

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Councilmember Anderson offered an invocation. Councilmember Wheeler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Squire, Mayor
Margie Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tyler Alder
John Scott
Greg Boothe
Richard Wheeler

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Marcus Gilson, City Attorney
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Steve Widmer, Financial Director
Chad Parry, Public Works Director
Cory Daniels, Power Director
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations scheduled; however Chief Broomhead asked to take this time to introduce the new Animal Control employee.

Maurakae Bown reported she had been employed since last Monday and had spent 15 hours cleaning the pound. She is working on learning the code. Future plans include updating forms and creating educational handouts and fliers in order to be a positive contact with the public.

She would like to do whatever is needed for benefit of both animals and residents. Mayor Squire welcomed Maurakae and thanked her for her proactive approach.

MOTION AGENDA

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of February 20, 2018.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the February 20, 2018 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boothe. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT

Discussion of the Industrial Park was postponed until word is received regarding the CDBG application.

APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

WATER CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS

Bryan Kimball recalled the discussion of the water connection at the last Council Meeting and asked if there were any questions. He explained this connection would help to increase circulation in the current water line. If approved, the agreement would put the property owner under contract to annex when annexation becomes available and to follow the large lot provisions in City ordinance. Right-of-way dedications, setbacks, and additional gravel would be included as part of that expectation. A letter would then be drafted to go along with the agreement and sent to the County to be recorded. Staff approves this connection.

Councilmember Scott moved to authorize execution of a Water Connection Outside of City Limits Extension Agreement with Cori Larsen, based upon recommendations and requirements of Staff and the Utilities Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Tyler Alder

Cemetery – An article will be placed in the April newsletter asking for donations for the new flags at the cemetery.

Recreation Board – The Board traveled to Utah County to visit established rec centers in order to get an idea of what they would like to see in a future Ephraim rec center. They are also looking into grant opportunities.

Margie Anderson

Miss Ephraim – There are eight nice young ladies running for Miss Ephraim this year. A workshop was held last week in which interviews took place.

Youth City Council – The youth took cookies to Councilmembers for Valentine’s Day.

ECHA – The last house that was up for sale was finally sold. The Board is now looking into things concerning the Olene Walker Foundation.

Richard Wheeler

Utilities Board – Richard met with the Utilities Board and reported more water connections coming up. There is also a UAMPS demonstration/presentation about the carbon free power project that he and the Mayor will be attending in Portland.

Fire Department – Last night was the meeting with the Fire Board. They have been conducting trainings. At the beginning of the month they set up training classes with the County and were doing hands-on training with other cities. Those who had attended classes over the last six weeks gave reports on topics including vertical and horizontal ventilation and how to handle each kind. They have signed for and will be finalizing the construction of a new ladder truck in the amount of \$835,000. The County covers a lot of that expense, but the price does not include hoses and money will have to be found to outfit the truck.

Senior Board – Richard met with the Senior Citizen Board last week; everything is well with them. They do have concerns regarding removal of the Peace Treaty Tree and he suggested they get involved directly. Larry Nielsen informed him that he and the Historical Society fully support the project. He feels preserving trunk would be a great idea.

Greg Boothe

Scandinavian Festival – The Festival Committee would like to have vendors on either side of the median on 100 north. There is power there. It would destroy any landscaping, but there are several at the College who want to get rid of it altogether. The Committee is making plans to move the stage so it is out of the way of construction. More people are expected to attend this year. Attendance has increased 2-3% every year.

John Scott

Airport Board – The Airport Board appointed Jeremy Hallows as the new Chair.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director

Intern – An intern from the College is working with Bryan in the office, scanning old maps and helping with some research on affordable housing. He comes in twice a week and will continue for the rest of the semester.

Well – four applications have been submitted for water grants. The Corps of Engineer’s looks the best, but he is hopeful for CDBG, Division of Drinking Water and WaterSMART grants. Many hours have been spent on the applications. The first meeting for the Division of Drinking Water is scheduled for next week at the Rural Water Conference. WaterSMART will not make a decision until July and the City wouldn’t receive any of that money until October.

Capital Facilities Plan – work has begun on the update of the Capital Facilities Plan.

Cory Daniels, Power Director

Power Upgrades – the Power Department is 70% done with the power upgrades. Cold weather has held them back a little in their schedule.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Library Update – the library, windows have been washed, snow taken care of and carpets cleaned. They are currently working on handicap compliance issues.

Rural Water – the Rural Water conference is next week. Chad, Jeff and Davis will be attending to keep up on certifications.

Aaron Broomhead, Chief of Police

Crosswalk – the Main Street crosswalk continues to be a problem. Ideas are being discussed to improve visibility. Len mentioned the small cones are not easily seen. The flashing lights are currently blocked by construction on the credit union and by trees in front of the dentist’s office going the other direction. High visibility candlesticks have been obtained. He noted the majority of people stopped are not local. He is looking into overhead flashing lights, and scheduling a meeting with UDOT to discuss that and other crossings. Brant suggested putting something in the middle of the intersection.

Item – the Chief said he is very happy to have Maurakae onboard; she has lots of ideas and has already done so much work.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Budget - Brant and Steve have been working on the budget. The department heads have turned in their capital projects. Everything is in full swing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Anderson moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date