

WORK MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
AUGUST 15, 2018
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a work meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Fence height Waiver – Robbie Layton Auto body is building a fence for the purpose of putting in an impound lot. He began installing poles that did not meet ordinance requirements. Planning Commission felt it qualified for a height exemption waiver and granted unanimous approval based on investigation. Businesses are allowed to park cars in the parking lot so the impound lot by itself was not in question. The existing lane was assumed to be a private road and businesses in the area have maintained it. The plat map shows it as a gap between the properties. The County says it is not officially dedicated to the City, but nobody is paying taxes on the property. For all intents and purposes, it is an alley or a lane for the City. The only issue now is the placement of the fence. Positioning of the fence poles did not meet setbacks on all sides. Due to the fact that the lane is not a full-sized City street, the Planning Commission decided it would be beneficial to take the issue to the City Council.

There is very little room for pedestrian and public traffic on that little street. The conditions from Planning Commission would be 1) if need for sidewalk arises, Robbie agreed to move the fence back at his expense at that point, and 2) Codes allow fences to the property line on the sides of corner lots, but if on the side of a driveway, it needs a 10' site triangle. Robbie was amenable.

Neighbor issues include: 1) It is already a tight street. 2) Aesthetic issue when pushing fences to property line. 3) Could set a precedent for other properties in town. 4) Visibility for nearby businesses.

Councilmember Scott expressed concern with the safety of pedestrians, mostly children, who use that road to and from school. Safety concerns aside, ordinance does not address those. If the Council would like to address safety, the City would need to purchase property to install a sidewalk. If approved by Council, Staff will go back and address safety issues.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Wheeler moved the work meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date