

NEPHI CITY COUNCIL MEETING April 7, 2026

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, April 7, 2026.

Those present were:

Mayor	Justin D. Seely
Council Member	Jeramie Callaway
Council Member	Shari Cowan
Council Member	Travis Worwood
Council Member	Tate Douglas
Council Member	JD Parady
City Administrator	Seth Atkinson

Guests: Myrna Trauntvein (Press), Donald W. Ball, Drake Underwood, Ryan Meyring, David Fletcher, Matthew Strong, John Harrison, Brandee Wing, Michael Wing, Kevin Jerman, Dana Hoyt, Chelsie Rios

The mayor welcomed everyone present and convened to regular session. 7:00 pm

PRAYER: Councilor Tate Douglas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Councilor JD Parady

Mayor Seely introduced a new tradition involving coins with the pledge of allegiance on them. He will give one to anyone who leads the pledge at City Council Meeting. Councilor Parady received the first coin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Shari Cowan made a motion to approve the consent agenda including Work Session/Council meeting minutes dated 3-10-2026; Work Session minutes dated 3-24-2026; Approval of Claims dated 4-3-2026; and burial rights for Annette Higbee (2 spaces), Karen S. Haney (4 spaces), and Terry Haney (4 spaces).
Councilor Parady seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY

Mayor Seely read the Arbor Day proclamation and designated April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in the city of Nephi. Mayor Seely paid tribute to Scott McKay, a community member who recently passed away. He described Scott's love for the planet and how on the last Arbor Day, Scott and his wife were present as trees were planted. Council Members also shared individual experiences, their respect for Scott McKay, and mentioned his community involvement and service. The mayor would like to honor Scott by setting aside a day to pick up litter, take a hike, or do a good deed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Matt Strong, Nephi resident, introduced himself and others present who have homes in the Winn Ridge Subdivision. He mentioned homeowners who had been displaced from their homes due to the instability and severe damage of the structures caused by settling issues. He came looking for help from the city. He stated if someone from the city looked at their homes, it would help them feel like the city cared.
- Ryan Meyring, Brandy Wing, Chelsie Rios, and John Harrison also addressed the council. They questioned why the meeting with the Condemnation Board was canceled three hours prior to the meeting. These homeowners expressed frustration with the delay in addressing their concerns and lack of communication from the city. One of the homeowners stated they are piecing their home to help correct issues. The residents stated they were not blaming the city but discussed the need for clear communication and collaboration with the city.
- The council and mayor stated they could not discuss the home undergoing the condemnation process because of attorney/client privilege. The council expressed their sympathy for the situation. The city administrator described the condemnation process and said that there is currently only one homeowner who has spoken to the city about that and they were not present. Each homeowner needed to talk to the city if interested in going through the condemnation process and needed a structural engineer report for their specific home.

NO PLANNING ITEMS

SUNRISE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Nephi City asked for assistance from Sunrise for various technical aspects relating to expanding the Canyon Hills Golf Course including storm drain issues and water sourcing for the back nine. These technical support services will be performed under the active Work Release 2019-1 for General Engineering Services. The memorandum serves to outline the approach to providing these services.

Councilor Tate Douglas made a motion to move forward with the memorandum from Sunrise Engineering. Councilor Jeramie Callaway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COUNCIL UPDATES

- Mr. Atkinson announced that the north side of the building had been xeriscaped to help conserve water. He also stated that the City Hall would be replacing carpet in the hall and council chambers on April 23 and 24.
- Ms. Cowan had received complaints concerning watering on school grounds. She realized the city does not maintain schools but discussed the need for better communication with schools and other organizations regarding the city's goals for water conservation. Mr. Atkinson declared the current city restriction is no watering between 10 am and 6 pm.
- Mr. Douglas suggested a day of service in memory of Scott McKay in conjunction with what would be his 70th birthday on May 22. He mentioned coordinating with Scott's wife Sharon.
- Mayor Seely discussed the 250 celebration. The city is working with the DUP. Lucinda, DUP representative, arranged to have the Ute Tribe involved. However, insurance coverage for the event was in question and would need to be resolved. Mayor mentioned Ruth Bonzo was attending the America 250 National Conference.
- Mayor will be ordering a new marker for the time capsule and then the city can start promoting the opening of the old time capsule.

- Mayor and Commissioner Painter discussed the possibility of mental health education for our community. They will be meeting with the director of Human Services to discuss opportunities and funding available to help educate the community.
- Mr. Callaway mentioned there are still two open alternative vacancies on the planning commission. He would like to get those filled quickly.
- Mr. Parady declared that Brady Jones will be transitioning out of the executive director's role for the Chamber of Commerce. Jodi Cox will fill that role to help with the transition. The board approved today to allow the Chamber to move from a president and executive director to a CEO that will operate jointly for the chamber. This process will happen on a future date.
- Mr. Parady has received emails from residents desiring a dog park to be incorporated into future park plans. Mr. Worwood stated there is an area across from Bar W that is being prepared for travelers with dogs.
- Mr. Worwood talked with senior citizens living in Nebo Heights who were frustrated by the sidewalks. In some areas weeds are taking over, and in other spots, trees prohibit walking on the sidewalk completely. This problem would be handled by the code enforcement officer.
- Mr. Worwood suggested changing the code to allow for eight-foot-high fences in residential areas and ten feet in industrial areas.
- Mayor Seely shared an America 250 coin with each person in attendance. The remaining coins will be sold in conjunction with the America 250 celebration.

Work Session

1. Lighting for City Facilities
 - a. Gerratt Bethers has received bids for a permanent lighting solution on the city building and the large and small boweries at the park.
 - b. The council approved of the idea of the permanent lighting, but after looking over the bids had additional questions. Seth will have Gerratt come to a future meeting to answer questions and provide information about the different options.
2. East Juab Water Conservancy District RFP (Request for Proposal)
 - a. Seth Atkinson and Kyle Marchant attended the East Juab Water Conservancy meeting. The interest in bringing water to Juab through the Central Utah Water Project was discussed. The district mentioned an RFP for a feasibility study and would like a financial contribution from local entities. Nephi's portion would be \$15,000.
 - b. The council discussed the urgency of the project and the support of Representative Troy Shelley to help acquire state funding.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED MEETING 8:53 pm

Councilor Shari Cowan made a motion to convene to closed meeting to discuss character and competence of an individual and litigation. Councilor Jeramie Callaway seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Jeramie Callaway	Yes
Shari Cowan	Yes
Tate Douglas	Yes
JD Parady	Yes
Travis Worwood	Yes

ADJOURN 9:30 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 April 7, 2026. This document constitutes the official minutes of the Nephi City Council Meeting.

Leslee Anderson