

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EPHRAIM CITY HALL  
5 SOUTH MAIN, EPHRAIM, UTAH  
**APRIL 15, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The Ephraim City Council Meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Larsen.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Larsen; Mayor, Dennis Nordfelt; Mayor Pro Tem, Anthony Beal, Loren Steck, Jack Dalene

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Katie Witt; City Manager, Candice Maudsley; City Recorder, Bryan Kimball; Community Development, Colby Zeeman; Police Chief, Jon Knudsen; Finance Director, Jeff Jensen; Public Works, Cory Daniels; Power Director

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Nordfelt.

The prayer was offered by Council Member Dalene.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Cameron Nielson:** Owner of Golden Skyline Assisted Living and Nelson Investments, addressed the City Council regarding fire inspection requirements for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. He expressed concerns that requiring carbon monoxide detectors may conflict with state law, which he stated does not allow cities to mandate such installations for landlords. As a potential solution, he offered to donate combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to assist businesses that may not meet inspection requirements.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Jones and Demille - Lower Canyon Pipeline Project Report

Garrick Wilden, along with Nick Gold of VanCon, provided an update on the Lower Canyon Pipeline Project. Work around existing buildings has been completed, and the pipeline extends

from the ropes course to Cottonwood Creek. The team reported challenges with pipe material selection, as ductile iron pipe could not be certified for the required 900 PSI, leading to the use of steel pipe with epoxy lining for durability and corrosion resistance. Additional delays occurred due to difficulties with internal coating at weld joints and epoxy application issues in smaller pipes, resulting in an approximate eight-week delay and pushing project completion to fall.

Despite delays, improvements to hydro facilities have been completed, and water is expected to return to the system in early May. The project includes extensive quality control measures, such as epoxy coating on the interior and exterior of pipes, cathodic protection, and weld testing using X-ray and magnetic particle methods, with no failures reported. The upgrades are intended to replace deteriorating infrastructure, improve system reliability, and support long-term water delivery without increasing pressure to residents. The team also noted that final installation, cleanup, and erosion control will be completed later in the year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A) APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**
- B) APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2026 MINUTES**

*Councilmember Nordfelt moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Beal. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

## **STUDY AGENDA**

### **STRATEGIC PLAN -ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

City Manager Katie Witt asked the Council for input on priorities and metrics for the City's economic development plan, focusing on downtown development, supporting existing businesses, encouraging new businesses, and improving communication. Staff reported progress on several initiatives, including applying for the Main Street Program and ordering America 250 banners, while noting that the Ephraim Square Plan and façade improvement grant program are still in development. A potential field trip to Vernal to review downtown revitalization efforts was also discussed.

Staff outlined ongoing efforts to support local businesses, including business spotlights in newsletters and social media, shop local campaigns, and development of a digital business directory. The City is also working with the Sanpete Chamber of Commerce through a Rural Communities Opportunity Grant to support an innovation center and quarterly markets at the Granary. Additional efforts include improving communication through business open houses and training on license renewals.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Dennis Nordfelt**

- **Scandinavian Festival:** Councilmember Nordfelt reported that meeting frequency for the Scandinavian Festival has increased and reported the pickleball tournament was canceled this year due to incomplete courts, with plans to hold one once construction is finished.

**Anthony Beal**

- Councilmember Beal shared that the Library Board is planning an appreciation event and reported that the Youth City Council’s Easter egg hunt was successful, with suggestions to align timing with neighboring communities and reuse collected eggs in the future. He also noted an upcoming cemetery cleanup.

**Loren Steck**

- Councilmember Steck reported contact with the Chamber of Commerce to offer support and coordination.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Councilmember Nordfelt moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section(s) 52-4-205, for the purpose of discussing the deployment of security devices or systems. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steck. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Councilmembers Nordfelt, Steck, Beal, and Dalene. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

*The Closed Meeting began at 7:48 p.m.*


*At 8:12 p.m. Councilmember Beal moved the Council adjourn the closed session and reopen the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nordfelt. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Nordfelt moved the Regular Council Meeting to adjourn at 8: 13p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steck. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.*

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, , 2026, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

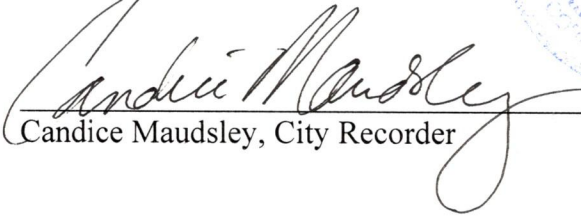
**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
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Chris Larsen, Mayor



6 MAY 26  
Date

**ATTEST:**

  
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Candice Maudsley, City Recorder

5-6-26  
Date