

WORK MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
APRIL 3, 2019
5:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a work meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in the City Council Room. Mayor Squire called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Steve Widmer, Financial Director
Chad Parry, Public Works Director
Aaron Broomhead, Police Chief

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Richard Wheeler

DISCUSSION AGENDA

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH IRRIGATION COMPANY TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE FLOODING

Snow pack on the mountain is much better than last year when a State of Disaster was declared for Sanpete County. Snow currently measures 56' at the GBEEC.

Irrigation President, Mike Larsen, said the City is in a much better situation than with the last flood scare. More infrastructure has been put into place. No flood issues are anticipated, but spring weather will determine. If rain and snows continue and then it warms quickly, flooding could be imminent. He stated the date of the Scandinavian Festival conflicts with water issues. The City is trying to get the water out of the City during the Festival, and farmers are trying to harvest and can't use the water at that time. Some water could be spilled at the tunnel if necessary. He commented it could be drained into the ponds, but that would also fill them full of sediment. He would like to see an agreement with the City to help with the sediment problem. He would also like to see a directory with phone numbers of relevant contacts put together in order for activities to be passed along. Mr. Larsen asked the City to

keep an eye on the ditches and let them know of problems. Chief Broomhead said his department would take care of that.

The Public Works crew has begun to clean some of the ditches. They have had help from some of the ranchers with their machines. Chad commented there are a lot of underground lines that have not previously been present, and those working to redirect the flow of ditches must be knowledgeable about those and be careful.

Culverts and blockages were discussed. Mike reminded the Council the Irrigation Company has the authority to pull those out if they are causing water blockages or problems.

Bryan explained that in 2011 the State declared a State of Emergency which triggered FEMA money to reimburse for flood preparation. The City was offered a chance to be reimbursed for preparations made, but being unaware of the procedure, did not have the correct paperwork ready for reimbursement. Bryan will distribute forms this year for tracking of volunteers, equipment and expenses incurred by the Irrigation Company and Public Works in order to be able to submit if FEMA money becomes available again.

Money was received to reimburse repairs after the mudslides. It is possible mudslides could happen again this year. The new well is coming on line, but not before the runoff hits.

Bryan asked if the Irrigation Company could help mark on a map those key ditches and areas that should be watched. Mr. Larsen suggested a central coordinator be organized so the two entities are not overlapping information and contradicting each other. Radios or walkie talkies would be very helpful in keeping everyone aware of what is happening across town.

ADJOURN

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

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date