After nearly eleven years with no power rate increase, the Ephraim City Council has approved a 5% rate increase to take effect in January, 2014.

Ephraim City hired Sunrise Engineering to conduct a power rate study and the result was that in order to maintain the current level of service without diminishing the reserve fund, the rates must be increased by at least 5%.

A 5% increase will allow department operations to continue while preserving a reserve fund for emergencies in the system.

On December 18, 2013 Ted Olson was awarded the prestigious Appointed Official of the Year award for his service to Ephraim City, public power, and UAMPS. He has faithfully served Ephraim City on the Utility Board for over 30 years. During that time he has also been heavily involved with the Utah Associated Power Systems (UAMPS - a wholesale electric energy community-owned power company which Ephraim is a part owner) and the Intermountain Power Agency (IPA – IPA owns the Intermountain Power Project which produces more than 13 million megawatt hours of energy per year). In fact, Mr. Olson is currently serving on the board of directors for both organizations and is the current Chair of the IPA board of directors. Additionally, during his tenure, Mr. Olson has served in nearly every leadership position the two power entities have to offer. Mr. Olson is known throughout the state as an authority on power generation and distribution. His dedicated service to our community has provided low power rates and ensured that Ephraim has reliable power.

We congratulate Mr. Olson on his achievement and impact he has had on public power.
**Main Street Trees**

As has been discussed in previous newsletters, online, and in multiple public meetings, the trees between 100 North and 100 South on Main Street will be removed this winter.

Our hope is to place the wood from fallen trees in the city yard for residents to come and take to use as firewood throughout the winter.

In the spring we are hopeful that the rest of the Main Street beautification project will commence. This will include new planter boxes designed to drive the tree roots deep underground instead of surface level as we currently have.

Additionally, among other things, the project will include flower boxes, pedestrian lights, banners, and new sidewalks.

**EPHRAIM CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Is looking for volunteer firefighters. If you are interested in serving your community in this capacity, call Chief Steck at (435) 851-0424.

**SNOW COLLEGE HORNE ACTIVITY CENTER**

Early New Year’s Resolution Pass Sale!

The Horne Activity Center is offering great deals on yearly activity center passes.

- **Individual** AC Pass: $125
- **Couple** AC Pass: $200
- **Family** AC Pass: $250

Pass gives you access to the fitness center, racquetball courts, basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, and the indoor track! 283-7039.

**SALE ENDS SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH!**

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**Senior Center January Calendar**

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Call 283-6310 for a recording of the details, or call 283-6666 to talk to a live person.