

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
JULY 11, 2018
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Councilmember Anderson offered an invocation. Councilmember Alder 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
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Chad Parry, Public Works Director
Cory Daniels, Power Director
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

PRESENTATIONS

Manti Bike Team: Aiden Gowens

Aiden Gowens, who is in his fourth year with the Manti Bike Team, reported it has doubled in size every year since its inception. The team comprises youth from 6th – 12th grades, with 60 kids participating at present. It is an all-inclusive sport that is not sponsored by the High School, but allows all students who want to join an opportunity to participate. They meet twice a week for practices, once a week in June, and then races start. Money from sponsors

goes towards equipment, jerseys and race fees as well as scholarship bikes. They hope to have a race trail in Manti for next year.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of July 10, 2018.

Councilmember Scott moved to ratify the previously approved July 3, 2018 Warrant Register and to approve the July 10, 2018 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 20, 2018 City Council Work Meeting and the June 20, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the June 20, 2018 Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 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.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT: FERGUSON GROUP

City Manager Brant Hanson reviewed a Letter of Agreement with the Ferguson Group for the continuation of federal advocacy services on behalf of the City. The Agreement would commence July 1, 2018 and continue until June 30, 2019. The group is still assisting the City with projects and Brant has felt it is a good advocacy and they are needed.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve the Letter of Agreement with the Ferguson Group. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER

Continuing the conversation from the Work Meeting, Councilmember Anderson expressed concern with the City's contract with the County and Ephraim officers assisting them. Chief Broomhead informed the Council that the County is low on officers and would love to put more people out there, but is not able to at this time. Brant reiterated Ephraim officers are assisting other agencies, which is great, but would like to see research on how often they are

assisting Ephraim. The City would not want to ruin their close relationship with the County. Total cost for a new officer would include a new vehicle lease, benefits, salary and equipment. Impact fee money would cover equipment and part of the vehicle. Wage increases for three Sergeants will come from Sgt. Gasser's wages when he retires. The rest would need a budget amendment. Council's approval right now would trigger a public hearing for that amendment.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve an additional Police Officer for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler.

Councilmember Anderson commented that she was uncomfortable with not knowing in advance that an addition to the Police Department would be proposed and knowing where the money would come from. She suggested waiting to make that decision until more information was received by the Council. Councilmember Scott was in agreement. He pointed out that when an additional officer was approved earlier in the year, the Council agreed to reevaluate the need for more in another two years.

Brant told the Council that it would work; the City does not budget for everything and there is leeway every year. Even though a transfer of money may be needed to balance the budget, it is usual to transfer \$4-500,000 back at the end of the fiscal year because it has not been used. Councilmember Wheeler expressed concern with the ability of the City to sustain the expense and would also like to hear input from the Public Works Director and the Power Director, who have not increased their staff in years. Brant agreed Public Works is in dire need of another employee, but the Power Department was good for the time being. He wanted to make sure the Council understood the Police Department had been put off for so many years, they are playing catch up.

Councilmember Boothe amended his prior motion to table the conversation to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION ECR 18-19: WATER RESTRICTION

ECR 18-19, a resolution authorizing mandatory water restrictions was presented to the Council. Chad Parry reported the drought has seriously affected the water supply. He has put off restrictions as long as possible, but finds it necessary at this point. Complaints have been received regarding the taste of the water, and the reason is that residents are used to drinking the best spring water, but well water is being pumped into it because of the drought.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve ECR 18-19, a resolution authorizing mandatory water restrictions for 2018. 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.

APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Scott moved to appoint Reid Cox to the Airport 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.

Tyler Alder

Recreation Board – Softball/Baseball is winding down. One more tournament is scheduled at the end of the month.

Margie Anderson

ECHA – Hidden Creek Subdivision has interested buyers for all four homes.

Richard Wheeler

Fire Department – They are working on increasing training and driving awareness.

Senior Board – They are interested in a new van. They are doing well financially and would likely be interested in helping with a lease.

Greg Boothe

Scandinavian Festival – Met with Anne regarding several situations with the Festival and has worked with Chief Broomhead about resolving those problems for future festivals.

Library Board – They will be getting some new board members and will bring proposed names to the Council for approval.

John Scott

Airport Board – the Board discussed a fly-in and a county-wide presentation. He spoke with the Lt. Governor who will come speak about the importance of rural airports to rural areas and economies. All Mayors, Councils and Commissioners in the county will be invited to that. The estimated time frame will be the end of September.

The Board have begun to talk about approaching land owners to see if they would be willing to sell. FAA will spend money to buy land. His recommendation is to purchase property and expand the airport south to avoid infringing on City limits.

Planning and Zoning – The tunnel has been cleared of silt. By mid-July they hope to be able to mobilize. The new grant changes things for the well. A \$645,000 grant may incite the Corp of Army Engineers to partner with that. The test well will be done shortly, with a pre-construction meeting scheduled for next week.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director

FEMA – Update of flood plain mapping is in the works. All modeling has been completed and he is now preparing applications to submit to FEMA. Some areas will be taken away from the flood plain and some areas added. The process will take about a year for their review and comments.

Misc. – Bryan is busy with the tank, test well, water rights, and FEMA.

Cory Daniels, Power Director

APPA Conference – Cory attended the APPA conference in New Orleans and found it to be very informative and interesting. He enjoyed the networking opportunities. He reviewed APPA's activities with the Council.

Substation – a goal has been set for January 2019 to have the new substation completed.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Tree Removal – a large tree across from Subway on 300 N must be removed. The owner of the property does not have funding available, so the City will take it out and place a lien on the property.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Fire Department – Brant had a conversation with Chief Steck and Lloyd Stevens and they will be implementing evaluations and corrective training for the firefighters.

Bishop's Storehouse –The Granary is not listed on the State Historic list and a consultant has been hired to work on that. Amy Jorgensen found great people with ties to Ephraim who will deal with costs.

ECHA – Discussions have taken place regarding the future of the Housing Authority. They will be working on what the City can do to support them.

APPA Conference –Cory was excited about the conference and the classes. The greatest takeaway was that it is useless to fight the technology world. It is possible for the City to provide solar, sell the panels and encourage the use of solar in the community. If residents want solar and the City is fighting it, they will go to Rocky Mountain. Cory will look into rebate programs and find new ways to listen to consumers.

Flood Control – after the well is in, flood control will need to be discussed and how to divert the 100-year flood to benefit the City.

Reorganization - Leah Romero has accepted the position of Planner. Candice will continue in her job, but will take on some Treasurer responsibility. A Planner has been budgeted for and that can be used for Leah and a new Administrative assistant.

Vacation – Brant will be taking a week of personal vacation next week.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:55 p.m. Councilmember Scott moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section(s) 52-4-205(a), for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and (c) pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

At 8:12 p.m. Councilmember Scott moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Scott moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:12 p.m. 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, August 1, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date