

NEPHI CITY WORK SESSION MINUTES

September 9, 2025

7:00 P.M

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Nephi, UT 84648

1. Council members, staff, and interested parties met in the council chambers then commuted to the nearly completed Nortonville Substation located on Highway 91 between Nephi and Mona.
 - a. Rust Finlinson, Nephi Power Superintendent, and Shawn Bryan, Nephi Power, explained the workings of the substation and showed components and their purposes used to build the substation.
 - b. UMPA (Utah Municipal Power Agency) representatives in attendance were Tom Sorrells and Travis Ball.
 - c. The substation is essential for maintaining the balance and reliability of the electrical grid by controlling power flow and preventing outages within the city.
 - d. Redundancy in the lines allows for crews to work on lines without having to shut the entire system down and allows the city to continue functioning.
 - e. The substation is planned to be up and running on October 1.



2. Miss Nephi 2nd attendant Kaylee Curtis is competing in the upcoming Miss Utah Teen pageant as Miss Nephi Teen. She explained her platform to the council, which is a community service initiative: F.I.N.D.—Finding Inspiration in the Next Day.
 - a. Kaylee created F.I.N.D. to share her story, raise awareness about suicide prevention, and help others find hope in tomorrow.
 - b. She emphasized her intentions to work with suicide prevention organizations and to support a local family who just lost a family member to suicide.
 - c. She would like to put a bench at Old Mill Park engraved with a quote and a QR code for the SAFE UT app and the 988 Lifeline. She would also like a message box placed for messages of hope and questions and surround the box with HOPE rocks with positive messages.
 - d. Miss Curtis described her plan including donations she has already received and speakers she has planned for the event. The use of the Hive for the event was discussed.
 - e. She was requesting approval and support from the council to place the bench and box at Old Mill Park as well as help promoting the community event.
 - f. Miss Curtis plans to partner with the high school to have clubs maintain the bench and box.
 - g. The council express appreciation for Kaylee's initiative and support her efforts.
 - h. The timing for the event will be late October or early November.
3. Set Square Agreement Update—moved to be discussed during closed meeting.
4. Administrative and Council Updates
 - a. Councilor Cowan shared her experience on attending the Central Utah Leader Academy (CULA).
 - b. Mayor Seely updates the council on the installation of a flagpole near Bar W Steakhouse and that Nephi city is providing the flag for the pole.
 - c. Mayor announced that the national correspondent from USA today, Beth Weise, that visited Nephi and Council Meeting on 7-15-25, sent some follow-up questions for the Mayor to answer for her article. She is also planning to do a second article about patriotism that will come out in January.
 - d. Councilor Parady announced the open house and ribbon cutting event for The Agency, a new real estate agency in town, on Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm.
 - e. Councilor Callaway stated he had someone approach him about contracting out for the city Christmas lighting. The council discussed the possibility and getting a bid to help them with the decision.

- f. Mayor and the Council discussed the opening of the time capsule that was buried in 2001 on the 150th anniversary of the settlement of Nephi. They had previously discussed opening it this year, but the council decided to wait and open it next year in conjunction with the 250-year celebration for the founding of the United States.
- 5. Motion to convene into closed meeting
 - a. Councilor Travis Worwood made the motion to convene into closed meeting for deliberations. Councilor Skip Worwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 8:32 pm
 - b. Councilor Shari Cowan made a motion to discuss character and competence of an individual in the closed meeting. Councilor Skip Worwood seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.
- 6. Convene back to regular work session
 - a. Councilor Skip Worwood made a motion to convene back to the work session. Councilor Parady seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Adjourn 9:19 pm

ATTENDANCE:

City Council: Mayor Justin D. Seely, Shari Cowan, Jeramie Callaway, JD Parady, Skip Worwood, Travis Worwood

Staff: City Administrator--Seth Atkinson, Deputy Recorder--Leslee Anderson, City Attorney--Brittany Tellez, Recorder—Lisa Brough, Public Works Director—Kyle Marchant, Power superintendent—Rust Finlinson, Power department—Shawn Bryan

Guests: Donald W. Ball, Tate Douglas, Kaylee Curtis, Marcy Worwood, Chad Brough, Tom Sorrells, Travis Ball,

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 8, 2025. This document constitutes the official minutes of the Nephi City Council Work Session.*

Leslee Anderson