

Erda City Council Minutes

12/05/2023 – 7:00 pm

Erda City Fire Station - City Office

1. Call to Order 7:00PM
2. Roll Call
 - a. Terry Miner, Jess Bird, Craig Smith, Scott Droubay
 - b. Jennifer Poole- City Recorder
 - c. Kael Martin-Absent (Excused)
3. Pledge
 - a. Terry Miner led the pledge of allegiance
4. Public Comment
 - a. Kalister- I volunteer at the Tooele County Animal shelter. I want to consolidate our efforts to one large regional animal shelter. Large more efficient animal shelter for all of Tooele County. I am in the process of talking about this with each city. The county is growing quickly and the system is overwhelmed. The number of stray and abandoned animals is skyrocketing. We need new and more sustainable options. Tooele City shelter is chronically full, understaffed, and underfunded. We would like to regionalize and centralize the efforts. We want to make it so that it would keep up with the growing population of our county. We feel if we pool our resources we can provide a much better option for our county.
 - b. Scott- How many animals do they have where do most come from? How many animals do you think we need to house with the right facility?
 - c. Kalister-I know the Tooele City shelter has 20 kennels for dogs for all types. The county has 6 and Grantsville 6. I think that we would need 50 to keep up. Right now an animal goes to Dr. Roundy's office, the county uses them. It's a problem that's getting bigger and we need to focus on a solution.
 - d. Scott- What would it cost?
 - e. Kalister- A fully functioning office would cost 8 million.
 - f. Scott- How long do you keep an animal at a shelter?
 - g. Kalister- A stray is kept for 5 days, if an owner does not come forward then they are evaluated for adoption or rescues.
 - h. Craig-Moved to close public comment, Scott seconded the motion
 - i. Voting was unanimous to close the public comment
 - j. **Public Comment Closed**

5. Canvass the Returns from the Municipal General Election 2023
 - a. Jennifer- Read the Canvass Report from Tooele County, Stating the voting results from each precinct.
 - b. Craig- Moved to certify the elections canvass, Scott seconded the motion
 - c. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Terry-Yes, Jess-Yes, Craig-Yes, Scott-Yes**
 - d. **2023 General Election Canvass CERTIFIED 4-0**
6. **Proposed Ordinance 23-13** Adding Erda Code Section 1-4-2 Ethics Pledge/Statement
 - a. Jess- If we adopt this ordinance, everyone elected or that works for the City of Erda would have to read and sign an Ethics form pledging to abide by the code of ethics. Read the "Pledge of Ethics".
 - b. Jess-Moved to adopt Ordinance 23-13, Scott seconded the motion
 - c. **ROLL CALL: Terry -Yes, Jess-Yes, Craig-Yes, Scott-Yes**
 - d. **Ordinance 23-13 PASSED 4-0**
7. **Community Development Block Grant:** This grant money must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons. The Wasatch Front Regional Council, in which Erda City is a member, is expecting to receive approximately 1 Million dollars. All eligible activities that can be accomplished under this program are identified in the CDBG Application Policies and Procedures Manual and interested persons can review it any time.
 - a. Jenn- The purpose of this grant is to help smaller communities build or repair their infrastructure.
 - i. Open Public Hearing
 - ii. Craig moved to open public hearing,
 - a. Michale Jensen- My mind popped to Bates Canyon where we have a new jr high, and high school there. There are extremely limited safe walkways for kids. It makes me think of the cross country and track team as they run by my house. I cringe that they cross the highway 2 times a day to get there. But I really cringe at the thought of taking tax dollars to help Excelsior and not consider other options. Bates Canyons is equally as bad and is going to get worse with that Jr. High. I would encourage real thought with that going forward. If we are looking at ways utilizing our tax dollars are we really thinking through developments, what we ask of developers as they come in. Are we asking schools as they come in to do what is needed to mitigate the impact? Terry brings up buying land, my mind goes to space for parks. You want to talk about low to moderate income, parks would help them the most. Can that grant be used to buy land for parks?
 - b. Kalister For a county shelter, I am seeking the city's support for a county shelter. I am not sure if the grant could be used for a project like that. I think finding ways to use that grant for future public uses.
 - iii. Close Public Hearing

- a. Craig moved to close the public hearing, Scott seconded the motion
- b. Voting was unanimous to close the public hearing
- c. **Public Hearing Closed**

8. Council Representative Reports

- a. Craig- In talking with SPID it has come to their attention with the continued growth in the valley if they let people hook up to their system it is going to be overwhelmed. So they are going to downsize the line sizes and not serve anywhere else in Erda at this time. So there will be a change in the water and sewer lines going to serve Oquirrh Point. They will be smaller than envisioned.

9. Comments from Council Members

- a. Scott- Terry and I went to the inland port authority meeting. There was an opportunity to give public input but not really. I don't think there was much give on where they might put it.
- b. Terry- The Twenty wells and Tooele Valley ones were approved. They also talked about getting that midvalley highway moved forward into the funding stage, not the "ideas" stage.
- c. Scott- They did say that UDOT was amenable to doing phase 3 before stage 2. Which is the Tooele to 1000 north portion.

10. Adjournment

- a. Craig moved to adjourn the meeting, Jess seconded the motion.
- b. Voting was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.
- c. **Meeting adjourned.**

Note: these minutes represent a summary of the meeting and are not intended to be verbatim.

Prepared by: Jennifer Poole, Erda City Recorder

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Council this 28th day of December, 2023.

ERDA



Jess Bird, Chair

ATTEST:



Jennifer Poole, City Recorder