

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
February 7, 2018 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present:

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut-absent
Council Member David Harris
Council Member Jolene Lee
Council Member Dave Owens
Council Member Katherine Ross
Council Member Shawn Stoor-absent

Staff present:

Julie Watson, Recorder
Ashley Horton, Treasurer
Justin Wayment, Atty.-absent
Robert Dotson, City Mgr.
Jackson Ames, PD Chief
Earl Gibson, PW Dir.-absent

Public present: Jessica and David Christopher, Franklin Tilley, Angela Ames, Dilworth Armstrong

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-By Council Member Harris at 6:00pm. He excused the Mayor Chesnut and Council Member Stoor.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-**Led by Ashley Horton
- b. **Invocation-**Audience invited to participate-Given by Council Member Ross
- c. **Inspirational thought-**Given by Council Member Ross
- d. **Approval of Agenda for February 7, 2018-Council Member Owens made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Approval of Minutes for January 17, 2018-Council Member Owens made motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor.**
- f. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-**none stated

2. APPOINT MAYOR PRO-TEM

Council Member Harris said the reason for this is to have someone to conduct the meeting when the Mayor is unavailable. **Council Member Owens made a motion to appoint Council Member Lee as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ross.**

Council Member Lee said she thought the position should go to the longest serving member of the City Council to do this. There was no vote in favor of Council Member Owen's first motion so the motion died.

Council Member Owens made a motion to appoint Council Member Stoor as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and all voted in favor.

3. DISCUSS/VOTE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER WATER LINE

Council Member Harris said we have talked about getting the water line to the new shelter and dog park. Ashley said they have three bids which range from \$37,000 to \$40,000 for the pipe. The City public works crew will install it. This is not a normal process for us to bring this to a public meeting but we felt we should because of closeness of the bids. The \$40,000 was bid by Southwest Plumbing, \$38,000 was bid by Peterson Plumbing and \$37,000 was bid by Scholzen. You can buy from a local vendor or from out of town. Council Member Harris said

traditionally we buy from lowest bidder but we don't have to. City Manager Dotson said he likes going with local companies. Council Member Owens agreed on a local bidder. Peterson Plumbing is local however Southwest Plumbing has three employees who live here in Enoch. City Manager Dotson said he does not make that decision and wanted the City Council to make the choice. Ashley said she is in favor of taking the lowest bid because this is the City's money. Council Member Harris said he thinks citizens would prefer a local choice when bids are close. Council Member Harris asked if Southwest Plumbing would match the lower bid and City Manager Dotson said we don't do that. He thinks it is a bit unethical. Council Member Lee said she appreciates Ashley's point of view as that is her job. She also agrees with buying local when bids are close. Council Member Ross said where Peterson Plumbing and Southwest Plumbing are both local she would lean to Peterson's bid who is lower at \$38,000. Council Member Lee asked her why she has that opinion. Council Member Ross said it is a \$2,000 difference and they both have stores in Cedar City. We should defer to the lower of the two local bids. **Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the Southwest Plumbing bid for the water line pipe. The motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and all voted in favor except Council Member Ross who was opposed.**

Ashley said when we discussed this before we talked about using the excess funds we have in capital expenses but it could come out of the water fund also. It would be better to use capital improvement funds because we have extra money there. Using the Water Fund would require opening the budget, holding a public hearing to move the funds which they don't have in the Water Fund. We said we would bring this to the attention of the City Council to take funds from capital expenses for the animal shelter so the Council is being made aware of this tonight. The money is in the budget already in capital funds. The City Council gave their consensus to use capital funds but no motion was needed.

4. DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON THE "LITTLE TRUST PROPERTY AGREEMENT"

Council Member Harris asked City Manager Dotson to tell them about this. City Manager Dotson said this is in regard to the payments Yesco Sign Company makes for the billboard signs on I-15. That property is now owned by the Little Trust however the City did own it at one time. We have come to an agreement with the Little Trust and then discussed it with our City Attorney to finalize it. We sent the agreement back to the Little's attorney and have not have gotten it back yet. We thought we would have the agreement by now so we put it on agenda. This is a good resolution to a problem that dates back to 2005. No action was taken and the item will be added to the next agenda if the agreement is received from the Little's attorney.

5. CLOSE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND GO INTO ENOCH CITY CDRA MEETING

Council Member Harris asked for motion to close the regular meeting and go into the CDRA meeting. **Council Member Owens so moved. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and all voted in favor.** The regular meeting adjourned to the CDRA meeting at 6:20 pm.

6. REOPEN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council returned to the regular meeting at 6:35.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS- none.

8. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

Chief Ames said he appreciated the Saturday orientation meeting and hope everyone learned a lot. Also he wanted them to be aware that Chris and Sasha are at the annual meeting in of the Animal Control Officers Conference in St. George. In a couple of weeks Utah Peace Officers multi gun competition will take place. They are up to 160 attendees this year and it is one of the biggest gatherings in nation for law enforcement shooting. It is in Washington County. Jeremy has spear headed this and has been match director for five years. This is a good opportunity to use the weapons they carry on duty in a competitive arena and associate with other law enforcement officers. In terms of law enforcement, EMS and fire fighters they are working more closely throughout the County for training for what we hope to never have like active shooter or a mass disaster. They are starting to train every month as agencies in various scenarios. Also our crossing guard is no longer with us and Lynn has taken that duty back.

Ashley Horton reported we got our sewer bond refinance finished yesterday. We will pay the sewer bond off four years sooner and save approximately \$90,000. Also we paid off other sewer bond with impact fees. Our Workers Comp rate went down.

City Manager Dotson reported today he, Chief and Earl went out to new shelter/dog park area. It is marked, staked and measured. The dog park was moved to the NE corner of the property due to road access to get there. We are waiting for a meeting with the County Commission to get the prairie dog “takes” to start the road and water line. The new culinary well electrical work will be done soon and Rocky Mountain Power is nearly done so finally we can get the well online and pumping water.

Council Member Ross said she appreciated the Saturday meeting and learned a lot. Her goal is to learn this year and to have goals set next year.

Council Member Harris the Planning Commission is still working on the list of CUP's.

Council Member Lee said she attended a meeting today. She asked City Manager Dotson to tell the Council what it was. It was the Iron County Rural Planning Organization (ICRPO) which has two different organizations within it. He explained transportation planning. Council Member Lee went to the RTAC meeting made up of staff from all county governments and Five County who runs it. They come up with basically our different projects or things that are important in transportation. Afterwards they had a kickoff to the Cedar Valley belt route transportation study. They hired Horrocks Engineering to do the study of the new belt route which will come around the north end of Enoch. There have been lots of lawsuits slowing down coal mining trucks which would use the belt route to get to Passport 15 to the rail hub. They have predicted a truck every ten minutes. The study will include Enoch's needs because of our emphasis in a letter we sent to them last year. We need this belt route for our citizens to use to get into the Cedar area reducing congestion on Midvalley Road and Hwy. 91. There are other options for sites but we have weighed in with our letter. We will meet with Horrocks Engineering more on this. Council Member Lee added she understands the dynamics have changed and Enoch is at the table and that is a real plus. She gave kudos to City Manager Dotson for that. This affects our community exponentially and now we are being heard in this discussion. Earl will attend another meeting tomorrow to model transportation and traffic. Council Member Lee added we need to plan for 50 years from now. We have to have a plan to have something to work with.

Council Member Owens thanked them for going to that meeting today. He reported the EDC meets tomorrow. They are going out to businesses and have created a dialog with business owners. They show the benefits our community has like grants and other funding because we are a smaller rural entity. They did have a great conversation with a person thinking about expanding his business and ideas started flowing with a chance of funding. They are working on an interactive map for the City website. Eventually it will connect those looking for services to the business that provides that service. Tomorrow they will be discussing another planned mailing to be sent out and they are creating a promotional video.

Julie Watson reported there will be an address change ordinance on the next agenda in addition to any other business that comes in.

City Manager Dotson added he wanted to introduce Franklin Tilley, a new resident of Enoch. He has extensive experience with emergency management. He has offered his services to Enoch and he will represent us at the preparedness fair. Mr. Tilley said he and his wife just moved here. He has history with government and retired from CA services taking care of facilities. He worked on floods, earthquakes, fires, etc. and was also a federal grant administrator. He was thanked for his willingness to help.

9. **CLOSED MEETING REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, IMMINENT LITIGATION OR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**-(Requires a roll call vote w 2/3 majority)

Council Member Owens made a motion to go into a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Council Member Harris-Yes	Council Member Stoor-Absent
Council Member Ross-Yes	Council Member Owens-Yes
Council Member Lee-Yes	Motion passed

10. **ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING**-None
11. **ADJOURN**-The regular meeting ended at 7:00pm.

Julie Watson, Recorder **Date**