

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL  
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, in the City Council Room. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

At the invitation of Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Councilmember Alder offered an invocation. Councilmember Wheeler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Margie Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tyler Alder  
Alma Lund  
Lloyd Stevens  
Richard Wheeler

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

John Scott, Mayor

**STAFF PRESENT**

Shaun Kjar, City Manager  
Brian Page, City Attorney  
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder  
Bryan Kimball, Community Dev.  
Jeff Hermansen, Deputy Fire Chief  
Steve Widmer, Financial Director  
Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director  
Cory Daniels, Power Director  
Aaron Broomhead, Public Safety  
Michael Patton, Rec Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment presented.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**INTRODUCTION OF CANINE OFFICER**

Officer Kent Hatch introduced Ephraim Police Department's new canine officer and will act as trainer for the dog. He is a German Short Hair and is 9 weeks old. The name will be chosen at the next City Council Meeting. 36 names have been submitted by City Staff. Officer Hatch will provide six months' training on environment and will begin narcotics training from there.

#### **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of July 6, 2021.

*Councilmember Alder moved to approve the July 6, 2021, Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 16, 2021, Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meetings.

*Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the June 16, 2021, Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **GRANARY ARTS FLAG APPROVAL**

A design was submitted by Granary Arts seeking Council approval.

*Councilmember Lund moved to approve the pole flag design as submitted by Granary Arts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **APPROVAL OF ANNUAL WRITE-OFFS**

At the end of every fiscal year a list of accounts that are seven years delinquent is presented for write-off. Attempts have been made with outside agencies to collect these past-due accounts, with no result. The 2020-2021 proposed write-offs total \$6,647.67.

*Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the write-offs as presented in the amount of \$6,647.67 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **Bryan Kimball, Community Development Director**

**Buffer Zone** – At a recent County Commissioner planning meeting, discussions ensued about how to handle the buffer zone with ½ acre to 1-acre developments. There are currently entire subdivisions that have dirt roads without sewer, storm drain, or infrastructure. There is enough density in these areas that they should have infrastructure in place. The owners do not necessarily want to annex. One idea discussed was to default to one house per five acres. If they eliminated the buffer zone and went back to default one house per 5 acres, putting the City in the expansion zone, the City could add additional restrictions.

It was a good discussion; they will have more meetings in the near future to receive input. Ephraim is in a far better place than other cities in the County in terms of growth. Shaun commented the County appreciated Ephraim's support on the issue.

Water connections outside City limits is also something that will come into play. Bryan commented there is indication that some wells are beginning to dry up outside of town. Historically, drought caused homeowners outside city limits to ask for connection. We anticipate that happening again and want the Council to be aware of that now that they have discontinued approvals.

We have issued 50 more permits this year than last year at this point. We see much of previously approved applications now beginning construction. Townhomes in Ephraim Crossing will be approved in the near future.

**Cory Daniels, Power Director**

**UAMPS** – Made comment on the UAMPS report during Council Meeting and assured the Council the Power Department is planning for future growth and the amount of power that will be needed.

**Power Usage** – The load is picking up with the heat. It shoots up drastically during the afternoon. New Infrastructure has been installed.

**Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director**

**Water Supply** – we have been keeping up marginally well except for the last few days. The springs are dropping off, putting us at levels equivalent to 2018. We have run both wells every day since last Thursday. We catch up in the afternoon, but we may need to restrict water in the near future. We cannot sustain this usage. We have cut down watering on City properties by 1/3. We are talking to the schools about cutting down as well. Shaun said we are thinking and planning for growth and the need for more water.

**Aaron Broomhead, Public Safety Director**

**Crash Report** – an airplane crash was reported moments ago. It turned out to be a non-motorized glider, soft landing in Chester. There were no injuries.

**New Full-time Employee** - At the next City Council Meeting we will swear in Officer Garff. He was already working part-time with the department and has rolled right in as a full-time officer.

**Training** – The Forest Service gave us a free slot to a TEMS tactical emergency medicines training. Dillon will take that spot as he is already trained as an EMT. It is an in-depth three-day course and will be 15-18 hours per day. The training is held in Ephraim canyon and trainees will sleep out overnight.

**Michael Patton, Rec Director**

**New Baby** – two weeks old. 8 lbs. 10 oz. Her name is Rae Lynn.

**New Employee** – Samantha Jensen from Deweyville Utah has been hired as the new Sports Coordinator, replacing Rachel Shumaker.

**Jeff Hermansen**

**Fireworks** – We had a truck out for three nights over the weekend to monitor for problems caused by fireworks. Saturday night in East Point someone set off probably \$3,000 worth of fireworks. The whole road was filled with garbage. There was a fight west of town over fireworks. Sunday night a homeowner was burning garbage. No fires in the County started by fireworks. The 24<sup>th</sup> is coming up.

**Motel Inspection** – An inspection was done on the motel. The owner received a letter in the mail with five pages of violations. They had a good discussion. He came down and reviewed the problems and is willing to take care of them.

**Fire** – There is a fire above Axtel covering over 100 acres at this point.

**Grant** - A \$9,962 grant was received for equipment and training materials.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Councilmember Wheeler 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. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Lund, Stevens, Wheeler, Anderson, and Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

*The Closed Meeting began at 7:14 p.m.*

*At 7:31 p.m. Councilmember Alder moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lund. 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 7:31 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, July 21, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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John Scott, Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder

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Date