



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date:	August 5, 2026
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	City Hall Council Chambers, 5 S Main, Ephraim
Meeting Type:	Regular

Attendance

Official	Present	Absent
Mayor Chris Larsen	☒	☐
Councilmember Dennis Nordfelt	☐	☒
Councilmember Anthony Beal	☒	☐
Councilmember Loren Steck	☒	☐
Councilmember Jack Dalene	☒	☐
Councilmember Bud Powell	☒	☐

Call to Order

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Prayer given by Alister Wasden

Pledge led by Mara Funk

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the public comment period.

Jeff Nielson expressed concern regarding the condition of the City Park Cemetery, particularly areas of dead and deteriorating grass. He discussed his family's longstanding ties to Ephraim and raised concerns regarding perpetual care of the cemetery. Mr. Nielson presented photographs of the cemetery's current condition and encouraged the Mayor and Councilmembers to visit the cemetery and assess the conditions firsthand.

The Mayor explained that current conditions are related to the City's ongoing water conservation efforts during the current drought.

The Mayor closed the public comment period.



Presentations

Youth City Council Swearing-In

City Recorder Candice Maudsley administered the Oath of Office to the new Youth City Council members: Mara Funk, Alistair Wasden, Kaitlyn Kroll, Eli Peterson, Hadley Curtis, Madison Moulton, Kylie Hart, Catherine Seely, Caitlyn Merrill, Malia Evers, Marion Seely, Bridger Mason, Mallory Bahlmann, Nora Wood, Clara Hales, Jake Cornelson, Jessica Keisel, Rachel Beal, and Kimber Polluck.

Youth City Council advisors Juli Arnoldson and Bree reported on the program and a recently awarded \$11,000 grant. The funding will support Youth City Council activities, including Nightmare on Main, the Easter Egg Hunt, and DARE Week activities, as well as scholarship opportunities for participating students.

2027 Municipal Election and Draft Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

Heather Piper with Sanpete County reviewed the proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for administration of the 2027 Municipal Election. She discussed the responsibilities of the County and participating municipalities, including election notices, poll worker coordination, ballot handling, canvassing requirements, and other election administration duties. The estimated cost is \$4 per registered voter. The City will review the draft agreement with legal counsel before it is returned to the County.

John Everett – Sheep Project

John Everett reported on his sheep project and the experience he has gained through showing and caring for his sheep, including leadership and public speaking skills. He requested financial support similar to that provided by the City the previous year. The Council approved a \$200 contribution.

Badger Street Stroll

Brittany Cornelson with Snow College invited the City to participate in the Badger Street Stroll, an event intended to welcome new students and connect them with the college and surrounding community. She invited Councilmembers to attend and asked the City to consider hosting a booth at the event.

Consent Agenda

Approval of July 15, 2026 Minutes

Approval of Warrant Register

Councilmember Beal moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dalene. Upon roll call, Councilmembers, Dalene, Steck, Beal, and Powell voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Nordfelt was absent. The motion carried, 4–0.



Action Agenda

A. Subdivision Amendment – Sunrise Village on 7th: Consideration and Possible Approval of an Amendment to the Previously Approved Sunrise Village on 7th Subdivision to Convert the Remaining Units to Condominiums

The Council reconsidered the request to amend the previously approved Sunrise Village on 7th subdivision to allow the remaining apartment buildings to be converted to condominiums for individual ownership. Discussion included covered parking requirements and whether the amendment should be approved while the City is reviewing broader development standards. Jesse Chidester reviewed the Council's previous consideration of the request, reminding them that the prior vote was 2–1 with two Councilmembers absent.

Councilmember Steck moved to approve the Subdivision Amendment for Sunrise Village on 7th. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Beal. Upon roll call, Councilmembers Dalene, Steck, Beal, and Powell voted in favor. Councilmember Nordfelt was absent. The motion carried, 4–0.

B. Authorization for Mayor to Execute FAA Grant Documents

City Manager Katie Witt presented the request to authorize Mayor Larsen to execute Federal Aviation Administration grant documents associated with replacement of the AWOS system at the Sanpete County Regional Airport.

Councilmember Dalene moved to authorize Mayor Larsen to execute the FAA grant documents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Powell. The vote was unanimous among members present. The motion carried.

C. DC Fast Charging Station Project

Power Director Cory Daniels and City Manager Katie Witt reviewed options for installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Ephraim City. Cory explained the differences between Level 2 and Level 3/DC fast chargers, including charging speed, electrical requirements, installation costs, maintenance responsibilities, and potential revenue.

A Level 2 installation was estimated at approximately \$30,000–\$35,000, while a DC fast charging option was estimated at approximately \$80,000 including necessary infrastructure. Staff discussed a 40kW DC fast charger as a potential option capable of serving residents, college students, and travelers while providing significantly faster charging than Level 2 equipment.

Public Comment: Russell Merrill spoke in support of EV charging infrastructure and discussed his experience owning an electric vehicle. He also encouraged the City to investigate available grant opportunities and ensure that any selected equipment accommodates current and future charging standards.



The Council expressed general support for continuing to explore a DC fast charging option but did not take final action. Staff was directed to further evaluate costs, available grant funding, charging standards, and potential locations before returning the item for future consideration.

Reports

City Manager, Katie Witt

- Residents were encouraged to continue current water conservation efforts.
- Councilmembers were asked to notify staff if they plan to attend the upcoming ULCT conference.
- Staff recently held a stakeholder meeting regarding development standards during the moratorium. Proposed changes will continue through the Planning Commission and City Council review process, with an additional community open house anticipated once a more developed draft is available.
- The community survey is available on the City website, with a goal of receiving 1,000 responses.
- City Manager performance evaluations will be scheduled for September.

ADJOURNMENT

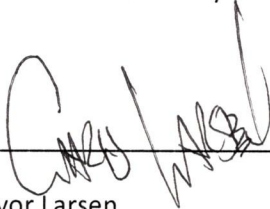
Councilmember Dalene moved to adjourn.

Second: Councilmember Powell.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

APPROVAL

Approved this 2nd day of September 2026.



Mayor Larsen

Attest:

City Recorder, Candice Maudsley