It’s with great pleasure that I write to you. I have now been the Ephraim City Mayor just over a year. A year ago I was appointed pursuant to Utah Code 20A-1-510 by the city council to serve out the rest of the previous Mayor’s term. I am so grateful that I get to serve you, listen to you, and take counsel from you. For me, there is not a greater group of people on the face of the earth than those right here in Ephraim. Thank you for your support and your kindness. Beginning with my first days on the job as Mayor, I wanted very much to be with our city work crews, city staff, and council members. A year ago, I began a program of riding along with our department heads. This gave me a hands-on experience of seeing the needs of the city up close and personal. I have just completed another ride along with city department heads and I have enjoyed talking directly with those who do such an enormous amount of work to make Ephraim a great place to live.

First of all, let’s talk about water. As of the writing of this letter to you, our water resources have been adequate for our needs. Because of the dry weather our springs have slowed down, but we have a very good city well that supplements our water supplies. Later this fall we will bring another well online which will add to our capacity. In addition to that, we are hopeful to complete the approval process of an additional well that we hope will be online in just a little over a year, which will nearly double our water resources. Together, these water sources and the redundancy of our wells should ensure that Ephraim has adequate water to meet our needs for nearly the next 15 years, including the growth that we will experience.

Power is something that has been greatly improved in the last couple of years in Ephraim. I took a trip from the Jerusalem substation to where the Rocky Mountain power lines connect to the Ephraim City power lines just west of town, and then throughout our city’s grid system. We have a great crew that maintains our power infrastructure in Ephraim with Cory Daniels at its head. Sometimes glitches do occur with power lines and they are usually the part of our system that is owned by Rocky Mountain Power. While they have put into place several major upgrades, I observed other parts of their grid system that still need some replacing. We will work with them on that.

Streets are always in the forefront of our thinking. Chad Parry has done a remarkable job with a continual maintenance and upgrade of our streets throughout Ephraim City on an annual basis. I dare say that we have the best street system in the county. This is not cheap, but through innovation and perseverance we have been able to maintain this important infrastructure in a streamlined, cost effective manner.
manner. Chad will be retiring at the end of August and he will be missed; his replacement has been trained and tutored by Chad so our city public works will not miss a beat.

Our police department is the envy of Sanpete County. We have excellent officers and Aaron Broomhead, our Chief, has done a great job in the training of his officers and using their talents to the best needs of the city. In addition, Aaron was appointed as the city Public Safety Director, which means that he also has a great amount of influence with our Fire Department. These two branches of city services are working hard to ensure that our residents are protected and safe. I admire them greatly.

Our Ephraim City recreational department was reorganized late last fall. Michael Patten has been doing a wonderful job in implementing departmental changes that have been a great benefit to Ephraim City residents. Recently we hosted our biggest softball tournament ever. These tournaments bring important revenue dollars into our community. Also, several new biking trails were recently completed just east of Ephraim up the canyon. People come from all over Utah and other states to enjoy these trails and likewise there is a lot of revenue coming into our city from those who come to enjoy our beautiful mountains and recreate. Michael, along with the Scandinavian Festival Committee, really innovated to produce the Scandinavian Summer which was a great success considering the impact of COVID-19 on the event which is traditionally held on Memorial day weekend.

In these most recent visits with department heads I noticed something interesting. The morale of City Staff and Crews is exceptionally high. I’ve served in elected government in the city for the last 9 years and I have not seen this degree of good will and good feelings among our city employees. It’s always been positive, but I detect that now it is exceptional. It was refreshing. It was a delight to talk freely and easily with those who work for the city who have become like family to me. At the heart of this, is a greatly respected City Manager, Shaun Kjar. My hat is off to Shaun because he has fostered a great amount of goodwill and forward thinking with Ephraim City. I’ve never seen a city manager who works harder and who is more concerned with people than Shaun. That is now reflected in those he leads.

Thank you Ephraim City residents for your kindness and care of one another. Thank you to all those who serve on our city boards and committees without much recognition. We could not do the work of the city without your interest and community service. Once again, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

John Scott
Ephraim City Mayor

Join your neighbors at our Airport. Bring your whole family!
Manti-Ephraim Airport
Saturday, Sept 12, 8 am to 1 pm
See airplanes, helicopters, hot air balloon, helicopter rides ($), fire trucks, classic cars, kids’ activities and water rockets. Watch model aircraft and drone flights. Talk with flight school instructors. Come early for breakfast 8:00 am to 9:30 am ($5.00) Enjoy food from Ephraim Elementary PTA and grab FREE DRINKS!

Learn how our airport strengthens our communities.
BE SAFE! Wear your mask. Sanitize your hands. Stay outside. Keep 6 feet distance from others.

Manti/Ephraim Annual
Drive thru Flu Shoot out
Tuesday, October 6th
4:00 – 7:00 pm
Manti Firehouse
1st East between Union and 1st South

The library is open by appointment only at this time. Please call us at 283-4544 to schedule your 20 minute appointment for up to 6 people.

We have lots of new materials including the latest releases and bestsellers ready and waiting for checkout.

We are also planning some Fall activities including: Teddy Bear Picnic, Batman Day, Constitution Day, Free Comic Book Day, Fall into Reading and more! Watch our Facebook page or contact the library at 283-4544 for more information on these events.
Dear Ephraim Residents,

I would like to thank all of those who helped us have a successful Scandinavian Summer celebration.

Especially Michael Patton, Rachel Shumaker, Anne Fonville, Beverly Thomas and the rest of the Scandinavian Festival Committee, as well as city workers and staff.

Thanks to our law enforcement crew for helping with the bike races and parade. And a big shout out to Fara Boothe (yes, a relation) for putting on a great parade to finish up the festivities.

Thanks to Lori Voshall and our library staff, and Amy Jorgensen and the Granary staff for the wonderful activities they offered. I also want to thank all of our sponsors who stepped up to help support the celebration.

Most of all, thanks to all of you, the community, for your help and support. I’m sure I’ve forgotten someone, so please forgive me, I’m going to use the old age card for my excuse!

I feel that we have the best residents anywhere; you are so supportive and understanding. Yes, we have had some big hurdles to jump these past six months, but we are moving ahead to help make Ephraim a great place to raise our kids and help them find jobs here.

We are going to see some exciting growth within the next few years that will make this an even more exciting place to live, while not taking away from the rural feel that we all love so much. I’ve been asked many questions about our future city plans and I can tell you that we are all working hard with our mayor, community development department and city manager to help bring responsible growth to our community.

Please come to our council meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 pm and get involved; voice your opinion and help us know the pulse of our neighborhoods. We will listen and we want to help.

Thank you,
Greg Boothe
Ephraim City Councilman

Scandinavian Summer / Kids Art in City Hall

Deliver your completed projects to Ephraim City Hall or Granary Arts to receive a prize! Artwork will be put on display at Ephraim City Hall this Fall. We are accepting all Scandinavian Summer projects from June - July. There is no cap on the number of submissions per family/child – The more the better! Find the project tutorials on our website, www.granaryarts.org/education-workshops #granaryartskids

Workshop Wednesday Online:
The September theme for our Virtual Workshops for Kids is "America the Beautiful.” We will be creating five different paper landscapes and will post one workshop each Wednesday at 3:00 pm on our Facebook page. Subscribe to our mailing list and follow us on Facebook to be sure you don’t miss a workshop.

Exhibitions:

Paul Adams + Jordan Layton / Vanishing Voices
June 10 - September 18, 2020

Sara Lynne Lindsay / Inherited Ground
June 10 - September 18, 2020

Fazilat Soukhakian / Anonymous Battle
on view at Snow College Karen H. Huntsman Library
August 24, 2020 - June 4, 2021

Visit Us:
Granary Arts is open Wed-Sat 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. We kindly ask that all guests continue to follow the Governor's "yellow phase" guidelines. Wear face coverings, practice social distancing measures and hygiene standards. Limit group sizes to 10.
Ephraim City Proposition 7: RAP Tax

On this upcoming November ballot, Ephraim City will be asking you to vote on whether a Recreation, Arts, and Parks Tax should be implemented in the city. Before you go to the polls and vote on the matter, you should know what the tax is, what it will do, who it will affect, and some of its pros and cons.

The Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax is a 0.1% sales tax that generates funds to make improvements to recreation facilities, parks, and cultural art programs in Ephraim. The sales tax rate would go from 6.65% to 6.75%. This equals 1¢ for every $10 spent in Ephraim.

The RAP Tax affects retail purchases only; not food, gasoline or property taxes. The RAP Tax only affects retail purchases and not purchases of food or gasoline. This tax will not increase property taxes. Funds generated from this tax will go towards improving the quality of life in Ephraim and for its residents. Funds may only go towards helping with constructing trails, walking paths, green spaces, courts, parks, hosting festivals, arts, etc. Funds generated from the RAP Tax may not be used for salaries or office supplies.

The RAP Tax affects everyone that shops within Ephraim City limits, regardless of place of residency. This means that those who come to Ephraim to shop will be helping pay for local recreation improvements instead of placing the full burden on Ephraim City taxpayers.

Some of the pros of the RAP Tax are that more improvements towards recreation in Ephraim will occur. Many of these improvements will not require future property tax increases because the RAP Tax will cover the costs. Another benefit is that the RAP Tax will bring in additional revenue to Ephraim from those who are not permanent residents like tourists, college students, etc.

Some of the cons could be that it is another tax that will have an affect on residents. This means that those who don’t have an interest in recreation, arts, or parks in Ephraim will be paying towards this infrastructure.

If you have questions or concerns about the RAP Tax, please contact Michael Patton at 435-283-4631 or michael.patton@ephraimcity.org.

Chad Parry Retires from Ephraim City

After 32 years, Chad Parry is retiring from Ephraim City Public Works. In 1987 Chad started with Ephraim City Water and Wastewater. Around 1993 water and wastewater were joined with roads, cemetery, and parks to form the Public Works department. In 1994 Chad became the Director of Public Works. Chad is a highly qualified and decorated professional. He has been named the Utah Water Operator of the Year, the Wastewater Operator of the Year, and has been taken multiple times per month to the lab to oversee the department as it has won awards such as Most Improved Water System, and Best Wastewater System of the State of Utah.

As many of you know, Chad’s job is not an easy one. The responsibility can be very heavy. Many times, work can be scary as he worked to solve difficult and dangerous problems. Among the top of the list are accidents associated with high pressure line breaks over the years. He’s even saved people who have fallen or driven into the holes left by water breaks. In a position that most would deem overwhelming, Chad has been able to use common sense and good judgement to correct issues. In the entire time Chad has been the Director of Public Works, Ephraim City has never had a drinking water sample return showing contamination. That is amazing considering the samples have been taken multiple times per month over the last 26 years!

As Chad enters retirement, he has some advice for us. He says Ephraim is like a family. We have celebrations, we have troubles, we work through difficulty and we are all in this together. Let’s help each other. Through the years, Ephraim has seen a lot of challenges. Chad suggests that we look to the examples of the good people in our past, hang in there like they did, and realize we are lucky we live where we do. As we look at our present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but present but