

NEPHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Special) August 26, 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 August 26, 2025.

Those present were:

Mayor	Justin D. Seely
Council Member	Shari Cowan
Council Member	Skip 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 Travis Worwood

Guests: Donald W. Ball, James Sinkovic

Mayor Seely opened the Regular Meeting for Administrative Items. 7:00 pm

PRIMARY ELECTION CANVASS

The canvassing of election results was brought before the council again. According to state law the results cannot be canvassed until an audit has been completed. Lisa Brough, City Recorder, participated in that audit at the County Clerk's office this past week. The audit consisted of taking random batches of ballots and physically tallying them and comparing them against the machine's totals to see if they matched. Councilor Skip Worwood made a motion to accept the results from the primary election. Councilor JD Parady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A recorder's certificate was signed by the Nephi City Board of Canvassers including the Mayor and City Council Members.

Summary Results Report -- Nephi City Municipal Primary Election August 12, 2025

Statistics	TOTAL
Election Day Precincts Reporting	5 of 5
Precincts Complete	5 of 5
Precincts Partially Reported	0 of 5
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	0 of 5
Registered Voters - Total	3,964
Ballots Cast - Total	1,235
Ballots Cast - Blank	1
Voter Turnout - Total	31.16%

Nephi City Council Vote For 2

	TOTAL
JERAMIE L. CALLAWAY	575
SKIP F. WORWOOD	570
SCOTT L. JACKSON	148
BART STANLEY MILLER	371
TATE T. DOUGLAS	614

Councilor Cowan expressed concern that there was only 30% voter participation. She questioned what could be done to get more voters out. City administrator, Seth Atkinson, mentioned challenges of informing public. Lisa Brough discussed the role of the chambers in promoting candidate meetings and the potential benefits of recording and posting such meetings. The council liked the idea of having a meet the candidate night prior to the general election.

RESOLUTION 08-26-2025 – NON-CONFORMING USE EXCEPTION

The request by James Sinkovic to split a parcel that contains a non-conforming structure on the property was brought before the council last week (8/19/25). The council wanted to review it a little more before making a decision. Mr. Atkinson presented the request to the council again. He explained the non-conforming use due to insufficient setback and the proposed adjustment to meet zone requirements so the west parcel could become a buildable lot. The staff recommended the adjustment as it does not worsen the non-conforming use and benefits the adjacent lot. Councilor Shari Cowan made a motion to adopt Resolution 08-26-2025 – Non-conforming Use Exception. Councilor JD Parady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously approving the parcel line adjustment.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COUNCIL UPDATES

- Mr. Atkinson reminded everyone of the upcoming Employee Appreciation Dinner on September 4 at the City Park Large Bowery. The council will arrive early to help cook.
- Mr. Atkinson reported on the new gas filters installed by the natural gas department at various gate stations to help protect the system from any dirt and debris. The filter at the main gate station weighed 500 lbs.
- Mr. Atkinson stated that there was a data center that was looking to upgrade our line up to the north. They talked to him last week and are still interested. They need to pay for the feasibility study cost and then we can make plans to move forward.
- Mr. Atkinson reminded the council to plan for the tour of the Nortonville substation the second meeting in September.
- Councilor Cowan mentioned citizen comments about the flooding in town from the heavy rains. Donald Ball reported there was over an inch in an hour. Mr. Atkinson explained the stormwater drains were built to handle a 25-year stormwater event, but an inch of water in an hour exceeds that amount. It would be very expensive to upgrade the stormwater system. A stormwater fee utility was recently adopted to fund maintenance and improvements including cleaning sumps.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED MEETING

Mayor Seely requested a motion to convene to closed meeting. Councilor Jeramie Callaway made a motion to convene into closed meeting for discussion of character and competence of an individual, real property, and procurement. Councilor Skip Worwood seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote. 7:25 pm

CONVENE BACK TO REGULAR MEETING 7:52pm

Councilor Skip Worwood made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor JD Parady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 7:54 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 August 26, 2025. This document constitutes the official minutes of the Nephi City Council Meeting.

Leslee Anderson