

NEPHI CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
July 1, 2025

The Nephi City Council met in regular session in the council chambers of city hall located at 21 East 100 North at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday July 1, 2025.

Those present were:

Mayor	Justin D. Seely
Council Member	Shari Cowan
Council Member	Travis L. Worwood
Council Member	Jeramie Callaway
Council Member	John D. Parady
City Administrator	Seth Atkinson
City Attorney	Brittany Tellez
City Recorder	Lisa Brough
Deputy City Recorder	Leslee Anderson

Absent: Councilor Skip Worwood

Guests: Donald W. Ball, Myrna Trauntvein (press), Jacque Thorn, Drew Bulow, Jessica Bulow, Jacob Thorn, Alan Bulow, Bryce Bulow, Leila Bulow, John Talcott, Jeremy Lynn, Monica Izatt, Casey Jones, Kristen Jones, Avery Jones, Kash Jones, Alyx Jones, Chloe Jones, Brett Woodland, Madison Woodland, Jessica Woodland, Scott Jackson, RJ Bryan, Gale Bryan (Nephi City Treasurer), Lamar Howarth, Monica Howarth, Kailey Howarth, Cody Howarth, Mark R. Jones, Patty Jones, Natalie Jacobson, Bart Miller, Amanda Douglas, Tate Douglas, Morgan Clark, Lisa Duckworth, Diana Manseau, Brette Hawks

Mayor Justin D. Seely opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

PRAYER: Jeramie Callaway

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Drew and Jessica Bulow and family with Lone Pine Rentals

Drew and Jessica talked about their business. They offer RV trailer rentals and camping equipment for families seeking outdoor adventures in Utah. Their mission is to make outdoor experiences accessible to families who may not have the means to purchase or store their own RV. With Lone Pine Rentals, you can plan entire trips, including optional activities, or create your own itinerary. You can pick up or they also deliver.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION—MAMMOTH PARADE GRAND MARSHALLS

Councilor Jeramie Callaway announced Mark and Patty Jones as the Grand Marshalls for the 91st Annual Ute Stampede. He presented them with a plaque and some flowers. He read a biography highlighting their service to the community. Both Mark and Patty are lifelong members of Nephi.

Many family members were present. Mayor Seely praises Mark's vision and contributions to the community as mayor and his involvement in the changes happening at the south end of town.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Shari Cowan made the motion to approve the council meeting minutes from 6/17/25 and the claims dated 6/27/25. Councilor Travis Worwood seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jacque Thorn, marketing manager for the Nephi Farmer's market, discussed the importance of the market and its impact on the community. With the Ute Stampede next week, the farmer's market was going to move to the Old Mill Park. There were concerns from the Ute Stampede committee mentioned at city council meeting last week. Belle Brough, the craft fair organizer, was concerned about the farmer's market taking away from the craft fair. Jacque said the purpose was not to compete, but to compliment and was working hard to make the Farmer's Market a consistent and regular Saturday event.
- Morgan Clark, supporting Nephi farmer's market, stated that he is a small business owner and the Farmer's market has allowed him to get out and interact with people. Allowing the farmer's market the week of the stampede would allow vendors trying to be entrepreneurs to see people outside of our community to help grow their business.
- Natalie Jacobson declared her support for the Farmer's market and the opportunity the rodeo will give them to meet new people and engage in the community.
- Monica Izatt stated that she participates in the Farmer's Market as a small business. Being able to participate during the stampede would allow them to add to the festivities of the week and get more out in the community.
- Brette Hawks praised Jacque for her hard work with the Farmer's Market. She mentioned that those who come seem to have a good time and the vendors put in a lot of work. She stated when the health inspector came he was impressed with the permitting and licensing and following the rules. She expressed a desire for the opportunity to be part of the Ute Stampede.
- Seth Atkinson stated he had received a call from Meadow Perides earlier that day expressing her support for the Farmer's market.

UTAH PATRIOT PARTNER PRESENTATION—

Lisa Duckworth introduced the Utah Patriot Partnership program which was started by Governor Herbert in 2011. She works with the Department of Workforce Services and this program is designed to support veterans and military families in employment. The program offers priority employment consideration for veterans, military members, and their spouses. Those who partner with the Utah Patriot Program have a network for marketing, the ability to earn awards and agree to help the program do more to help veterans find employment following service. Mayor Seely mentioned several individuals at Nephi city who are veterans: Seth Atkinson (City Administrator), Army; Paul (police department), Marine Corps; Howard Bonzo (spouse to library

director), Army; Mike Morgan (Chief of Police), Air Force; Ryan Worwood, Army; and Skip Worwood (Councilman), Navy. Both the Mayor and Council members are in support of becoming a partner with the Utah Patriot Program.

NO PLANNING ITEMS

CERTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TAX RATE

Seth Atkinson explained that the property tax rate decreased to .000504 due to increased assessed value.

Councilor JD Parady made a motion to accept the property rate of .000504. Councilor Jeramie Callaway seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 07-01-2025 FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS

Seth Atkinson presented the resolution 07-01-2025 encouraging the prohibition of the discharge of fireworks on the east side of Interstate 15 to reduce the potential for damage costly forest and range fires.

Councilor Travis Worwood made the motion to approve Resolution 07-01-2025. Councilor Shari Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNEXATION AREA MAP CHANGE

Mr. Atkinson stated that following the addition of area being added to the annexation map last week, it was requested that the area where the Agri Park is planning to go be changed from a level 3 to a level 2 to undergo analysis. This is an extensive development, and the analysis may take a month or more so they can be very thorough in what they present. Mr. Atkinson announced that an Agri park representative will be speaking at the Chamber luncheon this month.

Councilor JD Parady motioned to approve the annexation are change from a level three to a level two. Councilor Jeramie Callaway seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COUNCIL UPDATES

- Mr. Atkinson stated that they would need a councilor on the interview committee to hire someone for the water department. Both Councilor Cowan and Councilor Parady volunteered.
- Mr. Atkinson informed the council that he would like to get a hazardous materials inspection grant for the Old Gym. The one done back in 2014 has expired. That will potentially give opportunities to seek funding later for removal. It is easier to demolish a building if the hazardous materials are removed first.
- Mr. Atkinson mentioned that Gay Hansen had put together some criteria for the Christmas Village idea. She wanted the council's approval before moving forward with plans.
- Councilor Travis Worwood acknowledged former Mayor Jones (Grand Marshall for 91st Ute Stampede) as a mentor for him and all he does behind the scenes that people don't see.

- Mayor Seely recognized the electric crew for their hard work in transitioning and taking down signs from the motor cross event and putting signs up for the Ute Stampede.
- Mayor mentioned the 9/11 day of service. Each city is planning to do their own thing. Nephi is planning to do a cemetery or park cleanup on Saturday, the 13th.
- Mayor stated that the 250 year celebration will be next year and they have started a committee which includes: Mayor Seely and Ruth Bonzo. He would also like to involve a sterling scholar and someone from the school.
- Councilor Parady announced that a representative from the agri park would be speaking at the chamber luncheon this week.
- Councilor Callaway stated that they received banners to advertise the Renew Choice program for UMPA. He was going to have the announcers at the Mammoth Parade describe the program and he asked the council if they were ok putting the banners on the float they would be on. They agreed.
- Lisa Brough asked the council about registering for an upcoming conference.

MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING

Councilor Shari Cowan made the motion to convene into closed meeting to discuss character and competence of an individual and the purchase of real property. Councilor Parady seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote. 7:50 pm

Work Session 8:30pm

1. Farmer's Market
 - a. Mayor introduced the discussion, emphasizing the need for clear communication and coordination.
 - b. Jacque Thorn addressed the council during public comment, but added that she had spoken with the Ute Stampede committee as well as Belle Brough who coordinates the Craft Fair. She is planning to continue communication with them to alleviate concerns they have. She stressed the idea of complimenting them, not competing with them. She is having the more crafty vendors join the craft fair for this week to add to their event. Ms. Thorn is planning to discuss the issue of parking and the timing of the parade with Chief Morgan.
 - c. Councilor Callaway appreciated her reaching out to Belle Brough and trying to work together.
 - d. The council agreed if Chief Morgan decided the event wouldn't cause any parking and traffic concerns then she could move forward.
2. Parcel Data Agreement
 - a. Mr. Atkinson described the agreement sent over from Juab county concerning the parcel agreement. He emphasized the discrepancies between the signed copy and the verbal agreements made in a joint city-council meeting.
 - b. Mr. Atkinson outlined the recommended changes. Discussion on the need for the aggregated GIS file and the county's concerns ensued.

- c. The council expressed the desire to send the revised document back to the county for consideration.
- 3. Miscellaneous
 - a. The announcers for the Ute Stampede parade sent over an opening statement to welcome all to Nephi and to the Ute Stampede. Mayor Seely read it and asked the council for approval or changes. It was approved.

ADJOURN

Councilor Travis Worwood made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Shari Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote. 8:52 pm

I, Leslee Anderson, Nephi City Deputy Recorder, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of the meeting held on July 1, 2025. This document constitutes the official minutes of the Nephi City Council Meeting.

Leslee Anderson