

PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL

LLOYD STEVEN'S CABIN

AUGUST 5, 2024

10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim City Council convened in a work meeting on Monday, August 5, 2024, at the Cabin of Lloyd Stevens. Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Sean Lewis, City Manager, Candice Maudsley, City Recorder, Bryan Kimball, Community Development

Others Present

Burgess Owens
Troy Shelley
Stacey McIff
Aaron Wood
Mike Ballard
Kevin Romney
Holly Sweeten
Casey Saxton

1. Burgess Owens

- He thanked his team.
- Utah represents the American way.
 - Faith, family, patriotism, free market, education
- Immigrant drop off is causing resource draining.
 - This is an attack on our culture. The immigrants will increase census numbers which results in more House representatives.
 - SCORE Legislation- This legislation will hold sanctuary states responsible. Requirements include notification of arrival, support (sponsor), quarterly report to FEMA, quarterly report to congress reporting cost. If these steps are not followed funding will end to states.
 - Illegals cannot be counted to vote.
- Be smart about the plays needed to get something positive done. It is difficult to get through appropriations.
- Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid need to be discussed in the debt discussion.
- **Education**
 - Education is his true passion.
 - In the 40's, 50's and 60's the black community led the nation in family, community, and entrepreneurs. The American dream was fought for.

- What has been done to the black community through welfare and political agendas is devastating.
- Education is the true national security.
- Our youth have been taught to hate our country.
- DEI has negatively affected the youth of this nation.
- Parents for the first time are sitting at the table.
- The Department of Education needs to be dealt with.
- Utah is the fastest growing and most innovative state.
- **Transportation**
 - The Olympics are coming in 2034.
 - Transportation in the right direction for the next generation is important.
 - An inland port would be beneficial.
 - Utah believes in the national spirit.
 - America has the most robust middle class. This gives power by business ownership. It gives back to the community.
- **Questions**
 - He is excited about where we are as a country right now. There are so many good people on both sides of the aisle. We live in a freedom bubble and sometimes forget the evil that is trying to destroy our country. Americans are now stepping out and taking steps to engage in changing the country. People are rediscovering their patriotism. He is optimistic for the future.
 - Chad Parry complimented Congressman Owens on his response to immigration. The mountains means so much to the city and roads are being closed by people that don't live here. Owens- Bureaucrats thrive on power and do not understand the individual town or resident. 70% of Utah has been put away as federal government lands. Bureaucrats in DC are making these decisions, and all western states are concerned about it. The state of Utah is fighting back. The chevron decision is major, and a paradigm shift will happen.
 - The Mayor thanked Congressman Owens for his support and representation.
 - If you want to know what is going on in America, it happens in this room.

2. Troy Shelley

- He was previously the county chair. A good candidate is someone that can trust the individual.
- The state can deal with all things no matter how big or small. All ideas can be listened to and prioritized.
- Sharon Slater- He met her in North Carolina, and she moved to Provo. She led her own investigation of the Paris Climate Accord. As an individual she is promoting family and funding it herself.
- Troy put together a discussion of climate change.
- All elected positions have a role and need that role needs to be respected.
- It is difficult when there are so many perspectives of one issue. Never give up on core values.

- Controlled burns may not be so controlled.
- Logging should be done before controlled burns.
- Fires can introduce contamination in the culinary water provided by the springs.

3. Stacey McIff

- Ephraim City Coop- Snow College is holding events and weddings in the Coop building. The care of the building feels so right. Offices and conference rooms will be constructed of glass on the main floor.
- \$42 million has been granted for a new social science building. Greenwood Hall and the Home and Family Studies building will be torn down.
- The athletes are back, and 30 players have been added to the football team.
- Move in day is August 24th.
- Enrollment is faltering in higher education. Snow College is hanging on with enrollment.
- FSU helps economic development in the summer with 10,000 students attending.
- Respiratory therapists grant to start working on accredited program.
- Partnership with technical colleges.
- Prison Second Chance Pell- This allows prisoners to get their associates degree and helps prisoners get a job.
- Revamp on signs on the ends of town.
- Agencies need to work together to move the needle.
- The agricultural program is being put on hold regarding the indoor arena until full funding is received. A veterinarian assistance program is being built.
- Fall Harvest Festival- This festival held in Richfield will be pursued in Ephraim.

4. Why I love America Presentation (Suzy Becker)

- In 1998 a survey showed that patriotism was highly valued. The population was survived again 2023 and the value of patriotism had significantly declined.
- A patriotism event will be held on August 29th at the Utah Capital Building at 10:00 AM.
- The month of September will be American Founders and Constitution Month in Utah.
- Sponsor activities that build patriotism.
 - a) Essay competition
 - b) Flag ceremony
- Videos are being created for public schools. They can be found at whyiloveamerica.com.
- They are working with the Sanpete County Chamber of Commerce.

5. Aaron Wood & Mike Clark (IH)

- The land was purchased to rebuild the hospital two years ago.
- The current hospital has hit its limited time span. It is time for replacement.
- Ephraim is a better position for it and the facilities need to be updated.
- The official proclamation statement was read.

- Intermountain is separated into three regions. The local area goes from Richfield to Idaho. The Ephraim hospital is high on our region's priority list. The board financing meeting will happen in December. It will be determined at the meeting what budget year the hospital will be funded.
- The city has an environmental study being started and progress is being made toward relocating the public works building.
- Until design, the exact plans cannot be released.
- A joint statement will be considered.
- The road being built will be for multiple purposes not just the hospital.

6. Bryan Kimball

- An update on the north road project was given.
 - a) The road project has been reduced significantly because of inflation.
 - b) Utilities will be stubbed in two locations for future growth.
 - c) Approximately two seasons will be needed to complete the road project.
 - d) A turn lane and a triangle easement are necessary.
- A phase two environmental study will determine how to proceed with the soil remediation on the current public works yard.
- The new well and connecting water lines were shown.
- Three wells will be new, or retrofitting completed.
- The canyon pipeline will be replaced.
- A sewer project including aeration, screens, and a grinder has been funded.
- 48 tiny homes were approved.
- An update was given concerning current building.

7. Mike Ballard

- Camino Verde presented to the Sanpete Chamber of Commerce.
- Opportunity zones were discussed.
- Camino Verde Group (CVG) plans were discussed.
- Everything is tentative
- This is an eight to twelve year build out.
- A future hotel was reviewed as well as other site plans. The hotel site should start construction next year.
- Concerns of not being able to finish these master plan projects was expressed by councilmember Parry. The response was that the projects are very fluid, and the market will equalize.
- They have an ability to wait it out. They want to do it right.
- It is anticipated that interest rates will go down in the next couple months.
- Interest rates affect how quickly these projects will begin.
- The childcare facility is next on the priority list.

8. Sean Lewis

- Travel procedures and forms will be revamped. Preapproval of travel will be implemented. This will make it easier for the finance department.
- A purchasing policy will be created and implemented.
- Air taxi services were presented to the city manager.

- Wednesday night will be attorney Daniel Van Beuge's last day.
- The Cowdell Wooley contract will be revisited.

9. Summary (John Scott)

- A fulltime administrator will be hired for the landfill.

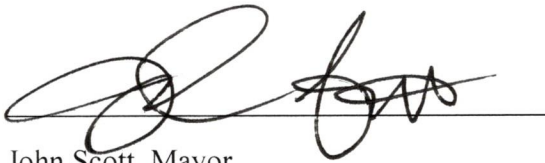
10. Hydro Tour Fieldtrip

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Nordfelt moved the Planning Council Meeting to adjourn at 2:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parry. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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

MINUTES APPROVED:


John Scott, Mayor

8-21-24
Date



ATTEST:


Candice Maudsley, City Recorder

8-21-24
Date