

**MINUTES OF A COMBINED EPHRAIM
CITY COUNCIL/UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014
5:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Squire, Mayor
John Scott, Mayor Pro Tem
Tyler Alder
Margie Anderson
Terry Lund

STAFF PRESENT

Bryan Kimball, City Planner
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Ron Rasmussen, Police Chief
Glade Bown, Power Superintendent
Barbara Davies
Steve Widmer

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Alma Lund

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

See attached.

WORK SESSION

The Ephraim City Council convened in a work meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

UAMPS PRESENTATION

Jackie Coombs presented a UAMPS overview. Members may pick and choose which projects they want to participate in, but once a project has been selected, they are committed to follow through to completion. Ephraim is not under obligation to purchase power from UAMPS. Services provided by UAMPS were reviewed. They are always looking for new projects to cover future needs.

Ms. Coombs reviewed all of Ephraim's usage and needs, showing forecasted load and resource needs. The forward market is very soft right now and most members are taking advantage of not building plants as it is cheaper to purchase from other sources. Load continues to grow each year in Ephraim. It was recommended Ephraim encourage residents to conserve energy in the summer months when load is the highest.

Ephraim has the third largest growth rate in the system, second only to Eagle Mountain and Lehi.

Mayor Squire thanked the Utilities Board for everything they do.

REVIEW

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register and Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting.

VENDORS

We would want to keep them small.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

With a glitch in Caselle, residents were billed for mosquito abatement last month. Steve commented it is possible to do a credit to everyone next month.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Terry Lund moved the work meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tyler Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

COMBINED CITY COUNCIL/UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular council meeting with the Utilities Board on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, in the Ephraim City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Margie Anderson offered an opening prayer. Councilmember John Scott led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of May 7, 2014.

Councilmember Margie Anderson moved to approve the warrant register of May 7, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tyler Alder. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Tyler Alder, Margie Anderson, Terry Lund, and John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the April 16, 2014 City Council meeting.

Councilmember John Scott moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2014 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Tyler Alder, Margie Anderson, Terry Lund, and John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Abraham Hundepool asked for an update regarding how many candidates applied for the Ephraim City Manager position. He also asked about drug testing and whether being an Equal Opportunity Employer includes equal opportunity regardless of sexual orientation. Mayor Squire explained that drug testing is policy, we are equal opportunity, and there were 38 applicants.

Mr. Hundepool also asked what the City Council does with public comment offered in the meetings. He said often the Council does not address them. Mayor Squire responded that public comment is just that, public comment. The Council is not obligated to respond.

ECO 14-05 UTILITIES BOARD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Ted Olson commented the Utilities Board has wrestled with unifying the ordinances within the City. They then amended the Utilities Board Ordinance to make sure they were not in conflict with each other. Both documents have had several legal reviews.

Sidewalk agreements have been an issue over the years. They haven't been addressed in the ordinance nor have there been agreements. These have been included in the two documents submitted to the Council for approval.

Councilmember Terry Lund moved to approve ECO 14-05, Utilities Board Ordinance Amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Scott. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Tyler Alder, Margie Anderson, Terry Lund, and John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Bryan commented Barbara Davies and the utilities Board have worked extremely hard on these ordinances for years and deserve recognition.

ECO 14-06 UTILITIES ORDINANCE

Councilmember John Scott moved to approve ECO 14-06 Utilities Ordinance with the understanding that it will not supersede utility hookups outside the city. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Margie Anderson. A roll call vote was taken: voting "yes" Councilmembers Tyler Alder, Margie Anderson, Terry Lund, and John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

DECISION REGARDING SAND A VOLLEY BALL COURTS

Councilmember Scott mentioned \$10,000 has been set aside for the projector for the amphitheater, and will be used to purchase high-grade sand for the volley ball court. A budget amendment would be required. Jace Cox is still willing to use his contacts that would allow for discounted delivery and he will be able to say he completed his Eagle project. The projector could be purchased at a future date. Councilmember Scott reminded everyone that the Scout project and the volley ball courts are two separate things. "We were always going to put in the sand, and to say that we are spending \$10,000 on an Eagle project is not correct."

Councilmember John Scott moved to transfer the money in the budget for the projector to purchasing high grade sand for the volley ball courts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Margie Anderson. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Margie Anderson, Terry Lund, and John Scott. Voting “no” Councilmember Tyler Alder. The vote carried 3-1.

VENDOR LEASES AT CANYON VIEW PARK

Wes Crouch brought up this subject at the last Council Meeting. The Council must determine whether they want to designate ground at the park for private vendors. With the ice rink, the splash pad and amphitheater, there is an opportunity for a couple of young entrepreneurial minds to set up businesses. They would be required to have business licenses and follow all requirements in that regard. The Council asked for more time to research the issue to see what should be included in the agreements. Bryan Kimball says ordinances currently allow for mobile food stands.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Last year the Council voted there would not be a charge for mosquito abatement until the Council voted to do so. With a glitch in the billing software, the box did not get unchecked allowing for the added amount and every meter was billed. All those billed, will receive a credit on their next utility bill.

The Council discussed whether they would like to do anything with mosquito abatement this year. It has been a very dry spring. The residents can do a lot on their own.

Councilmember John Scott moved to suspend mosquito abatement for the summer of 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Tyler Alder, Margie Anderson, Terry Lund, and John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING APPROVAL

Councilmember Margie Anderson moved to approve the National Guard training as discussed in the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tyler Alder. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Tyler Alder, Margie Anderson, Alma Lund, Terry Lund, and John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ECR 14-07 BUILDING AUTHORITY SIGNATURES

Councilmember Terry Lund moved to approve ECR 14-07 a Resolution establishing authorization for signatures for the Building Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tyler Alder. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Tyler Alder, Margie Anderson, Terry Lund, and John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET BY THE COUNCIL

The Council will be spending a lot of time with the Department Heads in the near future discussing their wish lists for the next fiscal year, and will start defining priorities for the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, COUNCIL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Bryan Kimball

Main Street Project – After the meeting in Richfield with UDOT, we found that we are \$100,000 over budget. We are in the process of figuring out how to cut back. We have already cut back from 40 to 28 trees. We had a bump out planned in front of Pioneer Park but that was causing issues with drainage and took out three parking spaces. It would also cause environmental issues. The bump out has been eliminated. We replaced an 80' wide planter box with two smaller planter boxes. The sidewalk was going to be replaced on the north side of the co-op and now will only be done if there is money after the bids have come in. The drinking fountain is also an added alternate, and will be installed only if enough money is in the budget. It is hard to find a fountain that meets standards. We can come back later and do it a lot cheaper without having to meet bi-America standards.

The stamped sidewalk will stop before where the fountain will go, so it will be easy to add in later. Light poles and lights are still in place and will be the most prominent feature of the project. We still have planter boxes on each corner of the intersections. We did have a planter box going across the street from the Co-op, but found that was not included in the UDOT right-of-way. Other things have been cut in consideration of both time and money. Final changes will be submitted tomorrow.

With the most recent changes, we are now \$5,000 over budget instead of \$100,000. It means we were able to get UDOT to take on the pedestrian ramps and will include that with their project. Ephraim will be purchasing and pulling the wire for the lights.

Travis Good looked at the trees that were selected by the Council and came back with recommendations and likes the Merilee Crabapple.

Chlorination Building – Chad purchased a prefab shed and they are working on putting that together right now. We are saving a lot of money by building it ourselves. The Public Works Department should be commended on that.

Splash pad – Lamar has been working a lot out there. By moving the pad as close to the fence as we could, we cut out a little corner and we need a 6' retaining wall. We put two layers of the geo-fabric in. Because we were able to reach native soil, we felt two layers would be sufficient rather than three. Now we are just waiting for the retaining wall and then we can get the pad poured. The block designated for the second bathroom will be used for the retaining wall.

Councilmember Alma Lund arrived at the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Tyler Alder

Rec Board – Baseball and track have started. Things are hopping.

Scandinavian Festival – Everyone has worked hard. It should be a good Festival. The Council and Mayor will be in the parade at 10:00 Saturday morning.

Margie Anderson

ECHA – Two lots remain in Cottonwood Two. The subdivision is a go.

Terry Lund

Cemetery Board – on the 15th at 4:00 p.m. volunteers will be setting up flags for anybody who would like to come help. The next meeting is Tuesday at 3:30.

Library Board – there will be a 100 year Birthday Party on June 7 from 12-2 p.m. All kinds of activities have been planned around that.

ADJOURN

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 21, 2014, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date