

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, in the City Council Room. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

Lisa Murray, Chair of Planning Commission, offered an invocation. Kristy Segó led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Scott, Mayor  
Margie Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem  
John Scott  
Richard Wheeler

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Greg Boothe  
Tyler Alder

**STAFF PRESENT**

Shaun Kjar, 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  
Andrea Anderson, Court Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Holly Smith** referred to a petition that had been submitted, hoping to get the urban deer problem addressed. She said she sympathizes with those who say the deer have been here before we were, but it has only been eight years that it has been a problem. Some have put up high fences, but she doesn't feel she should be required to do that. At one point a deer hit her car on 300 North. 90% of the people they spoke with while circulating the petition said they would like to see something done by the City. She said she would hate to see them killed, but she would also like to have a garden.

**Amy Jorgensen** spoke regarding Granary Arts and the building as an historic building. She has been working to put the building on the national register. As of a couple of days ago, it is official. Both the stone arts building, and the wood granary in the rear, are now on the State

Historic list. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time has gone into researching the buildings and their history for the application.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Urban Deer** - Chief Broomhead presented information regarding urban deer control. He reported relocation is not an option because of wasting disease found in the herds in central Utah. Euthanization is the only option left. Some cities have contracted with a cross-bow organization to take care of the problem. It is very expensive, running \$2,500 per site. Many additional costs are required for drone footage and site cameras. If a deer is shot with an arrow, it is not a quick death, and often the injured deer wander from one area to another with an arrow in their bodies, causing a multitude of issues.

The Chief continued that Manti City has implemented a program and Ephraim will glean information from them on the successes of their program. They are working with DWR to provide live traps only in areas requested by citizens. City staff will then euthanize the deer. Manti estimates a cost of \$100 – \$200 per deer trapped, including traps, bait and staff time. Though it may help on a limited basis, they know the program will not eradicate the deer population.

Other options include increasing fence sites, offering discounts from nurseries to provide deer resistant trees and shrubs. One community provides temporary fencing if someone requests it. Deer repellants are also available.

It was asked if DWR would allow trapping in the spring rather than late fall to ensure we not just trapping migrant deer. Chief Broomhead will conduct some more research and report at the next council meeting.

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

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

*Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the October 15, 2019 Warrant Register as presented and to ratify the October 1, 2019 Warrant register as previously approved. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alder. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the September 18, 2019 City Council Work and Regular City Council Meetings. A change must be made to replace John Scott with Rob Nielson in the motions.

*Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the September 18, 2019 Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes with the change shown above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **ECR 19-18 - JUSTICE COURT RECERTIFICATION**

Every four years, a Justice Court must be recertified as per State requirements. ECR 19-18, a resolution recertifying the Ephraim Justice Court is presented for approval. Andrea Anderson, Ephraim Justice Court Clerk, reported all courts in the state must follow this requirement to make ensure compliance with all state laws. Mayor Scott thanked Andrea and the Court Staff for the work they do for the City.

*Councilmember Alder moved to approve ECR 19-18 to recertify the Ephraim Justice Court for a four-year period. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **CONTRACT: RHINO PUMPS**

Rhino Pumps submitted a bid to perform a well draw down test for the new well to assess whether recent efforts to improve capacity were successful. The bid amount was \$16,970, which is far less than originally estimated. Staff recommends approval of the contract in order to sufficiently size the pump. Chad Parry commented if it was determined the bigger pump was not needed on the new well, it could be moved to the old well to increase that productivity.

*Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve a contract with Rhino Pumps in the amount of \$16,970 for services described above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Tyler Alder**

**Cemetery** – Flags will go up a few days before Veteran’s Day. Mayor Scott asked Tyler to talk to the Board about taking flags down during the winter.

**Recreation Board** – The Board has re-written the bylaws. Ephraim Middle school has asked for monetary assistance with volleyball poles and crash pads for the walls by the basketball hoops in their gymnasium. City sports use their gymnasium quite a bit.

### **Margie Anderson**

**Youth City Council** – Veterans signs will be going up soon.

### **Richard Wheeler**

**Fire Department** – In conjunction with neighboring cities, Training is finishing up for Fireman I and II testing class. Those in the class will graduate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. We hope to increase the number of fire fighters.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

**Tunnel Project** – The final walk-through was completed this week. The contractor is very close to pulling out.

### **Cory Daniels, Power Director**

**Public Power Week** – Hotline trailer demonstrations have been scheduled and advertised. There will be games and food and demos. The Council is invited to attend the demo on Thursday night. Signups will be available Thursday for Friday tours of the old hydro. Ephraim is celebrating 115 years of public power this year.

**Electronic Sign** – the sign has been installed and powered up. Right now, it just has the date and temperature on it. Rules will be set for use so that it is an ever-changing source of information.

### **Chad Parry, Public Works Director**

**Tunnel** – Interior pipes complete. The valve that was stuck has been fixed.

**Winter** – people should have the courtesy to move vehicles when it snows. Notice will be made in the newsletter and on Facebook.

### **Aaron Broomhead, Chief of Police**

**Cameras** – He has been exploring different camera systems for around town. The ones they are looking at are extremely high tech. They do facial matching rather than recognition which is significantly upgraded. Everything is done through the cloud with cell phones and iPads. He would like to put cameras in the council room, on the well, in the parks, power poles, water tanks etc. Cameras will be installed to try them out.

**Mayor** – Mayors and Commissioners meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. We would like to have it at the college with a dinner.

**January 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday**, council meeting planning session with council, Shaun and department heads.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

**Recreation Department** - We are in the process of hiring a new Rec Director. The position is still open and currently under review. A short list has been made for inviting applicants for interviews early next week. The interim director is Reece Reynolds.

**Business Licenses** – renewals are coming up.

**Daughters of Utah Pioneers and Sons of Utah Pioneers and Utah Heritage Foundation –** Looked at Pioneer Park and would like to do some things there. Connected them with our Historical Committee.

**Airport –** The Young Eagles program was very successful. We will be holding an adult Eagles program next. We met with State Weights and Measures to make sure our pumps are in order. Everything was good and the filters will be changed.

**Schedule –** I will be leaving next week for the ICMA Conference in Nashville, TN. The following week, I will attend the Smart Utility Summit in Arizona.

**Caselle Conference –** Several staff members attended that conference and learned new things.

**Did you know –** An idea for a new section of the newsletter.

**Co-op –** A new sign is coming in that will be paid for under beautification, and the Co-op will donate as well.

**Agenda Items -** Route items for City Council through the Mayor so he will know what will be on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Wheeler moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:12 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, November 6, 2019, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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Mayor

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Date

**ATTEST:**

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City Recorder

Date