

NEPHI CITY
COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2015

The Nephi City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 21 East 100 North at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Those present were:

Mayor	Mark R. Jones
Council Member	Wade M. Gee
Council Member	Kent B. Park
Council Member	Greg Rowley
Council Member	Justin D. Seely
City Administrator	J. Randy McKnight
City Attorney	Kasey L. Wright
City Recorder	Lisa E. Brough

Guests: Myrna Trauntvein, (press), Donald W. Ball, Nathan Memmott, Chet Ludlow, Steve Clark, Lauri Clark, Debbie Zirbes

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed all present, and Council Member Rowley offered the invocation.

The minutes of the council meeting held on September 15, 2015 were presented for approval. Council Member Gee made the motion that the minutes for the September 15, 2015 city council meeting be approved as written; Council Member Seely seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

Mr. Steve Clark, representing CentraCom, gave an update about his company’s activities and services. He stated that CentraCom originated in Fairview, Utah in 1903 and that in 2011 they bought the cable TV system in Nephi from Comcast and now holds the franchise in Nephi for wired cable television services. They pay a franchise fee to Nephi City to use city rights-of-way for the infrastructure that distributes cable television signal to customers in town. In addition, the company provides telecommunication services statewide. Mr. Clark thanked the council and Mayor for their cooperation in working together and left the council and Mayor informational brochures.

Mr. Chet Ludlow, a licensed clinical social worker with Central Utah Counseling Center in Nephi, gave a presentation on suicide prevention and awareness. He cited statistics that showed that suicide is the leading cause of death among ages 12 to 49 in Utah. He said that rural states have a higher rate of suicide because of their access to more lethal means. Mr. Ludlow provided a handout listing local services and hotlines that are available to help people that are at risk for suicide.

Ms. Debbie Zirbes, chair of the holiday light parade committee reported on the committee’s plans for this year’s parade. The parade will be held Saturday, November 28, 2015 and the theme will be “A Story Book Christmas”. She presented a budget proposal of \$1902.70 and suggested decreasing the prize money by \$500.00 making the total prize money \$1000.00 instead of \$1500.00.

Mayor Jones read an article published in the October 4th Desert News entitled: "The cost of doing nothing on sales tax increase. Mayor Jones agreed with the stand taken in the article to approve the sales tax increase in Juab County and to vote yes on Proposition 1 in the upcoming election.

City Administrator, J. Randy McKnight reviewed with the council some utility billing cycle improvements. The utility bills are currently billed two months behind, and it is the desire of the city staff to catch up the billing over an extended period starting with next month's billing.

Mr. McKnight updated the council on the downtown improvement project and said that the city had received permission from UDOT to begin the design stage of the project.

Council Member Rowley informed those present that there will be a fire station open house on October 12th from 6-8 p.m.

Council Member Gee reviewed a business license application and then made the motion to approve a business license for Mi Jaliscience 220 N. Main Street. Council Member Park seconded the motion. Voting on the motion to approve the business license was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Gee made the motion to sell two burial rights in the Vine Bluff Cemetery to Norma Tolley. Council Member Rowley seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous in favor.

A list of claims against the city was presented on the warrant register. Council Member Seely made the motion to pay claims #16-472 thru #16-612 with funds appropriated. Council Member Gee seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous in favor of paying the claims.

Council Member Rowley made the motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss personnel matters and property acquisition and disposal. Council Member Gee seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous vote.

The council meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and Mayor Jones reconvened the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The council discussed candidates for seasonal work. Council Member Park made the motion to hire Mark Oveson as a seasonal employee in the parks and cemeteries. Council Member Seely seconded the motion. Voting on the motion was unanimous in favor of the hiring.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Gee and seconded by Council Member Seely. Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:34.

MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY RECORDER