

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
JANUARY 16, 2019
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, in the City Council Room. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A member of the Youth City Council was welcomed to the meeting.

OPENING CEREMONY

Councilmember Alder offered an invocation. Councilmember Boothe led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Richard Squire, Mayor

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
Donnie Wood, Rec Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

PRESENTATIONS

Power Department Presentation

Cory Daniels, Power Department Director, showed a presentation highlighting the new power house substation upgrade. He is hoping for a system improvement award from UAMPS.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of January 15, 2019.

Councilmember Boothe moved to ratify the January 3, 2019 warrant register and to approve the January 15, 2019 Warrant Register as presented. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2018 City Council Regular City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve the December 12, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes with a name correction. 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.

LEASE AGREEMENT: RESOURCE CLOTHING BANK

Discussed in Work Meeting.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve the Resource Clothing Bank Lease Agreement with the omission of Item 11 regarding signage. 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.

AGREEMENT: UDOT UTILITY LEASE

City Engineer, Bryan Kimball explained the City has an agreement with UDOT to put utilities in their right-of-way. This is a renewal of the 5-year agreement that has expired.

Councilmember Alder moved to approve the UDOT Utility Lease Agreement. 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.

GRANT MATCH FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Broomhead reported he had applied for a grant for body cameras and was unexpectedly awarded \$5,000. A \$5,000 match is required, and he requested that from the Council. 140 police agencies applied. After a revision on the estimate done previously, six units, including a three-year extended warranty, come to approximately \$10,000. He has also applied for a Spirit of the Blue grant, which could go towards body cameras, but that won't be available until after this grant must be utilized. Chief Broomhead feels body cameras are a great tool and could protect the City from potential expensive litigation. Right now, it is a mid-level priority. The opportunity unexpectedly popped up when the grant was awarded.

Brant reminded the Council this item is not budgeted. He has attended much training regarding body-worn cameras and feels they are a great tool and more accurate than phone recordings. He feels the three-year warranty is a long time. A year and half is the average life-span of a body camera. Storage of footage and redaction, which would have to be hired out, could potentially be a large expense to the City. They are also protection for the officers and the department.

Councilmember Scott feels it is time to make the jump to the 21st Century.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve a \$7,630 expenditure to cover the match for body cameras for the Police Department, and a possible 18-month upgrade program after research. 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.

RESOLUTION ECR 19-01: URS CERTIFICATIONS

ECR 19-01, a resolution of policy classifying all elected officials as part-time employees and appointed officials as full-time with Utah Retirement Systems.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve ECR 19-01, a resolution classifying all elected officials as part-time employees and appointed officials as full-time with Utah Retirement Systems. 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

Margie Anderson

Youth City Council – Each youth member has been assigned to attend certain council meetings. They will be attending Legislative Day in Salt Lake as a group and will be taking two personal vehicles. They will also be attending one other conference.

ECHA – Things are becoming difficult because people are ready to finish and get into their homes and the government shutdown has interfered with their loans. If it goes too long, they will have to redo those loans at a cost to the City.

Richard Wheeler

Utilities Board – Ted Olson asked Richard to read a wording change for their net metering agreement. Section 2.3 will be revised from, “*and shall be credited for the net excess kilowatt-hours generated during the billing period,*” to “**and shall be credited for the net excess kilowatt-hours generated during the billing period, at wholesale rate according to the attached fee schedule.**” The fee schedule can then be changed whenever necessary without the agreement being changed.

Senior Board – Carpet upgrades have been completed and bills paid.

Greg Boothe

Scandinavian Festival – The Festival will be moving back to 100 East and above. There is still power still available in that area from the last time it was there.

Library Board – The Board would like the Council assured that they are working on a new three-year strategic plan. They have also talked about the need to expand. They want private study areas, more room for story time and a community activity room. With the building being on the historic list, there are things that can and cannot be done to it.

Lori is not full-time, and she and the Board feel she needs to be. She works 28 hours per week officially but is donating a lot of time. She does have the credentials to be full-time. She just completed her master's degree.

John Scott

Airport Board – Planning to create an Airport Authority.

Planning and Zoning

Old Motel – Plans for a 39-unit apartment complex are in the works. The plans have switched from condos to apartment living which changes the parking allotment. They will have to reconfigure for that.

Well – a public hearing for the well will be sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mill Hill Subdivision - Contractors are starting to process 27 residential lots.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director

Well – Hoping to go out for bid in February and hoping to have it completed in March.

Grant Funding - The government shutdown is not affecting the WaterSmart grant because it was already funded. The Bureau of Reclamation will still be able to work on that.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Opportunity Zone - Ephraim was just designated an Opportunity Zone by our Six-County AOG. 26 locations throughout the state have been designated as such. If local businesses invest in Ephraim, it works as a tax shelter. This is a new concept and the rules are still being written. It could mean a huge bump in development for Ephraim.

Utah Alliance – Researchers are able to identify genes that have mutations and are trying to create drugs to combat those bad genes. People can ask for an RX match to find out what

works for them and what doesn't, what they are susceptible to, etc. This could change insurance coverage rules.

Personnel Police Manual – A new policy is in the review process. It has been highly educational. Brant will be bringing that to Council for review and approval in the near future. Employees will be expected to sign a form saying they know their rights that will be kept in their personnel files.

President Cook – A new Snow College President is coming and Brant informed him they would be scheduling a dinner soon to discuss the College/City relationship.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:29 p.m. Councilmember Wheeler moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section 52-4-205. 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 8:39 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 Wheeler moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date