

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR EPHRAIM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EPHRAIM CITY BUILDING
5 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013
7:00 PM**

The Ephraim City Council convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Parrish, Mayor
Don Olson, Mayor Pro Tem
Tyler Alder
John Scott
Richard Squire

STAFF PRESENT

Regan Bolli, City Manager
Bryan Kimball, City Planner
Leigh Ann Warnock, City Recorder
Ron Rasmussen, Police Chief

MEMBERS EXCUSED

STAFF EXCUSED

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

See attached.

WORK SESSION 6:15 PM

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register and Agenda for the regular Council Meeting.

ECR 13-06

The Council previously approved a bond resolution for three city projects; the water line on Center Street, a water rights purchase, and the building of a well. This resolution outlines the first phase, going out to bond for \$1,217,000, which will be used for the water rights/land purchase, and the water line. There are approximately 55 acres of land coming with this water purchase.

DEWEY ANNEXATION

The property to be annexed is a potential issue because of the existing peninsula that will be enlarged after annexation. Instead of creating an unincorporated island, it may create an unincorporated peninsula. Original dimensions could be cut back so the peninsula is not an issue.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Olson moved the work meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

GENERAL SESSION

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Scott offered an opening prayer. A local scout led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council reviewed the minutes of the March 20, 2013 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Olson moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Alder, Olson, Scott, and Squire. Councilmember Lund was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Council reviewed the Warrant Register of April 2, 2013.

Councilmember Scott moved to approve the warrant register of April 2, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Squire. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Alder, Olson, Scott, and Squire. Councilmember Lund was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Abraham Hundepool commented he was impressed with the newsletter’s “New Businesses” article.

Mr. Hundepool asked about plans for mosquito abatement/education. Mayor Parrish acknowledged it had not been talked about yet this spring, but that there are no plans for mosquito abatement education. The Council will decide at the next meeting whether they will be doing mosquito abatement for this year. Councilmember Scott suggested putting tips for personal mosquito abatement in the newsletter.

ADOPTION OF ECR 13-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER REVENUE BONDS

The parameters resolution which was passed at the last Council Meeting outlined three projects that will be funded with this money; the purchase of water rights, the new water line on Center Street, and the construction of a new well. This resolution approves the issuance of the bonds in the amount of \$1,217,000 for the first phase covering the water line project and the purchase of water rights. The water rights come with 55 acres of land.

Councilmember Olson moved to approve ECR 13-06, a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Confirming the Sale of a Water Revenue Bond in the Amount of \$1,217,000 for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Finance the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Improving, Extending and Maintaining the Culinary Water System, and Related Matters. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Alder, Olson, Scott, and Squire. Councilmember Lund was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

YOUTH CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Abigail Olsen reported the Youth City Council went to Logan in March to attend an event held for Councils all over the state. They also helped the Lion’s Club with their Easter egg hunt on Saturday. There are many upcoming events they are working on. They will help with the Jr. Olympics at the elementary school, and will clean the cabins at the Pioneer Park. They will also help with the Scandinavian Fun Run. The YCC has started trying to recruit new members for next year. Councilmember Scott added they will help with Ephraim City Days this summer.

Mayor Parrish challenged Mayor Olsen to come to the next Council Meeting with a response to what they think the City Council can do help them and suggestions for what they think the Council can do better, as well as any other suggestions for the City.

ANNEXATION PETITION APPROVAL

Chad Dewey approached the Council regarding annexation of his property. Since the last time this has been brought to the Council there has been an adjustment in the boundaries of the property that has been purchased.

There is currently an existing unincorporated peninsula that juts into city boundaries that would be made larger by this annexation. Staff spent quite a bit of time on the phone to the State and County regarding how this would affect the City. Bryan Kimball looked up State Code and found that the wording states a new annexation “will not leave or create a peninsula.” Regan commented the peninsula will still be left there whether or not the property is annexed. Staff recommends annexing as much as can be annexed that still complies with the law. Where there is potential for interpretation of that law, conversations have been held with the State Surveyor and the Lt. Governor’s office. They both said they would approve it as currently drawn with the peninsula. It doesn’t solve the problem of eliminating the peninsula, but nothing we do would solve that problem short of forcing annexation with a resistant land owner.

Councilmember Squire moved to accept the petition for annexation as presented to the County 14 days ago. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scott. A roll call vote was taken: voting “yes” Councilmembers Alder, Olson, Scott, and Squire. Councilmember Lund was absent. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

John Scott

Monument—the monument that was promised to the City by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is in the process of being completed and will stand near the new Stake Center. It is going to be very nice and will be ready in time for Scandinavian Days. Roger Baker designed the plaques for the monument, which were purchased by the City; the Church is paying for the monument itself. Regan commented he obtained a grant to pay for half of the City's cost.

Don Olson

Main Street Beautification—Regan had a meeting with UDOT and they want a start date in the second week of June and plan to have the project substantially completed by Mid-August.

Tyler Alder

Rec Board—The Board would like to conduct an all-night softball tournament as a fundraiser for the splash pad during the first or second weekend in June. This was brought up as an idea when they found out nobody was going to do the Sanpete Gives Back Tournament. People really enjoy the all-night tournament and teams are ready to play. The Splash Pad would be a good recipient for the fund raiser.

Regan Bolli

Economic Development—letters are going out to all business owners in town with a link which will allow them to fill out a survey online to find out what the City can do better for supporting growth from within.

Regan met with the Economic Development Agency yesterday, and today met with Economic Development in Richfield. "It is easy to say we need to recruit businesses, but it is a lot harder to know what has to happen and how to do that. We now have data to tell us who would be successful in what kinds of communities."

Regan toured the city with a company from Tennessee that would like to locate here. They have toured several places. They need a building with approximately 50,000 square feet and would probably look at the Auto Meter building as a potential location. It is not a done deal, but Ephraim is number one on their list of locations.

Airport—Tomorrow Regan will meet with CIB on the City's request for funding for the airport projects. "It is a tough climate for grants, but we have a good application. If money's available, we have a good shot at it." The installation of the AWOS is underway right now.

Mayor Parrish

Gunnison—Mayor Parrish would like Ephraim to participate in a program similar to one Gunnison City has implemented that would encourage citizens to buy locally rather than doing all their shopping on the Wasatch Front. He would like to have a special meeting to talk with the people who can help with this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Keisel, a Crossing Guard at the elementary school, expressed his concern regarding the dangers to the children crossing the street to get to school. He feels crossing pedestrian lights are essential along with additional signage on that road. He commented the Council will continue hearing from him until something is done to make this road safer for the children. Regan commented UDOT has control over traffic signals and there are many requirements to put flashing lights on the road. Mayor Parrish promised to look into the situation and see what can be done.

Councilmember Squire moved to go into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Utah State Code, Section 52-4-205(a), for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Councilmember Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council for consideration, Councilmember Olson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Squire. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 17, 2013, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Ephraim City Council room.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Date