

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
JULY 15, 2020
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, in the City Council Room. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councilmember Wheeler offered an invocation. Councilmember Wheeler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Shaun Kjar, City Manager
Brian Page, City Attorney
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.
Devan Fowles, Planner
Steve Widmer, Financial Director
Michael Patton, Rec Director
Chad Parry, Public Works Director
Jeff Jensen, Public Works

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Councilmember Anderson presented Youth City Councilmembers Colin Nielsen, Matthew Olsen, Andrew Lund, and Shane Arnoldsen with Presidential Volunteer Awards. Kelly Alder and Sarah Litteral also earned the award but were not present.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of July 14, 2020.

Councilmember Alder moved to approve the July 14, 2020 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boothe. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 17 , 2020 Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meetings.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve the June 17, 2020 Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

SCANDINAVIAN SUMMER PARADE

Fara Boothe announced the parade will be held on August 1st as the finale to the Scandinavian Summer. She invited the Council to ride in the parade which begins at 10:00 a.m. The route has been lengthened to be a large rectangle in town looping back to the beginning of the route in order to allow the public to social distance.

Councilmember Boothe moved to support the Scandinavian Summer Parade. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

GENERAL PLAN

Mike Hansen of Rural Community Consultants reviewed the final draft of the General Plan. Due to COVID, they relied heavily on online public response. Rural Community Consultants have been working on this update since March. They took the old General Plan, keeping relevant information, and making changes and additions as needed for the City of Ephraim.

The online housing survey produced 112 responses, more than when Public Meetings are held. Few negatives were received from the surveys; no major concerns were detected. land use, transportation and housing are state required topics in a General Plan. Others included for Ephraim were economic patterns, infrastructure and emergency preparedness. Mr. Hansen stated Ephraim is ahead of the game relative to other towns on preparedness. He said they tried to capture all anticipated changes for future amendments to the plan.

If the General Plan is approved and needs to be amended, it would be opened and amended in the same manner as a budget.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve The Ephraim General Plan with the stipulation that Staff may make non-substantive changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

FIREWORKS FOR JULY 24TH HOLIDAY

After speaking with the District Fire Warden, Chief Broomhead reported that fireworks are not allowed in areas of central Utah outside of city limits. Chief Broomhead recommended allowing fireworks to go ahead as normal and to encourage proper and safe use.

ECR 20-10: PUBLIC ENTITY RESOLUTION

The Public Entity Resolution authorizes specific individuals to transact financial transactions with the Utah State Treasurers Office PTIF accounts and other banking institutions.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve ECR 20-10 authorizing specific individuals to transact financial transactions with PTIF accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ECR 20-11: RAP TAX

Should Ephraim impose a .1% sales and use tax on retail items excluding food that will go towards recreation, arts, and parks? The resolution authorizes the question to be included on the November ballot for the General Election in the form of a proposition. Open houses have been scheduled to educate the voters regarding the tax.

The city must mail out an informational pamphlet showing and pros and cons for the tax, educating the public about the process and use of revenues. Revenues from the tax would not be used for salaries or maintenance costs. It would be available to be used at the discretion of the City Council for the recreation, arts, and parks departments. If the tax is voted in, the Council would approve it with an ordinance in December and the State Tax Commission would implement it in 2021. 70% of the revenues would be allocated to recreation, 20% to arts and 10% to parks.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve ECR 20-11 placing the question of whether the City should impose a .1% local sales and use tax to fund recreation, arts and parks on the November ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Tyler Alder

Cemetery – Jack Anderson passed away, leaving a vacancy on the Cemetery Board. A search is underway for a new board member to replace him.

Recreation Board – A RAP Tax open house was held last night. Soccer begins soon, and baseball and softball are ramping up. The Rec Department is busy.

Richard Wheeler

Senior Board – Senior Citizen Director, Carolyn Tidwell is retiring; the Board have reorganized themselves. The new director, as of July 1st will be Lisa Peterson, and Jeanie Tidwell is the board chair.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Water Supply – The springs are doing well, but not as well as last year. The well has been implemented on a limited basis to catch up with the needs of the city. Chad would like to see citizens do more to conserve. We are alright, but we are cutting back on watering of some of the city properties. He may suggest closing the splash pad early unless sufficient rain is received.

Roads – The asphalt project is completed; chip sealing will begin soon.

Misc. – All projects are going well. A well house has been built. Installation of the automated master meter system was completed; it was very expensive, but the battery should last 20 years. They have been able to complete a lot of projects with the students being gone because of COVID.

Brian Page, City Attorney

Court - Brian is assisting all departments. Courts are still red and conducting everything online.

Solar – He is also working on the solar ordinance, agreements, and contracts which will appear on the August 5th City Council agenda for approval.

Michael Patton, Rec Director

Item – RAP Tax is going.

Tournament – The Phil Murray Tournament is coming up. We have the most teams ever coming in. There are over 50 teams with 15 players and coaches per team.

Concession Stand – A 3rd party vendor has been contracted to run the concession stand. 5% of gross revenues will go to the Rec Department.

Sports - 200 kids signed up for soccer. Volleyball registration is open. Rachel has been fantastic; she is working very hard and has a stressful job.

Trail project – Three trails have been completed and the fourth has been started. A final inspection will occur with mountain bikes to make sure it is all done.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Great things are happening in the city. Things are going well.

Performance Reviews – Performance reviews were held with the Department Directors. They will, in turn, conduct reviews with their staff. A form has been developed for that purpose and signed copies will be kept in personnel files.

Spend Time with the City Manager - If anyone would like to participate in ride-alongs or drop-ins, we like to have visitors in the office. I'm always willing to sit down with you and answer questions.

Summer Activities – In the next couple of weeks we are looking forward to tournaments and the wrapping up of Scandinavian Summer.

Fire Department – The fire department has been working through positions and refinements to the department. A number of new firefighters have joined the department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Alder 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, August 5, 2020, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

John Scott, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder

Date