Dear Ephraim City Residents;

I greet you with care, concern and imagination. Lately, I have been thinking about how powerful imagination is. One noted author described the power of imagination in these words: “Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.” In connection with this, I like to imagine all the possibilities that can be accomplished in our great city. We have work and planning to do and things to improve on and I, for one, am excited about the possibilities that lay ahead.

Our first step is to imagine, then create. Albert Einstein once said: “Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” We need your help to imagine great possibilities and deeper innovations for our city. Please let me know any ideas that you have so that, by working together, we can make our city an even better place to live. We require your imagination, your ideas and your vision because we do not have a corner on the imagination of greater possibilities for our city. Our City Council meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM. Come, help us imagine a better Ephraim!

This past month, the strength of our city Police Department was on display, along with other communities and county law enforcement agencies in Sanpete County, as we faced a possible shooter threat on the campus of Snow College. Our officers and Snow College officers were on the scene within 3 minutes after the initial call of a possible threat. This represents a tremendous response and had there been a more serious situation on campus, we would have been there to respond, almost immediately, to any threat. I understand that even the State Board of Regents commended our swift reaction time.

As with the fire on Labor-day weekend in September, there was a community/county wide response to the crisis which involved other cities and the County Sheriff’s Department. What tremendous cooperation we have in our community of Sanpete County. Luckily, the threat was not as serious as it could have been, and the incident was handled swiftly with the individual being taken into custody within a relatively short amount of time. Thank you to all who were a part of that response!

November is a time of family gatherings, scrumptious food and memories being made. My hope and wish for you, as we begin this season

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The annual Nativity Display at the Ephraim Co-op is coming up and we would love you to display your nativity. This is a free community event and is open to all. Each year the number of those attending has increased. The Display is held in the Ephraim Co-op Social Hall on Saturday, December 7th, Sunday, December 8th, and Monday, December 9th.

Anyone who would like to display nativities may sign up at the Co-op, or call Phyllis Thompson at 435-851-4937, and she can sign you up and give you any information concerning the display.

Sincerely,

John Scott
Ephraim City Mayor

Thankfulness is something that can occupy our mind at this time of the year. As for me, I am thankful for my family, for my neighbors and for my Ephraim City family— all of you who do so much to help our city be the great place it is to live in. As you gather with family and/or friends, may you feel a sense of gratitude for all the ways in which your life has been blessed and enriched this past year.

Ephraim City ordinance states, “It shall be a Class B misdemeanor for any person to park or leave standing on any public road or street any vehicle from November 15 through March 15 between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.” Oftentimes, it is not possible to plow all the streets before 7:00 a.m. and we ask your cooperation in leaving the curbs empty for snowplows.

We also ask that as you shovel or use your snow blowers or personal plows, to please not dump snow into the street. Thank you so much for your help this winter!

The Ephraim City Cemetery Board will be flying the veteran’s American flags at the Ephraim Park Cemetery from November 6 to November 13. These flags have been donated by Ephraim City residents and supporters.

Flag donations of $150 are being accepted at Ephraim City Hall. Tax-deductible donations may be made by cash, card, or check, payable to Ephraim City.

When donating, please identify the name of the veteran you wish to honor. This name will appear on an acknowledgement card attached to the flag pole. If you would like to honor all veterans, identify your family name as you would like it to appear on the card.
A History of the Old Ephraim Power Hydro

The history of Ephraim City’s Electric Light and Power system dates back to the year 1904 when Mayor Alfred Dahl and his councilmen called a mass meeting of the people to decide the question. Mr. J. P. Hansen moved that the City Council obtain specifications for an electric power plant. Engineer Frank C. Kelsey of Salt Lake City was employed, and a meeting was called to hear his report.

Mayor Dahl died December 1, 1904, and Councilman C. R. Christensen made a motion to call a special bond election on March 31, 1905 to build a power plant to cost not more than $20,000. Engineer Kelsey was employed June 5, 1905 to build the power plant and power lines. Henri B. Bixler of Akron, Ohio was employed to do the construction work, all of which was completed in 1905. The power plant was run during the night only. Day power from noon to sundown cost not more than $20,000. Engineer Kelsey was employed June 5, 1905 to build the power plant and power lines. Henri B. Bixler of Akron, Ohio was employed to do the construction work, all of which was completed in 1905. The power plant was run during the night only. Day power from noon to sundown was granted by the City Council on April 5, 1909.

On October 10, 1910, the power plant committee was authorized to construct the New Canyon ditch to bring the New Canyon Creek water over to the electric light canal. On June 14, 1927 the citizens of Ephraim voted for a bond for $40,000 with which to build the Lake Hill Power Plant. It was built during the fall and winter of 1927-28 and started operation in June, 1928. The mayor was Andrew Armstrong at that time. In 1936, during the administration of Lyman Willardsen, the cement pipe line between the lower plant and the upper plant was replaced by an eight inch steel pipe for power at the lower plant. An extra wheel was installed at the lower plant to make use of the culinary water for power. In 1940, Mayor Sophus Bertleson and council had a new and larger power line built from the lower power plant to town. In 1946 a 16 inch steel pipe line was laid down the bottom of the canyon from Birch Creek to the lower plant. This eliminated the use of the Bald Mountain electric power ditch. L. C. Anderson was mayor.

In 1950 it was voted to have the electric power distribution system rebuilt at a cost of $10,000. Then in 1951 it was voted to build a new diesel electric power plant in the center of the city so as to heat a swimming pool which would be constructed there. This plant cost $130,000. It was constructed during the fall and winter of 1951-52 and started operation in May, 1952. G. Calvert Larsen, Mayor.

When Ephraim first started in the power business, they produced less than 100 kilowatts and figured they had enough for Moroni and Wales. The peak load as of December, 1953 was 730 kilowatts. The capacity of the upper plant was 225 kw, the lower plant 200 kw and the diesel plant 470 kw each for twenty-four hours. In the summer, when the water was low this was reduced. The old powerhouse generator is the oldest little generator in operation in the state.

Mr. Jensen remembered what he thinks was the biggest flood in 1908. He was sitting at the intake of the electric light ditch and water came off and went across the ditch carrying rocks as large as seventy-five to one hundred tons.

Cory Daniels is currently the Power Director and reports that currently our peak load in the summer ranges from 8500 kw to close to 9000 kw.

Generation today only consists of approximately 5 - 10% of our load. The hydro generators we have today are unit 1 -2000 kw, unit 2-650 kw , unit 3- 120 kw, unit 4-150 kw. They are water dependent, so if we have a great winter our hydros do really well April through July.

A Message from Our Council
Greg Boothe

I would like to thank the citizens of Ephraim for the wonderful experience of serving on the City Council for the past two years. I have learned that it takes a lot of dedicated people to run a city. I have learned to appreciate the many man-hours that have gone into making Ephraim such a beautiful and exciting place to live. We have a great Mayor and Council who want nothing but the best for our residents, children, schools and businesses. I will do my best to serve you to the best of my ability for the next two years.

I wanted to share some thoughts on the Scandinavian Festival, because it is near and dear to my heart. I’ve been reflecting on the growth of the festival the past fifteen years and I’m amazed at the success we’ve had because of dedicated people who have wanted to see it grow and progress. Here are some of the reasons I feel that we have succeeded:

Snow College: The administration and staff at Snow College have worked very hard to help the festival succeed. Without this beautiful venue, the festival would not have achieved the vision of our progenitors. Thanks to those who have sacrificed their time and effort.

Festival Committee: Thanks to all those committee members, most of whom are volunteers, who have spent hours and hours helping to make the Scandinavian Festival a success. And, they have been a fun group to work with.

Ephraim City Employees: Of course we couldn’t have a festival without the hard work and dedication of all the departments of Ephraim City. Thanks to all the department heads and workers for giving us such wonderful service for so many years. They have worked tirelessly in all aspects of the festival, security, power, office staff, set-up, garbage and much more. Thank you, thank you.

Suzanne Dean and the staff at the Sampete Messenger: Suzanne and her staff have given many extra hours to help publicize and support the Scandinavian Festival. Not just in print, but in volunteer man-hours to help manning booths and coming to meetings.

Most of all, thanks to all our local residents and businesses for your support and help over many years. Thanks for your patience with us as we have tried to make the Scandinavian Festival a great activity and legacy that we can all be proud of. Please come to our council meetings and share thoughts, concerns and ideas that can help us make our festival even better.

Sincerely,
Greg Boothe
Ephraim City Council Member
Flag Football
Championship games for Flag Football will be in Manti on November 6th, and in Ephraim on November 9th.

Youth Basketball
Ephraim is participating in Jr. Jazz. It will run from November 27th through January.

City Manager Message
Shaun Kjar

On October 23-25 we hosted Public Power week in Ephraim. Events included a power demonstration with students and another one held for the community at the Canyon View Park Thursday the 24th. It was incredible to see the gear and effort necessary to safely maintain the utility I so often take for granted. When I flip the switch in my house, I expect the light to come on, and it does! Even more than that, I expect all the things to run in the background that I don’t have to flip a switch for.

I’d like to thank Cory Daniels, Jason Larsen, Josh Mann, Brian Thomson, and Wyatt Anderson for all their hard work in Ephraim City Power to keep our lights on and power flowing.

I’d also like to thank our Utility Board members, Ted Olson, Dale Nicholls, Leonard McCosh, Don Thompson and all those in the past who have situated Ephraim in such a favorable place for power.

If you’d like to join these fine folks in ensuring Ephraim City Power provides the best possible service for years to come, please stop by the City Offices to volunteer to join the Ephraim City Utility Board.

Thank you!

Granary Arts

Workshop Wednesday:  Free art classes Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30.
11/6    Fall leaf paintings
11/13   Wet on wet silhouettes
11/20   Watercolor landscapes
11/27   No workshop

Film Fest:  Join us 7pm/9/20 for an evening of film and community!

Munchkin Music:  November 1, 8, 15, 22, Friday / 11-11:45 am
Ages: 18 months - 5 years, other ages also welcome
Cost: $15 one child, $10 each additional sibling - visit our website to sign up!

For more information visit granaryarts.org
86 N Main Street, Ephraim
Wed. - Sat. 11 to 5:00 pm

Youth City Council

For the month of October, Kelsie Tippets chaired the Ephraim Youth City Council event. they visited with the residents at Golden Skyline Assisted Living Center. While there, the council decorated the doors for the fall season. They also gave some residents Afghans that were crocheted and donated by Nola Davis.

We are grateful for all the service the YCC provides to our community.

Power Week

We want to thank all those who supported the Ephraim City Power Department during their Power Week demonstration and activities on October 24th.

Included in the activities were Lineman Skill Games, and as you can see, our City Manager, Shaun Kjar had an opportunity to climb the pole.

Thank you to our Power Dept. for all they do.