

MEETING MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL

5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH

JULY 17, 2024

5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Scott, Mayor
Lloyd Stevens,
Mayor Pro Tem
Chad Parry
Dennis Nordfelt

STAFF PRESENT

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

Jon Knudsen, Finance Dir.
Cory Daniels, Power Dir.
Colby Zeeman, Police
Jeff Hermansen, Fire Chief

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Margie Anderson
Anthony Beal

AGENDA REVIEW

- The nuisance violation at the Talbert property with pictures were reviewed.
- The previous donation to the Sanpete County Junior Livestock Association was \$500.
- The power presentation given in the meeting will be concerning rate structure change. A change from a minimum rate to a base rate is recommended. Energy will be charged at a flat rate rather than a tiered rate. Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) will be implemented.
- The library fee changes were reviewed.

BATHROOM POLICY DISCUSSION

- HB257 requires municipalities to create a privacy compliance plan for restrooms. The council reviewed the bill and the example resolution provided.

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the City Council Room. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

At the invitation of the Mayor, Dennis Nordfelt offered an invocation. Chad Parry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor read the following statement:

I absolutely condemn the violence leading to the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump. Our country cannot withstand this type of violence and nastiness in our political discourse. Violent talk, persecution of political opponents, and dehumanizing political opponents give license to political violence. As the Mayor of Ephraim City, I say to one and all within my reach that we must work for civil political discourse, reject violence, and listen to each other better. Valene and I are praying for the families of President Trump, Cory Comperatore, and the other victims of this heinous act and hope for healing for them physically and emotionally.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Kyle Parry:** Resident at 200 West, presented a video highlighting numerous instances of people running the stop sign in front of his home. He expressed concerns about safety and the absence of a sidewalk. Suggested solutions included installing a dip in the road, a speed bump, or a painted line. The council proposed a police blitz or a blinking sign as potential measures.
- **Jill Colby-** Expressed gratitude to the city and specifically thanked Jordan Howe for his assistance with the Active Transportation Workshop.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD FOR SERVING ON THE ECHA BOARD OVER 20 YEARS FOR MEL JACOBSEN

Mel Jacobsen was recognized for his exceptional dedication and service as the Chairman of the Ephraim City Housing Authority Board for over 20 years.

REQUEST FOR SHEEP PROJECT DONATION BY THE EVERITT CHILDREN

Jon, Roy, Wally, and Nelson Everitt: Presented a PowerPoint detailing the significant effort they have invested in their sheep project. They requested a donation of \$100 for each boy's project, totaling \$400. The PowerPoint presentation is available in the office of the City Recorder and on the Public Notice Website. The requested funds would be donated to the Sanpete County Junior Livestock Association.

Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve a donation of \$100 per boy totaling \$400. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried

POWER RATE STUDY PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM

Chris Lund is the consultant with Utility Financial Solutions conducting our power rate study. Findings and recommendations were presented including:

- A 3.5% annual electric rate increase is recommended for three years.
- The residential bill would go up approximately \$3 annually.
- 2.9% inflation is anticipated annually.

- It is not financially prudent to not raise rates.
- A Power Cost Adjustment is recommended.
- Base versus minimum charges were explained.
- In-city and in-county base charges were compared and discussed, with a possible higher rate for in-county.
- Time-of-use energy charges will change the way the billing is done.
- Electrical vehicle charging station rates will be considered next year.
- A solar study will also be forthcoming.
- No action is requested other than policy guidance to facilitate the completion of the study.
- The PowerPoint presentation is available in the office of the City Recorder and on the Public Notice Website.

CODE VIOLATION UPDATE RUSTY TALBERT

The Council reviewed pictures of the current state of the property. The police department recommends that the violation be suspended with the understanding that if the property begins to accumulate stuff again it will go straight to citation.

Councilmember Stevens moved to suspend the code violation with the residents understanding that if the property begins to accumulate junk again it will immediately go from violation to citation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nordfelt. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

EPHRAIM CITY ORDINANCE 24-02 FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR LIBRARY

The Council reviewed the fee changes for the library.

Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve ECR 24-02 adopting updated fees for the library. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parry. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Warrant Register of July 3, 2024 was previously approved.

Councilmember Stevens moved to ratify the July 3, 2024 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nordfelt. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of July 15, 2024.

Councilmember Stevens moved to approve the July 15, 2024 Warrant Register as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parry. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 19, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Stevens moved to approve the June 19, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parry. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Chad Parry

- **Utilities Board:** A water adjustment was requested at the Board meeting and subsequently granted. The resident provided a check for the full amount, and the overage was donated by the resident to city animal services.

Mayor Scott

- The council planning retreat will be held on August 5th at Lloyd Stevens cabin.
- Troy Shelly, Burgess Owens, Tad Calister, Steve Lund, Stacey McIff, and Mike Ballard will attend the council planning meeting on August 5th.
- The landfill open meetings need to notice their meetings.
- R6 will sponsor the environmental DEQ study site.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Family Park is closed because of excessive vandalism. Bathrooms will now only open for events.
- The sewer has been repaired at the splash pad and it is now open.
- There is a school district meeting concerning the School Resource Officer (SRO) tomorrow.
- The airport reels and hoses were installed today. The fuel system is down, and fuel has not been sold for two weeks.
- Cameras for the library will be installed at the library in the next few weeks.
- A city flag will be placed at city facilities.
- The server room air conditioner has been out, and it was repaired quickly. HVAC repairs are excessive at City Hall.
- A meeting was held with Mike Larsen concerning past-due balances.
- A very rough draft of the new public works yard was shown as well as a possible power building. The difference between separate and shared buildings will depend on price.
- Cory Daniels is accepting the Hydro Hall of Fame award in Denver.
- The Lyons Club has commissioned a structural engineer to analyze the Bishop's Store House.

- The Wellness Council won two awards and grant money for a January depression wellness challenge in January for the employees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Stevens moved the Regular Council Meeting adjourn at 8:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nordfelt. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

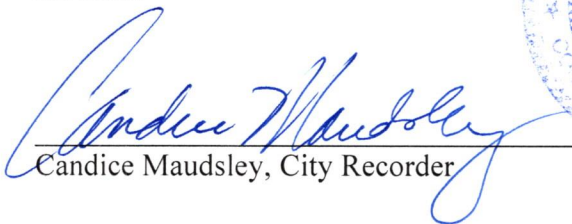
MINUTES APPROVED:



John Scott, Mayor

8-7-24
Date

ATTEST:



Candice Maudsley, City Recorder



8-7-24
Date