

MINUTES
UTILITIES BOARD MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY HALL
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Leonard McCosh, Dale Nicholls, Chad Parry, Council Liaison Alma Lund

Board Members Excused: Chair Lorna Larsen, Kelly Larsen

Staff Present: Public Works Director Jeff Jensen, Power Superintendent Cory Daniels, City Engineer Bryan Kimball, Secretary Esmeralda Salas

Others Appearing: Jill and Curt Braithwaite, Susan and Cless Young

CALL TO ORDER

The Ephraim Utility Board convened on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in the Ephraim City Council Room. Utilities Board Member Leonard McCosh called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

I. MOTION AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 10, 2023 Utilities Board Meeting.

Board Member Parry moved to approve the August 10, 2023, Utilities Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

II. BUSINESS

A. NET METERING – EDUCATIONAL COURSE

The Power Director explained to Curt and Jill Braithwaite how the billing is processed for solar customers who are tied into the Ephraim City Power grid. Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite were also informed of the monthly Solar Interconnect fee that is charged to customers who are connected to Ephraim City power and have a solar system installed on their home.

B. REQUEST FOR WATER CONNECTION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Susan and Cless Young requested an exemption to Ephraim City Code (8.12.020(N)) so they can be granted a culinary water connection for a recently split lot located at 876 E 1070 S. The property is outside of Ephraim city limits. The original home was granted a water connection an estimated 23 years ago. Mr. Young informed the board that he divided the lot on which the home is located. Due to the lot divide, part of the property does not have a connection to Ephraim City's culinary water system. Mr. Young would like to be granted the connection so that the property has water access so he can sell the lot. He expressed his interest in annexing into the city but explained that neighboring property owners have made that difficult to happen because they have no interest in annexation. The board discussed the request with Mr. Young and explained to him they must base their decision on the current city code. They suggested Mr. Young pursue annexation once again so that he may be granted a water connection.

Board Member Parry moved to decline a variance to City Code to allow a water connection outside city limits. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls and will be recommended to City Council. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

C. REVIEW SEWER ORDINANCE DRAFT

The Board reviewed the amended draft ordinance for Sewer Connections outside city limits.

Board Member Parry moved to approve the amended sewer ordinance draft as presented to be recommended to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

III. STAFF MEMBER REPORTS

Jeff Jensen, Public Works Director

Employee Resigned – Kelly Schneider, one of the newest Public Works employees submitted his 2-week notice. September 28th will be his last day working for Ephraim City. He has not been able to find housing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Utilities Board for consideration, Board Member Parry moved the Regular Utility Board Meeting to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nicholls. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

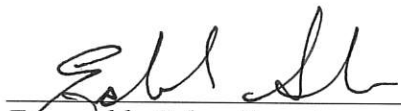
The next regular Utilities Board meeting is scheduled to be held on October 12, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City board room.

MINUTES APPROVED:


Lorna Larsen, Chair

2-8-2024
Date

ATTEST:


Esmeralda Salas, Secretary

2/8/24
Date