

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL  
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH  
FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, in the City Council Room. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

At the invitation of the Mayor, Margie Anderson gave an invocation. Candice Maudsley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Scott, Mayor  
Lloyd Stevens,  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Margie Anderson  
Anthony Beal  
Chad Parry  
Dennis Nordfelt

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sean Lewis, City Manager  
Daniel Van Beuge, City  
Attorney  
Candice Maudsley,  
City Recorder  
Bryan Kimball,  
Community Development

Megan Spurling, Planner  
Jon Knudsen, Finance Dir.  
Jeff Jensen, Public Works  
Cory Daniels, Power Dir.  
Colby Zeeman, Police  
Jeff Hermansen, Fire Chief  
Jordan Howe, Rec Dir.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was presented.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**STATE FIRE CERTIFICATION COUNCIL**

Scott Spencer of the State Fire Certification Council presented an award to the Ephraim Fire Department for their dedication to certification efforts. The award acknowledges their commitment to validated certification tests with national standards, crucial for departments facing volunteer turnover. Ephraim Fire Department received a silver recognition for Hazmat Awareness Certification and bronze for other training endeavors.

**UAMPS PRESENTATION (MASON BAKER)**

During the city council meeting, Mason Baker, the CEO of UAMPS, provided an overview of the organization's objectives, projects, and recent challenges. He introduced new city council members to UAMPS through a series of slides, which detailed the establishment, purpose, and key projects of the organization. The slides are available on the Utah Public Notice Website and in the office of the city recorder. The length of the process for new transmission lines was explained.

The discussion also touched upon the challenges faced by UAMPS in navigating electricity prices, particularly during the period of 2022 and early 2023. Baker emphasized the potential volatility of electric rates in the coming years, underlining the importance of strategic planning and proactive measures to address fluctuations in the market.

#### **ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS FLOOD PLAIN PRESENTATION**

- Michelle Brown, Project Manager, and Morgan Marlatt, Civil Engineer, presented recommendations to the council regarding flood risk management.
- Three tiers of recommendations were discussed:
  1. Implementation of piping and cleaning ditches.
  2. Community outreach initiatives, such as flood warning systems with annual testing.
  3. Utilization of hydraulic modeling.
- Councilmember Stevens inquired about the potential impact of these recommendations on FEMA flood maps.
- It was noted that while the recommendations could potentially influence FEMA flood maps, ultimate control over the floodplain rests with FEMA.
- The recommendations encompass short, mid-term, and long-term solutions.
- It was suggested that progress on these initiatives be diligently tracked.
- The city aims to adopt a proactive approach to mitigate flood risk.

#### **FERGUSON GROUP INTRODUCTION (ZOOM- MIKE MILLER)**

1. **Introduction of Ferguson Group and Ephraim Delegates:** Mike Miller introduced himself and the Ferguson Group to the new city council. He commended the Utah delegates representing Ephraim for their efforts in securing funding for infrastructure projects.
2. **2024 Fiscal Year Budget Status:** The 2024 fiscal year budget has not yet been passed. However, there is an earmark of \$750,000 allocated for a wastewater project in Ephraim pending budget approval. There is a risk that the earmark may not be funded if the budget is not passed and operates under a resolution in 2024 instead.
3. **Federal Agenda Updates:** The federal agenda is regularly adjusted and amended. The top priorities for Ephraim City and available grant opportunities are identified through a team effort. The agenda was reviewed, focusing on infrastructure and public safety needs.
4. **Importance of Relationship with Ephraim Federal Delegates:** It was emphasized that maintaining a strong relationship with Ephraim's federal delegates is vital for the community's interests.

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

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of February 6, 2024.

*Councilmember Beal moved to approve the February 6, 2024 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nordfelt. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 13, 2024 Planning City Council Meetings.

*Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the January 13, 2024 Planning City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Beal. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meetings.

*Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve the January 17, 2024 Council Work Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN WORK SESSION**

The city has identified five priority areas: infrastructure, quality of life, employee relations, financial integrity, and economic development. These priorities will undergo a review process over the next two weeks and will be revisited accordingly.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

##### **Margie Anderson**

- State Legislative Liaison- Several bills are being followed by Councilmember Anderson and Sean Lewis.
- Historic Board- Suggestions for board members were requested.

##### **Anthony Beal**

- The weekly meetings with Sean have been very informative and have worked well.

##### **Lloyd Stevens**

- Chamber of Commerce- There is a list of grants available to send out to Ephraim businesses.

##### **Chad Parry**

- Utilities Board- Meeting tomorrow night.
- A plan was received by Sharron Andreason concerning the Co-op. It would be appropriate for the plans to be reviewed by the Historic Square Committee when it is formed. Snow College is the lessee, and the use of the building will be according to their needs.
- Resident questions:
  - Baileys Property- A home has been built on the end of a street and the road will be finished as a part of the development.
  - Is city property for sale?

- Who is inspecting road cuts, and can the damaged roads be repaired better?
- Why are storage units built next to the road?

**Mayor Scott**

- Burgess Owens has asked the mayor to accompany him to the Manti Temple open house.
- The Mayors and Commissioner’s meeting is tomorrow.
- The planned soil remediation meeting will be held with IH (Intermountain Health.)

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

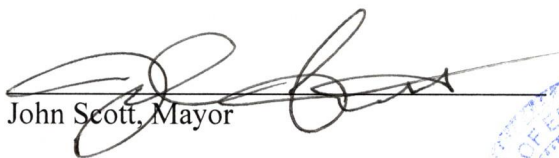
- A snowplow accident with an employee was reported today.
- The City will not proceed with Unified Fleet Services until after the budget is done.
- An MOU was signed for cybersecurity software yesterday.
- Every city in the state is required to switch to .gov on websites.
- The agenda for council meetings will be one agenda rather than two from now on.
- The Airport Board meeting will be next week, and issues will need to be resolved.
- Many bills in the legislature are being watched and letters have been written.
- A grant through the State was given to C&J Specialties for \$600,000.
- The lease for the sports complex with Snow College has been signed.
- The Co-op lease is still in progress.
- The employee safety meeting is tomorrow.

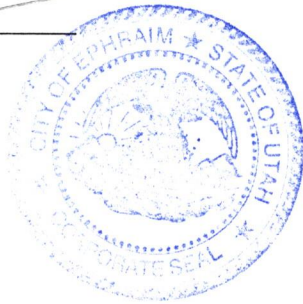
**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Steven moved the Regular Council Meeting to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Beal. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
John Scott, Mayor



2-21-24  
Date

**ATTEST:**

  
Candice Maudsley, City Recorder

2-21-24  
Date