



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date:	August 19, 2026
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	City Hall Council Chambers, 5 S Main, Ephraim
Meeting Type:	TRUTH IN TAXATION AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Public Hearing

I. PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE (TRUTH IN TAXATION)

Mayor Larsen opened the Truth in Taxation public hearing at 7:02 p.m. The public hearing was held to receive public comment regarding Ephraim City's proposed property tax increase above the certified tax rate in accordance with Utah Code §59-2-919.

A. Staff Presentation - Proposed Property Tax Increase

Jon Knudsen, Budget Officer, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 property tax increase and the Property Tax Impact Schedule. It was stated that Ephraim City proposes to adopt a property tax rate of **0.001199**, which exceeds the City's certified tax rate, and that the proposed property tax rate is projected to generate approximately \$45,022 in additional ad valorem property tax revenue, excluding revenue attributable to new growth. The additional property tax revenue is proposed to be used for the following purposes:

- Fire Department equipment;
- Recreation skate park facility maintenance; and
- Canyon View and All Abilities Park infrastructure improvements and maintenance.



The Property Tax Impact Schedule was presented and made available for public review.

The combined ad compiled by the Sanpete County Auditor was presented at the public hearing and made available on the City's public website. No requests were made for printed copies.

B. Public Comment

Mayor Larsen opened the public comment portion of the Truth in Taxation hearing and invited interested people attending in person or electronically to provide comment regarding the proposed property tax increase.

No public comment was given in person or online.

Mayor Larsen closed the Truth in Taxation public hearing.

C. Resolution ECR 26-17 - Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Property Tax Rate

Councilmember Dalene moved to adopt Resolution ECR 26-17, adopting a property tax rate of 0.001199 for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 following completion of the Truth in Taxation process. Councilmember Beal seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

II. PUBLIC HEARING - FINAL FY 2026–2027 BUDGET

Mayor Larsen opened the public hearing regarding the Final Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget at 7:13 p.m.

A. Staff Presentation – Final Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget

Jon Knudsen, Budget Officer, reviewed the Final Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget. Mr. Knudsen explained that the Final Budget was substantially unchanged from the Interim Budget previously adopted by the City Council, with the primary change being the finalization of the property tax revenue and tax rate following completion of the Truth in Taxation process.

B. Public Comment

Mayor Larsen invited interested persons attending in person or electronically to provide public comment regarding the Final Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget.

No public comment was given in person or online.

Mayor Larsen closed the Final Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget public hearing.

C. Resolution ECR 26-18 - Final Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget

Councilmember Steck moved to adopt Resolution ECR 26-18 adopting the Final Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget as presented. Councilmember Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.



ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Powell moved to adjourn.

Second: Councilmember Dalene.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL

Approved this 16th day of September 2026.

Mayor Larsen

Attest:

City Recorder, Candice Maudsley

