

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Councilmember Wheeler 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
Chad Parry, Public Works Director
Cory Daniels, Power Director
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief
Kerry Steck, Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of September 18, 2018.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve the September 18, 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 September 5, 2018 City Council Work Meeting and the 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the September 5, 2018 Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes 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.

EXCESS EQUIPMENT

A motion is requested to declare several City vehicles as excess equipment for disposition. Steve Widmer reviewed the list of vehicles with the Council. It was suggested the 1969 Chevy fire truck could be used as a parade vehicle.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve disposition of City vehicles listed except for the 1969 Chevy ½ ton fire truck for possible use as a parade vehicle. 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURE

Chief Broomhead presented a proposal for the restructure of the Police Department, to include three sergeants rather than one, with those duties of the previous Sergeant divided between the three. Benefits of the restructure include redistribution of duties, more efficient work flow, preparation for future growth, increased value and image of the Department for future recruitment, and it enabled expansion into other areas of law enforcement. The proposal also outlined a cost breakdown and cost analysis.

Mayor Squire added he feels the changes would give more buy-in from the officers and the community. Brant reminded the Council that the Utah County investigation of the Police Department recommended upgrades in the department to avoid stagnation. Councilmember Wheeler suggested cross-training the sergeants in case of need.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the Police Department restructure as presented by Chief Broomhead. 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.

APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Tyler Alder

Recreation Board – Interviews will be held next week for the Recreation Director.

Margie Anderson

Youth City Council – Meeting tonight for the first time this year.

Richard Wheeler

UAMPS – Brant accompanied Richard to a UAMPS meeting before the ULCT Conference in Salt Lake.

Senior Board – the Board reviewed and renewed their financials.

John Scott

Airport Board – September 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm will be the Manti-Ephraim Fly-in. The Lt. Governor will be speaking.

Planning and Zoning – Some interest has been shown in property along highway 89. The hotel is looking for options to expand parking. The subdivision near Mill Hill is progressing.

A serious fire occurred up Ephraim Canyon Friday night. Several community fire departments responded in addition to Ephraim's. They were able to suppress the fire, but the canyon could have been easily lost, destroying our watershed. 60% of Ephraim's water is dependent upon that watershed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director

Well – The Army Corps of Engineers will be here next week and we are hoping for more money from them for the new well.

Fire Department – Many comments have been received regarding the Fire Department taking care of the fire last week; very impressed with the Department taking care of that fire in the Canyon.

Tunnel – The concrete is going in and progress is being made.

Cory Daniels, Power Director

History – Cory presented a brief history of Ephraim Power.

Chad Parry, Public Works Director

Water – The current fire danger is critical and there is a severe shortage of water. The well dropped from 700 to 500 gallons a minute. Chad is hoping replacing a bearing will help. If the well goes out, there will not be enough water. It is impossible to enforce the water restrictions, but more are imminent if the well continues to fail. There have been challenges with the water pipes this year. The crew continues with repairs.

Steve Widmer, Financial Director

Job Descriptions – With the Police Department re-structure we will need new job descriptions written up to send to URS.

Utility Building– the City switched from one internet service provider to another which will hopefully work better for Staff as well as residents. Job interviews for the Utility Filling Clerk will take place on Friday afternoon.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:17 p.m. Councilmember Anderson 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 Boothe. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Scott, Boothe, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

At 8:48 p.m. Councilmember Alder moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boothe. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Anderson moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:48 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, October 3, 2018, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date