

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
APRIL 15, 2020
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in an electronic City Council Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councilmember Alder offered an invocation.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Shaun Kjar, City Manager
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.
Chase Andrizzi, City Attorney
Steve Widmer, Financial Director
Jeff Jensen, Public Works
Michael Patton, Rec Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment presented.

PRESENTATIONS

Granary Arts – Amy Jorgensen, Director of Granary Arts, presented their annual report. The Center hosts eleven to twelve exhibitions per year, some of which travel to the Utah Museum of Fine Arts and the Utah Division of Arts & Museums.

Amy reported Granary Arts has excellent educators and interns from Snow College. They provide Workshop Wednesdays and hosted 39 of those since April first of last year. They also go into the classrooms at the elementary school and try to reach every single grade with workshops. Munchkin Music is a class offered for very young children. It has been very

successful, with 79 workshops held this year with over 1,000 participants, which has far exceeded last year's numbers.

The Center hosts an internship program with five interns participating last year and seven this year, with a total of 340 hours of intern work completed. The Intern Experience gives students professional experience, and many go on to work in galleries in other parts of the state.

Guided Tours are provided at the gallery. They also offer Art + Yoga during the summer. Many community projects are designed around the idea that there are artists working in the community. Youth Care Arts is another community project; health care workers and counselors work with kids who are in custody. Utah Women hosts artists from Sanpete County and all over the state. The Center produces exhibition catalogs to provide longevity to artists.

Granary Arts directors have been working on reinventing themselves since COVID and are collaborating with PARC Collective to explore isolation and art. They are asking for artists to submit work and will put it all together in a catalog. They are also creating a walking tour of lawn gnomes in Ephraim. They have asked about 10 artists to get it started and it will be opening to the public. They have partnered with many organizations to figure out how to engage people without having the actual gallery opened.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of April 14, 2020.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the April 14, 2020 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 4 and March 18, 2020 Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meetings.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve the March 4, and March 18, 2020 Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL ALTERNATIVES

Shaun Kjar and Michael Patton presented some ideas of activities for our Scandinavian celebration. Instead of a Festival, they would like to have a Scandinavian Summer to bring the community together. The idea of a virtual festival was proposed. One business has offered to create an online hub where people can livestream videos. They have given an estimated cost of \$25/hr. with an estimated 24-48 hours to create the website. They have also offered a 50% discount. Graphics created could be used repeatedly over the years. Local businesses and families would be able to select an activity on the schedule to host. They

would like to replicate as many of the traditional Festival activities as possible and are hoping to start collecting videos to show on the website soon.

Some ideas included streaming live music groups, storytelling, entertainment, car shows, the quilt show, etc. they would like to create a section for vendors to try to help them out. This is not a normal weekend festival; it could go for a full week or all summer. The Scandinavian Festival Board would like to start planning the logistics of this virtual festival. Councilmember Boothe said he would talk to some of the entertainment groups to see if they would perform without charge this year.

The Council's feeling was to move forward with the planning.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve moving forward with a Virtual Scandinavian Summer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

BID AWARD

Lease of City property. Ground was purchased by the City last year from Rex Nielson. There are 190 acres and another portion near the sewer for pasture that has 70 acres. Both have been put out for bid; bids have been received.

The City received one bid for the 190 acres in the amount of \$25.50 per acre. Terms have been stipulated on the highest bid that 20% would be paid August 1, Sept. 1, Oct. 1, and Nov. 1st. That goes with the well on the property and equipment and pipelines associated with it as well.

Councilmember Wheeler moved to accept the highest bid on both pieces of ground with payments set up over a 5-month period. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Boothe. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ECR 20-02 - EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

A resolution of Ephraim City consenting to the extension of the Local State of Emergency proclaimed in response to COVID-19. 30 days starting on March 12, ended April 12. Legislative body must approve an extension of proclamation for State of Emergency for Ephraim City for an indefinite amount of time until revoked by the City Manager with the Council's direction.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve ECR 20-02, a resolution extending the Local State of Emergency until further notice. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ECR 20-03 – ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

A resolution of Ephraim City recognizing the importance of trees in our City. The proclamation keeps Ephraim up-to-date with its designation as a Tree City USA.

Councilmember Boothe moved to approve ECR 20-03. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF KELLY LARSON TO THE UTILITIES BOARD

Councilmember Lund moved to appoint Kelly Larson to the Utilities Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. the motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Employees – the library will be making some changes; an employee has left for a full-time job elsewhere. We also lost Brian Thomson from Our Power Department. That vacancy has been posted. There are other seasonal positions that are on hold until a little bit more information on the budget is received. Asst. Rec Director Reece Reynolds is leaving, and that vacancy has also been posted. Instead of Assistant Director, the position will be a Youth Sports Coordinator. Anne Fonville will continue to coordinate the Scandinavian Festival along with Michael to assist as an administrative assistant.

Office Hours – Regular things keep going. We are trying to keep full speed. Some things have been slowed down. There are some people at City Hall until 4:00 p.m. almost every day.

Pipeline – We have gone out to bid for the pipeline on the new well and the other well. We are continuing to receive bids on those things.

Misc. – We are being considered for Rec grant. We have put out an RFQ for airport engineers.

Mayor Scott - When we accept fed funds, the legislature must meet to approve that. If these are State funds, the State will decide how much will be allocated to smaller counties. We sent a letter to the Governor and the Lt. Governor, and will now send it to Representative Owens and the Utah League of Cities and Towns. They are advocating for small local governments.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Lund moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section(s) 52-4-205(d) purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. (e) sale of real property. 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.

The Closed Meeting began at 7:42 p.m.

At 8:18 p.m. Councilmember Boothe 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 Alder moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:19 p.m. 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, May 6, 2020, starting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MINUTES APPROVED:

John Scott, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder

Date