

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL  
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH  
AUGUST 15, 2018  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Councilmember Boothe offered an invocation. Councilmember Anderson 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  
Steve Widmer, Financial Director  
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment presented.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of August 14, 2018.

*Councilmember Alder moved to approve the August 14, 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.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the August 1, 2018 City Council Work Meeting.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the August 1, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.

***Councilmember Scott moved to approve the August 1, 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, and Alder. Councilmember Anderson abstained as she was absent from said meeting. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.***

## **JR. FAIR BOARD**

Jessica Everett of the Jr. Fair Board reported the Fireman's Challenge would be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. She asked for a donation, on behalf of the Jr. Fair Board. Proceeds would be given to the Firefighters. Ephraim Fire Department will be participating this year.

***Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve a donation to the Jr. Fair Board in the amount of \$400. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.***

## **FENCE HEIGHT EXEMPTION**

Robby Layton was present to request a height waiver for a fence at 421 South 50 East, to be used as a State of Utah impound yard. Discussion continued from the Work Session. Nothing in City code prevents a barbed wire fence and impound lots are allowed.

Mr. Layton was willing to move the fence on the North side so that it becomes the frontage. Councilmember Scott asked if he would also be willing to improve the upkeep of the area with regard to weeds and debris. Robbie stated a new office will be opened on the property and clean-up has already begun.

***Councilmember Alder moved to approve a fence height exemption for a fence at 421 South 50 East to be used as a State licensed impound yard with the conditions set forth by Planning and Zoning along with a 20' setback on 400 South. 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.***

## AIRPORT CONTRACT

The contract is a renewal of an existing contract with DBT who maintains the AWOS and weather equipment. The contract runs for three years for aviation support and maintenance services in the amount of \$14,007 to become effective September 1, 2018.

*Councilmember Anderson moved to approve a three-year aviation and maintenance services support contract with DBT 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.*

## APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

### **Tyler Alder**

**Recreation Board** – soccer signups are going on. Baseball/softball is over and did well. Phil is ready to retire.

### **Margie Anderson**

**ECHA** – Hidden Creek Subdivision has four homes being built with firm buyers in place. They also have a waiting list for two more that will be bid in September.

### **Richard Wheeler**

**Utilities Board** – Ted Olson wants to individually meet with prospective Board members before names are submitted to the Council. They are considering solar panels and how the readings with installation, repayment, etc. are being handled by other cities. They would like to have UAMPS review the plan before it is implemented.

**Fire Department** – Discussed local fires and search and rescue. The district requested two brush trucks with 2-3 firemen in each truck for a 24-hour shift. Ephraim firefighters did that without incident.

**Senior Board** – After meeting with the City and determining there is no budget for a new van, the discussion at their next meeting will be centered around the need and affordability of a new van to the Senior Board. Carolyn Tidwell has been tracking their van rentals and they made \$150 last month.

### **Greg Boothe**

**Scandinavian Festival** – Concerned that the Board has not met since the festival. He has encouraged a meeting and wondered if he could ask Brant to reach out to the Board Chair regarding a follow-up meeting.

**Library Board** – Brant asked Greg to get some names from the Library Board for approval at the next Council Meeting.

**John Scott**

**Planning and Zoning** – The original tunnel subcontractor walked off the job. A new one has been procured and things are going as well as can be expected under the circumstances. Hoping to have it finished this year, depending on the weather.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director**

**Well** – A sample was taken from the new test well. Four days were spent developing the well. 700-800 gallons per minute out of a test well is encouraging. Once the pump is going, the water will clean up and a whole chemistry will be done.

Final design for the permanent well should be done within the next two months. It will go out to bid at that time and drilling will begin in the fall. It will be twice the size of the test well.

**Water** – The tanks are currently full, but they tend to drain when the south side of town waters their grass.

**Aaron Broomhead, Chief of Police**

**New Officer** – Officer Aagard is doing well. He has 12 years of experience.

**Agency Assists** – At the last meeting the Chief talked about agency assists. He pulled reports and broke those down by where they were taking place. Ephraim officers spend a lot of time outside of Ephraim. Mayor Squire is concerned that they are not paying a lot for coverage they get from the Sheriff’s Department. He feels Ephraim is subsidizing Manti and the County. We don’t mind helping out, but it should be equitable. Aaron will be speaking with dispatch to see if some of that can be cleared up from there. Council would like to hear a report from the conversation with dispatch. There is no classification code for a Snow College assist. Aaron has created one, but it will take a year to get any data for that.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**UAMPS Conference** – the conference was very technical. They talked about buying and selling energy. If we can’t use it, we have to pay someone to use it because you can’t have it on your load. Talked a lot about the advancement of batteries. When it becomes affordable it will change the way electricity works. Solar will work great with batteries.

**Letter** – Van Riding has asked for a waiver of tipping fees for the demolition of his home. From a Staff perspective, he doesn’t feel this is a good use of our one waiver of tipping fees where it has no economic development advantage. Brant will continue his conversation with Mr. Riding, who is welcome to bring it formally to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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City Recorder

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Date