

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR EPHRAIM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014
6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Regan Bolli, City Manager
Bryan Kimball, City Planner
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Ron Rasmussen, Police Chief
Chad Parry, Public Works Director
Glade Bown, Power Superintendent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

See attached.

WORK SESSION

The Ephraim City Council convened in a work meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

DISCUSSION REGARDING FENCE PLACEMENT BY THE NEW SHOP

Chad is ready to order the fence for the new property and asked the Council for direction regarding type and placement. The Council had previously discussed purchasing a nicer fence because the property is located at an entrance into town. Chad, being concerned with expense and security issues, proposed a 6' chain link fence with barbed wire, but realizes that may not be a gateway feature. Another option would be to lay a 2' concrete wall with chain link fencing on top.

Bryan mentioned that if UDOT widens the road, there will be some landscaping opportunities. Sidewalk with curb and gutter could be installed with the fence, adding to the aesthetics. Ordinance requires a dropdown in the fence near to roads. If the fence is moved back 20', that would accommodate road widening, landscaping, sidewalk, etc.

The Council discussed the possibility of Chad's crew installing the fence. It would depend on how heavily scheduled they are and what materials are used.

Chad already has fence for the sides of the property and has started working on installation. Discussion leaned towards a 6' heavy gage chain link fence with slats and landscaping, but will leave some discretion to Chad. The Mayor suggested having Chad come up with a proposal for what he wants to do with the money available.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CANYON VIEW PARK

The splash pad concrete is scheduled to be poured tomorrow morning. The sand for the volleyball courts was supposed to be delivered today, but did not show up. Chad has prepared a loop for the trucks to come in and out for delivery without having to drive over the concrete.

Chad pointed out the splash pad still needs sod, sidewalks, and a parking lot and asked at what point the Council would like the splash pad open to residents. They would like to see sprinklers and grass, with some temporary fencing to keep people out until it is done. Chad may be able to get a sidewalk put in connecting the splash pad with the other sidewalks, then fence off the grassy area until it is ready to be used. In lieu of sidewalk, a drivable grass was suggested.

The council would like to see the Splash Pad open as quickly as possible. They like the idea of a connecting sidewalk with fencing to keep kids off the dirt/grass. Bryan and Chad will get in touch with Travis Good at EcoLife to see what he would be willing to do regarding sprinklers and grass. When the whole project is complete, the Council would like to have an official grand opening with a big pot luck dinner at the park.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DISPOSITION OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT

As per the Separation Agreement with the Ambulance Association, all equipment will be turned over to them on June 30, 2014. The building will remain the property of the City for another 16 years, at which point it will be turned over as well.

REVIEW OF THE WARRANT REGISTER

Questions were directed to the Finance Director and answered satisfactorily.

ADJOURN

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

REGULAR SESSION

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular council meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, in the Ephraim City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember John Scott led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Margie Anderson offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of June 16, 2014.

Councilmember Tyler Alder moved to approve the warrant register of June 16, 2014 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Margie Anderson. 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.

A second invoice for the purchase of a fire truck also needed approval.

Councilmember Terry Lund moved to approve the Fire Truck payment as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alma Lund. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandra Lanier wanted to say that of all the cities in Sanpete County, this is the one she is grateful to live in. “However, the other cities look nicer than Ephraim with regards to well taken care of yards. Ephraim is the least nice looking town in the County of Sanpete.” She hopes to see improvements in that area.

PRESENTATION OF DONATION FOR THE CANYON VIEW SPLASH PAD

Ashley Thompson and Brooke Hallows were at the meeting to present the Council with a donation check in the amount of \$46,807.50 towards the splash pad at Canyon View Park.

They expressed thanks and gratitude for the Council and Regan Bolli for all the hard work that was done in getting the splash pad. They wanted to make sure decals and plaques are placed at the park to acknowledge the many donors.

CO-OP PROPOSAL FOR RENTAL PAYMENT BY EPHRAIM CITY

Sandra Lanier approached the Council with a proposal to require Ephraim City to pay a reduced rental amount when using the Co-op building, despite its being owned by the City. They still have to pay someone to be in the building during City events.

Councilmember Margie Anderson moved to approve the proposal presented by the Co-op. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Lund. 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.

AWARDING OF BID FOR THE AIRPORT FUEL TANK

Ted Meikle updated the Council regarding the runway improvements. The Airport Board recommends the contract go to Westech Equipment out of Salt Lake City. The airport will end up with two 2,000 gallon tanks; one for jet fuel and one for gas. The cost includes all the plumbing and metering as well as a credit card system so anyone can swipe their card and purchase fuel.

The bid came in at just under \$106,000. The Board estimated costs to run approximately \$100,000. This amount covers everything except the pad it sits on. That will be included in the bid for the Pilot’s Lounge.

Councilmember Terry Lund moved to award the contract for the Airport Fuel Tank to Westech. 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.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AIRPORT

The Airport Board has been working with Kimball Brothers Construction and has a basic agreement with them which includes the plans. This bid is for the amount of \$46,295. A new requirement has come up from the FAA which will lengthen the completion time for the project. It is unlikely the runway will be finished this year as planned.

Councilmember John Scott moved to award the contract for improvements to the Airport to Kimball Brothers Construction in the amount of \$46,295. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Margie Anderson. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Squire called the public hearing to order for the purpose of accepting public comment regarding amendments to the 2013/2014 fiscal year budget.

Financial Director, Steve Widmer, referred the Council to their copies of the amended budget. He had made a few changes since it was last reviewed and went over those individually. The state prohibits carrying money over 28%. Steve proposed 49 minor changes in amounts that keep the City in compliance.

Abraham recalled in a prior discussion that there would be zero in the election budget and it currently shows \$2,500. Steve agreed that should be zero and would make the change.

The public hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ECR 14-08 AMENDING THE 2013/2014 BUDGET

Councilmember John Scott moved to adopt ECR 14-08 amending the 2013/2014 Budget. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Squire called the public hearing to order for the purpose of accepting public comment regarding adoption of the 2014/2015 fiscal year budget.

No comment was forthcoming. The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ECR 14-09 ADOPTING THE 2014/2015 BUDGET

Steve Widmer referred the Council to their copies of the proposed 2014/2015 fiscal year budget and reviewed any changes and/or corrections made to that document.

Councilmember Margie Anderson moved to adopt ECR 14-09 adopting the proposed 2014/2015 budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Lund. 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.

ADOPTION OF ECR 14-10 ADOPTING THE 2014/2015 CERTIFIED TAX RATE

It is proposed the 2014/2015 Certified Tax Rate be .002346.

Councilmember Terry Lund moved to adopt ECR 14-10 adopting the 2014/2015 Certified Tax Rate of .002346. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Scott. 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.

ADOPTION OF ECR 14-11 ADOPTING THE CONSOLIDATED FEE SCHEDULE

Councilmember Alma Lund moved to adopt ECR 14-11 adopting the Consolidated Fee Schedule to reflect previously approved sewer rate changes. 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.

ADOPTION OF ECR 14-12 RESTRICTING FIREWORKS

Councilmember Scott opened discussion regarding whether to restrict fireworks. Much discussion ensued as to whether to allow fireworks for the 4th but not the 24th or to restrict both.

Councilmember John Scott moved to adopt ECR 14-12 restricting fireworks for the 2014 season, with the amendment that fireworks will be banned after July 7th. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alma Lund. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes”

Councilmembers, Alma Lund, Terry Lund, and John Scott. Voting “no” Councilmembers Tyler Alder and Margie Anderson. The vote carried 3-2.

ADOPTION OF ECR 14-13 RESTRICTING OPEN BURNING

The resolution as written prohibits open burning or fires of any kind. Discussion ensued regarding whether to ban fires in a fire pit. It was determined all fires will be banned unless a written permit is obtained from the Fire Chief.

Councilmember Alma Lund moved to adopt ECR 14-13 as written, restricting open burning until October 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Lund. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, COUNCIL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Bryan Kimball

Main Street – the mandatory pre-bid meeting has been held, though not many people attended. UDOT will submit an opinion of where to go from here. If a reasonable bid is received, the project will continue as planned. The power poles have already been purchased and will go in regardless.

Public Hearings – There are two public hearings on the horizon, one for transfer of city owned property, and the other will be for final recommendations from Planning and Zoning regarding streets for the Master Plan.

Sewer Ponds – some of the wells still need to be capped. We are waiting for a closing schedule from the state. The plans have been approved.

Chief Rasmussen

Vehicles – The Police Department had a recall on two vehicles, but they have been fixed.

Margie Anderson

ECHA – Layton has been awarded the bid for the new homes. The subdivision is coming along well, and the committee is very impressed with Ludlow Engineering. They are working on a street elevation problem, but other than that, all is going well.

Terry Lund

Library Board – a nice 100th birthday party was held for the library.

John Scott

Planning & Zoning – Bryan is helping negotiate the Conditional Use Permit for the tractor store.

Mayor Squire

Rec Meeting –a date should be selected for the Recreation Meeting. He recommended meeting Wednesday night of next week at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Tyler Alder moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section 52-4-205(a), for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Lund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Councilmember Terry Lund moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John Scott. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Councilmember Margie Anderson moved to appoint Cory Daniels as the Power Department Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Terry Lund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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 Terry Lund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on July 2, 2014, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date