

WORK MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
OCTOBER 19, 2022
4.30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a work meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, in the City Council Room. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 4.36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Scott, Mayor
Margie Anderson
Alma Lund
Richard Wheeler
Lloyd Stevens

STAFF PRESENT

Shaun Kjar, City Manager
Candice Maudsley,
City Recorder
Bryan Kimball,
Community Development

Jon Knudsen, Finance Dir
Jeff Jensen, Public Works
Aaron Broomhead, Police
Jeff Hermansen, Fire Chief
Michael Patton, Rec Dir

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Tyler Alder,
Mayor Pro Tem

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ULCT (UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS) ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT

- Water Conservation- Sixty percent of city water is used outside for watering the yard. The Jordan Valley Water Conservatory District promoted xero-scape and the outside water use was dramatically cut. It was recommended Ephraim investigate the options available to promote xero-scape. It was suggested that park strip is difficult to maintain and a waste of water. All new sidewalk is going in with no park strip. It is possible to incentivize drought tolerant landscape. Not all turf is bad. The seed blend makes a difference in water use. It is important to educate in all types of drought vegetation including grass. Fescue is recommended over Kentucky Blue Grass. The drought situation in the state of Utah is a concern for all citizens.
- Alma Lund reported how pleased he is that the City is chip sealing a portion of the roads annually. This prevents an issue in the future with the road budget.
- The idea of replacing grass with turf in the athletic parks was discussed.
- Short-Term Rentals- This has been discussed throughout the state. Ephraim doesn't currently have many short-term rentals. Neighboring cities have more of these rentals. It is recommended that enforcement be done through noise and parking ordinance.
- The mental health of law enforcement was a subject of one of the classes. Margie Anderson wanted to make sure Ephraim City Officers have the counseling available to

them as needed. The officer's schedule has been changed to a 24-hour rotation. It has given them an opportunity to wind down during their time off.

- The class involving developers and city planners was contentious. The state ombudsman is an excellent resource for any controversy. It is very important that the city code be in order. The developers and planners' perspectives can be very different.
- Students managed the grant program at a low cost to the city.
- It was beneficial to have conversations with different people in diverse roles.
- Dr. Courtney Flint presented the Wellbeing Survey. This will help with understanding quality of life.
- Rural funding opportunities were discussed in a session involving many small communities.
- The 2023 election preparation was discussed.
- GRAMA requests and the test to certify as the records officer was reviewed.
- A session about inclusion reminded all to ask people what they feel comfortable being called.
- The Healthy Utah Community video was watched.
- Preserving Agriculture- It is important to preserve the family farm. When the farm is gone the community loses the production. There were different ideas presented to preserve the local family farm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director -

- The Public Works Yard issue needs to be resolved. The location needs to be determined. The Mayor, Jeff, and Shaun can have a meeting to make some final decisions.
- Deteriorating curb and gutter will need to be discussed in detail at a later date.
- Irrigation ditches need to be cleaned. Ephraim Public Works has cleaned some of the ditches this year. There needs to be something resolved with the irrigation company.

Aaron Broomhead, Emergency Services Director

- Enforcement for snow removal will be starting again this year. Anything stored on the roadway will be addressed. This will not be a short process.
- Construction Material- If it is delivered and used quickly it may not be an issue. Those storing construction materials in the road over the winter will have a code violation.
- A vague explanation of the fatality up Ephraim Canyon was given, as it is an ongoing investigation.

Jeff Hermansen, Fire Chief

- Jeff Hermansen will be teaching fire safety to the elementary school on Friday
- The call volume is up to 67 so far this year
- Hydrant testing is being done

Jon Knudsen, Finance Director

- Auditors – They will present through Zoom at the November 16th city council meeting.
- Treasurer Conference – Verena attended the conference last week and will report what she learned next week

AGENDA REVIEW

- **Accessory Dwelling Unit-** This will be a connected dwelling unit. The garage will be on the bottom and apartment will be on the top Planning Commission has unanimously recommended it for approval.
- **UDOT Sidewalk Coop Agreement-** Sidewalk will placed on 300 East between the LDS Stake Center and 100 North. The project has a time frame of two years. It must be completed by fall of 2024 The grant will cover 75% of the cost. It will be located on the east side of the road. The City will need to negotiate with the property owners. The sidewalk will provide a safe walkway for students walking to school.

WARRANT REGISTER INQUIRIES

- South Sanpete School District- issued the check, voided, then reissued.
- ULGT- Insurance for vehicles
- Anixter- Light poles and lights

ADJOURN

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

MINUTES APPROVED


John Scott, Mayor

2 Nov 2022
Date

ATTEST

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Candice Maudsley
Candice Maudsley, City Recorder

11/2/22
Date

