

NEPHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 18, 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, November 18, 2025.

Those present were:

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

Absent: Council Member JD Parady

Guests: Ruth Bonzo (Library Director), Donald W. Ball, Kristie Ferronato, Myrna Trauntvein (press), Debbie Sanders, Scott McKay, Sharon Louise McKay, Melinda Pinson, Thomas Pinson, Daniel Pinson, Tiffany Khan (Library), Natalie Jacobson, Jennifer Evans, Lisa Brough (City Finance Director), Tate Douglas

Mayor welcomed everyone and convened into regular meeting. 7:00 pm

PRAYER: Council Member Skip Worwood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Library Youth Council Members Thomas and Daniel Pinson

PRESENTATION

Tiffany Khan, Teen Librarian, presented the Children's Justice Center with a check for \$918.00. The Library Youth Council held a community bake sale to raise money for that purpose. Members of the Children's Justice Center volunteered at the bake sale and donated items to sale. Several Children's Justice Center members were in attendance to accept the check from the Library Youth Council.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Nephi Librarian, Ruth Bonzo, updated the council on the Library Programs and events:

- A. This year the library partnered with the DUP Museum for the annual Ghost Stories. The DUP had three storytellers and there were 136 participants. The library plans to continue the partnership with the museum for future ghost story events.
- B. The library hosted Halloween Story time with 195 adults and children participating.
- C. The Nephi Royalty helped pass out over 2,000 pieces of candy for the Chamber of Commerce trick-or-treating event.
- D. The library received a \$3000 grant from the state of Utah for children and teen books.
- E. The Resource Fair is scheduled for January 31 from 10 am to 1 pm.

- F. The library received the Above and Beyond Award from the State Library for the third year in a row for meeting and exceeding the highest standards set forth by the state. Ruth recognized the community for their support and help to make the library successful.
- G. The Mayor and Council member Travis Worwood praised Ruth for the time and energy that she gives behind the scenes that helps make the library a success.
- H. The mayor mentioned the map they created at the library for what they wanted to celebrate including monthly themes for the America 250 celebration.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Shari Cowan moved to approve the consent agenda including Council Meeting minutes dated 11-4-25; approval of claims dated 11-17-25; and burial rights for Jim and Traci Welburn in Vine Bluff Cemetery (2 spaces). Council member Skip Worwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Natalie Jacobson requested a minor adjustment to the assisted living spacing ordinance to allow for a closer facility. She asked for the distance to be decreased from 3,960 feet to 3,000 feet.
- Kristie Ferronato, senior project manager for Sunrise Engineering, introduced herself to the council and mentioned her involvement with the R6 Agripark development.

NO PLANNING ITEMS

ELECTION CANVASS

City Recorder, Leslee Anderson presented the municipal election results and data from the General Election held on November 4, 2025. See below.

Summary Results Report Municipal General Election – Nephi City November 4, 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	5 of 5
Registered Voters - Total	3,979
Ballots Cast - Total	1,502
Ballots Cast - Blank	0
Voter Turnout - Total	37.75%

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Juab County, Utah

Nephi City Mayor	
Vote For 1	
	TOTAL
JUSTIN D. SEELY	1,298
Nephi City Council	
Vote For 2	
	TOTAL
JERAMIE L. CALLAWAY	674
SKIP F. WORWOOD	636
BART STANLEY MILLER	578
TATE T. DOUGLAS	860

Council member Travis Worwood moved to approve the canvassing of the November 4, 2025 municipal general election. Council member Skip Worwood seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

DESIGN CONTRACT FOR GOLF CLUBHOUSE

This topic was tabled and moved for discussion during the work session.

RESOLUTION 11-18-2025 – MASTER FEE RESOLUTION

The rate stabilization fund would enable the city to take advantage of lower, but riskier, rates while still protecting residents from wild rate fluctuations that can occur in the market. UMPA has established a similar fund for electric rates.

The city has a new hedge fund rate and would like to establish a small adjustment in the overall rate to begin funding the rate stabilization fund. The proposal is to adjust the base rates for General Service and Rural Service (both of whom benefit from hedged rates) by \$0.03 per ccf (100 cubic feet. This rate assumes that \$300,000 in the current natural gas fund balance would be dedicated to the rate stabilization fund. As the fund earns interest and begins to approach an amount that can be comfortably used in rate stabilization, the city can look to reduce this adjustment. Customers should still see a reduction in their bills this coming year due to a lower hedge rate.

Council member Skip Worwood moved to approve Resolution 11-18-2025 – Master Fee Resolution. Council member Jeramie Callaway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL UPDATES

- City Administrator, Seth Atkinson, reminded everyone about the upcoming Christmas party on December 3.
- Mr. Atkinson explained some Legislative Updates that will be discussed on Capitol Hill during the legislative session that would affect our city including housing and external accessory dwelling units (EADUs), a property tax bill, and funding for the Local Administrative Advisor. He advised to talk to legislators about our concerns. Mayor mentioned that our legislators have listened to our concerns in the past and fought hard for us. It is important to voice our concerns and unify with other smaller communities.
- Mayor Seely and Council members Shari Cowan, Skip Worwood, and JD Parady attended the 1st Annual Police Awards Ceremony. Shari stated the noticeable camaraderie among the officers and recognized how much they do for our city that is not noticed. Mayor Seely mentioned the many lives they have saved in our community.
- Mayor Seely and Council member Cowan attended the Night of Hope organized by Kaylee Curtis, Miss Teen Nephi, which they felt was a success. Ms. Cowan shared that it is already having an impact on those who attended and reaching others who were unable to attend.
- Council Member Travis Worwood inquired about viewing the city financial reports.
- Mayor Seely announced the Community spaghetti dinner and the Wrestling Banquet on Saturday.
- Ruth Bonzo, Library Director, thanked Skip for his service as a library board member and his contributions to the library's success.

- Council member Jeramie Callaway updated the council on the lighting ceremony at the park on November 29 at 7:15 pm following the county Light Parade. He asked Ms. Cowan if the Miss Nephi Royalty would participate. The council discussed the Christmas cottages which they have not had much response to and ideas of how to promote and encourage participation in the future, including the possibility of having the school build them and have businesses sponsor them.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED MEETING

Council member Travis Worwood moved to convene into closed meeting for discussion of character and competence of an individual. Council member Shari Cowan seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote. 8:00 pm

Work Session 8:33 pm

1. Audit Report Discussion
 - a. The Financial Report presentation by auditors will occur on December 2 and wanted to alert the council to a discrepancy found by the auditors.
 - b. Lisa Brough, Finance Director, explained the audit process and the challenges with the Justice Court Records.
 - c. The auditors found a discrepancy in the bail fund reconciliation for August 2024, which was later corrected.
 - d. Mr. Atkinson assured the council that the issue was resolved before auditors arrived, and the recommended actions were already implemented.
2. Miscellaneous items
 - a. Design Contract for Golf Clubhouse
 - i. Council Member Council Worwood expressed concern about the cost and benefits of the clubhouse. Mr. Worwood suggested focusing on the back nine expansion over the clubhouse. He talked to a resident who suggested exploring public-private partnerships for funding.
 - ii. Mr. Atkinson explained the benefits of having a design to get accurate estimates and clarified it would provide estimates for future decisions.
 - iii. Mr. Worwood shared concerns about using taxpayer dollars to pay for the golf course.
 - iv. Mr. Atkinson stated that getting the design would not obligate the city to build immediately but allow the city to evaluate and consider options.
 - v. Mayor Seely raised concerns about water drainage for the new nine-hole expansion.
 - vi. Mr. Atkinson suggested discussing this further in the next work session and having Mike Booth attend to address the concerns and discuss the design and funding options in detail.
3. Adjournment 9:00 pm

I, Leslee Anderson, Nephi City Recorder, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of the meeting held on November 18, 2025. This document constitutes the official minutes of the Nephi City Council Meeting.

Leslee Anderson