Mayor John Scott
Call or text 435-851-6101

Dear Ephraim City Residents;

Happy New Year!! May this New Year bring to you all the wonderful things that you need and hope for. May you also have good health and happiness in this New Year and in this new decade.

2020 will be a busy year for Ephraim City. On the 29th of January we would like to invite you to an Ephraim Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 p.m. I will be there, along with some council members, to answer questions and concerns. There will be light refreshments. This will give me the opportunity to interface with you and it will be an opportunity to gather your feedback and share ideas from you as we move forward in this New Year.

They say that large doors turn on small hinges. This year we will be opening some large doors for Ephraim City and that’s why we need your input. We will begin working on our budget and we need your feedback. I will begin this month working to formulate a fiscally responsible budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year which begins on July 1st, 2020. In May or June, we will have a scheduled Public Hearing for the budget, and will also be accepting comments during the Public Comment portion of our meetings. Please come and participate with us in that. Even before the budget comes into focus, we would very much appreciate your feedback. This is very important to us. If you have an idea as to what priorities should be a part of this new budget, please do not hesitate to text me (435-851-6101) or e-mail me at john.scott@ephraimcity.org.

Last month we lost a great asset to the city, Merrill Daniels. Merrill had worked in the City’s Power Department for a time and thereafter he always had a notion to help our city crews and staff with questions and
his knowledgeable skill. His son, Cory Daniel’s, is now the head of our Power Department. As I attended Merrill’s viewing there were so many people gathered to honor this good man. His willingness to help others and to be an asset to those around him in times of question and need is really a reflection of what Ephraim City is all about in regard to service, kindness and a willingness to pull together to help our neighbors. With this in mind, the City Council has declared July 10th (Merrill’s birthday) as Merrill Daniels day. It’s a small reflection in honor of a great man of service and dedication to his community.

Again, let me express to you my desire that you have a terrific year. Our City has been blessed in so many ways. We live in the best place in the world and we are surrounded by the best people on earth, so how could we fail? We have a growing City, a vibrant economy and I see a bright future for Ephraim City. Thank you to all of you who make so many things possible and for your good desires to help your neighbors and make Ephraim a friendly place to raise families and grow old together. What a wonderful place that we live in.

Now, may we go forward in this New Year with hope and energy to create great things for Ephraim City.

Sincerely,

John Scott
Ephraim City Mayor

Winter Parking Ordinance Change

At the December 18, 2019 Council Meeting, the Council adopted an amendment to the Winter Parking Ordinance. In the amendment, a definition of “Vehicle” was added:

“Vehicle” shall mean every device in, on, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon any road, street, highway or body of water.

This means any boat, off road vehicle, trailer, etc. must be parked off the street between November 15 and March 15.

The ordinance amendment also changed the penalty for parking on the street from a Class B Misdemeanor, which our officers have been reluctant to enforce, to an infraction. This means tickets may be extended to owners of vehicles parked on the street without resulting in a misdemeanor.

Our officers are out and enforcing this new ordinance, but are good to work with residents who are having parking issues.

Please remember that Ephraim City snow removal occurs throughout the winter as need arises and “vehicles” (as defined in the new ordinance) should be removed from all roads in the City.

Our Public Works guys work hard to keep our streets clear of snow, and vehicles parked on the road make this process very difficult. Please keep in mind, if a vehicle is accidentally damaged by a snowplow, owners of the vehicle are responsible for repairs, not the City. We don’t want this to happen to anyone. Please help us out by moving your vehicles to driveways and other off road parking areas.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Workshop Wednesday:
Free art classes for kids of all ages!
Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm at Granary Arts; all materials will be provided.

Workshop dates:
- JAN 2 No workshop Closed for the Holidays
- JAN 8 Project TBA
- JAN 15 Project TBA
- JAN 22 Project TBA
- JAN 29 No workshop Closed while we install New Exhibitions

Munchkin Music:
- JAN 10, 17, 24, 31
Fridays - 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:
Please visit granaryarts.org / 86 N Main St, Ephraim / 11-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.
Ephraim City’s Power department was recently awarded by Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) with an award for upgrading the power system in Ephraim.

Ephraim has been operating with the old Power House substation for over 50 years at a lower voltage of 2400 volts. To facilitate replacing the old substation, the aged distribution system of the City was first updated with new conductors. Over 40 transformers, new arrestors, power cut outs, and over 60 cross arms with associated hardware were installed. This was accomplished with the help of power crews in neighboring cities. Mt. Pleasant, Fairview, Spring City, and Manti all sent crews to help with this project.

Power to residents was then rerouted and supplied the higher voltage from the City’s other substations. Under the direction of Power Director Cory Daniels, the retirement and disposal of the old substation commenced in the Fall of 2017. An outside engineer was engaged to design a new substation with increased capacity. The construction by the Ephraim City Power crew commenced in the Summer of 2018. The project was completed, tested, and commissioned in May of 2019. All of this was accomplished while keeping all the City’s obligations to new and old customers, system maintenance and hydro plants operational. All of the underground conduit, steel work, and transformer mounting was completed by the City’s power crew saving residents tens of thousands of dollars. Each substation can now be isolated for testing or relied on in case of emergencies. This project is truly a major improvement to Ephraim’s system and will benefit Ephraim residents for many years to come. The power crew, consisting of Power Director Cory Daniels Jason Larsen, Brian Thomson, Josh Mann and Wyatt Anderson, are proud of their work and as a result have developed great esprit de corps. At the meeting, Cory Daniels, Mayor John Scott and Utility Board Chair Ted Olson took the stage to receive the award.

Our current Power Department has taken Ephraim City from two sub-stations to four in recent years. We currently have the following sub-stations in Ephraim:

- Canyon Sub-Station
- Cemetery Sub-Station
- Powerhouse Sub-Station
- Hydro Sub-Station

At the December 18, 2019 City Council Meeting, Cory and his crew were honored for their hard work.

**Did You Know . . . ?**

- You can now pay your business license renewal online through Xpress Bill Pay on our website at www.ephraimcity.org?
- The Recreation Department now has an Instagram account @ephraim_rec?
- Ephraim City offers an equal pay program for utilities to residents that have a twelve-month billing history and a great payment history?

**ongoing activity**
**ephraim senior/ community center**

85 West 100 North
(435) 283-6666 or (435) 283-6310

epsenior12@hotmail.com or ephraimseniors@hotmail.com

**activity for january, 2020**

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**Rentals**

Center: $50/day + $50 Deposit
Quilt Room $4/day
Garage rental: $80/month
A Message from Our Council
Margie Anderson

I have really enjoyed watching our Youth City Council do so many positive and service-oriented activities in our City. Whether it is placing the Veterans signs, doing a craft with residents at the assisted living center, or putting together a float for the community Christmas Parade, they are excited to make a difference. I make a habit of observing young people and honestly, I like what I see. I see a lot of our community youth as they participate in activities and in most cases, they are well-behaved and just happy to be a part of a team or help with an event. I have personally witnessed so many youth serving neighbors not because they were assigned, but just because they have a desire to help someone else.

I firmly believe that one of the hallmarks of a strong community is the way we support young people. Occasionally we want to place them in a narrow box, or speak of them in a critical way. Do our youth do things differently than some of us did while we were young? Absolutely—but I learn so much from them and enjoy the enthusiasm and perspective they bring.

Are there some small things that we can do to strengthen our youth?

- Perhaps we can be a role model for someone in our neighborhood?
- How about volunteering at a local school or helping a sports team?
- Could we give a compliment to a young person when we see a positive deed?
- How about sending a note to someone who has achieved a worthwhile goal?

I have heard my own grown children refer fondly to the role models from their youth here in Ephraim. I am grateful to so many who gave them a positive start. I hope we all have the attitude that a community is a lot of “WE” and not as much “ME”. Surrounding our young people with support can only unite us as a community and make us stronger.