted Olson

With the concern over climate change being triggered by increasing amounts of CO2 in the atmosphere and decreased availability of fossil fuel generation, Ephraim is participating with 35 other cities in UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) in the Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP). This involves a new innovative technology under patents held by NuScale Power. The NuScale design is a small modular reactor (SMR) and will be the country’s first and most resilient nuclear reactor in the world. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been reviewing the design certification for two years and has found no flaws. The modular design makes it flexible, cheaper, and faster to build. Each SMR will deliver a capacity of 60 MW (Ephraim’s load is 8.5 MW), and boasts 7 levels of safety. The units are capable of shutting down by themselves, with no human intervention, nor AC/DC power or pumps needed. The water requirements are less than or equal to that of natural gas fired generation. The uranium enriched fuel required will be less than 5%, which is less than that required by large nuclear reactors. Each unit will be manufactured in three segments and can be transported by truck, boat or barge. UAMPS intends to construct its plant at a site on the Idaho National Laboratory Test Range, with construction to commence in 2023. The Department of Energy (DOE) is providing matching funds to help bring this first of kind generation into fruition, and will take power from the plant. It is anticipated to come online in the 2026-2027 time frame with a projected cost of $55/MWH. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Ephraim’s UAMPS representative, Ted Olson at 283-4714.