

**MINUTES**  
**ENOCH CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 15, 2026 at 6:00pm**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Mayor Jim Rushton**  
**Council Member David Harris**  
**Council Member Shawn Stoor**  
**Council Member Debra Ley**  
**Council Member Kimberlee Trower**  
**Council Member Jacob Miner**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Ryan Robinson, City Manager**  
**Ashley Horton, Treasurer**  
**Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder**  
**Jackson Ames, Police Chief**  
**Hayden White, P. Works Director**

**Public Present:** Delaine Finlay and Jonathan Wilson

- 1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** by Mayor Rushton
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance-** Led by Council Member Trower
  - b. Invocation (2 min.)-Audience invited to participate-** Given by Council Member Harris
  - c. Inspirational thought-** Given by Council Member Ley
  - d. Approval of Agenda for April 15, 2026-** Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Stoor seconded and all voted in favor.
  - e. Approval of Minutes for April 1, 2026 –** Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Stoor seconded and all voted in favor.
  - f. Ratification of Expenditures-** Council Member Harris made a motion to ratify the expenditures for the month. Council Member Stoor seconded and all voted in favor.
  - g. Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-** There were none

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04-15-A, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 12.2800.2804 - DESIGN STANDARDS AND 12.2300.2304 - RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF THE CODE OF REVISED ORDINANCES OF ENOCH CITY**

Council Member Harris began by stating the proposed changes made sense and asked the Planning Commission's position. City Manager Robinson reported the Commission had met the previous night and, as Council Member Trower confirmed, had reviewed the ordinance and forwarded a favorable recommendation. Trower asked if this was the ordinance about adding a third access point, and Robinson explained the proposal would add exception language allowing the city engineer to recommend alternatives, with potential approval by council, the planning commission, or appropriate staff, to provide flexibility when wider streets, traffic-calming, or other design measures made a third access unnecessary. Trower noted UDOT often restricted new access onto high-speed roads and said flexible language was

practical. Harris agreed in principle but raised concerns about very large developments (e.g., 350 stalls) with only two access points and suggested size limits or additional access when warranted. Robinson clarified the ordinance amended two code sections (single-family subdivisions and RV parks) and set access thresholds (up to 80 lots would have two accesses; 81–200 lots would have three accesses; over 400 lots, the engineer review for additional accesses), while noting the city engineer could determine exceptions based on layout and safety. The mayor and council debated whether engineer recommendations should require council review. Most members expressed comfort delegating routine authority to the city engineer but agreed council review could be retained for significant cases, and they insisted the city engineer, rather than private engineers, be specified. Members raised safety and traffic concerns, cited local examples (Pinion Springs, KOA), and discussed boundaries and potential freeway access. Harris affirmed he supported three required accesses for subdivisions over 200 lots with the engineer able to require a fourth if necessary, and he was comfortable allowing engineer-reviewed exceptions for RV parks over 200 spaces. The council discussed wording and safety implications and ultimately reached consensus on the ordinance language.

**Council Member Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-04-15-A, an ordinance amending sections 12.2800.2804 - Design Standards and 12.2300.2304 - Recreational Vehicle Park Development Standards of the Code of Revised Ordinances of Enoch City. RV parks will allow for the flexibility of the City Engineer to approve exceptions based on safety and traffic patterns. Residential language will remain the same. Council Member Trower seconded and a roll call vote was held as follow:**

**Council Member Stoor: Yes**

**Council Member Harris: Yes**

**Council Member Ley: No**

**Council Member Trower: Yes**

**Council Member Miner: Yes**

**4. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04-15-B, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ENOCH CITY ENGINEERING STANDARDS BY ADDING SECTION 3.7 - SECONDARY WATER DESIGN STANDARDS**

City staff presented proposed secondary water design standards and explained the need to codify previously informal requirements. Public Works Director Hayden White reviewed the draft ordinance, stating secondary mains would have an eight-inch minimum diameter and side lines a six-inch minimum, and that these standards would give staff clear, enforceable guidelines when working with developers. White confirmed the ordinance addressed only secondary systems (culinary standards already existed), explained that secondary mains were smaller than culinary mains, and noted the water impact fee analysis had accounted for the secondary system. He clarified developers would be required to install the secondary main to the water meter but not necessarily individual sprinkler systems; properties using xeriscaping would not be required to connect, while encouraged drip systems should be tied to the irrigation line rather than culinary water. White also advised the standards included a 20 PSI minimum to avoid booster pumps and reduce infrastructure needs, and that inspections were used to prevent cross-connections between potable and secondary systems. He reported a recent secondary line break had been repaired without overtime and confirmed new homes received separate meters for each system (bulk meters remained shared), noting meter costs had risen and an updated fee schedule would be forthcoming.

Council members discussed benefits and challenges, with Mayor Rushton and Council Member Harris highlighting that using non-potable well water for irrigation reduced pressure on culinary supplies. Trower and others urged focus on getting older, high-usage properties connected and noted new construction already followed conservation requirements

(xeriscaping). Ley raised concerns about inequities between older large-lot water rights and newer smaller-lot developments and questioned long-term water sustainability amid continued growth. The council acknowledged the broader regional water policy issues but agreed the proposed standards were reasonable and would help manage secondary water infrastructure moving forward.

**Council Member Harris made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-04-15-B amending the Enoch City Engineering Standards by adding Section 3.7 - Secondary Water Design Standards. Council Member Trower seconded and a roll call voted was held as follows:**

<b>Council Member Stoor: Yes</b>	<b>Council Member Harris: Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Ley: Yes</b>	<b>Council Member Trower: Yes</b>
<b>Council Member Miner: Yes</b>	

**5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-15, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CEDAR VALLEY WATER FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Council Member Trower explained that the item was a request from the Water Conservancy District, which hosted a water festival every year. She indicated that the district wanted to invite both Enoch City and Cedar City to participate in the festival. Because they were a non-profit organization, the standard \$50 booth fee would be waived for the cities. She noted that the cities could set up a booth, simply attend, or become a sponsor of the event.

Council Member Harris recalled that Enoch had participated in the festival before. He noted that the biggest challenge had been finding people to staff the booth representing Enoch City. He reminisced about a previous year when they had displayed a model of a drainage system, he believed it was designed by Brad Kidman, which was very impressive, but no one had been available at the booth to explain it to visitors. Despite that limitation, he felt the display had been worthwhile.

Council Member Trower elaborated on the festival, noting that the Water Conservancy District had recently attended a regional water meeting that day. She indicated that Enoch had not been heavily involved in the past because Cedar City had been difficult to work with, and much of the focus had been on Cedar City's participation. However, she felt that the relationship between Enoch and Cedar City was strengthening, and she was optimistic about regionalizing the water system. She expressed enthusiasm about how the cities could work together on water-related initiatives.

Council Member Miner spoke about the importance of public education regarding water issues. He reflected on how much he had learned in just a few months as a council member and emphasized that getting accurate information to the public was critical to encouraging participation. He noted that as members of the Water Conservancy District, the city should sponsor the festival to support public education. He pointed out that many misconceptions existed, such as the belief that a subdivision used more water than a farmer, when in reality watering a hay field required significantly more water. He felt that educating the public about these realities was essential and that the city needed to participate in the festival.

Mayor Rushton asked if anyone knew what the city had contributed in past years. Council Member Harris confirmed that the city had maintained a booth in previous years but was unsure of the exact sponsorship amount.

Council Member Trower presented the different sponsorship levels available: \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1,000. She added with humor that they would accept \$10 if that was all the city could afford.

Council Member Harris suggested that the city should sponsor at least at the \$250 level, believing they could find that amount in the budget.

Council Member Miner acknowledged that he did not know what the budget allowed and wondered what Cedar City planned to sponsor. Council Member Trower admitted she had not yet approached Cedar City but planned to do so.

Council Member Miner stated that personally, based on what he had learned about water issues and the importance of public education, he would not have a problem with the \$1,000 sponsorship level. He agreed with at least a \$250 level but emphasized that, given the critical nature of water education, he felt the city should support the festival as strongly as possible. He asked if the budget could accommodate \$1,000.

Ashley Horton responded that the city did not have a dedicated line item in the budget specifically for sponsorship expenditures, but if the council deemed it appropriate, they could certainly review the budget and identify funds somewhere. She was confident they could accommodate the request if that was the council's direction.

Council Member Trower continued describing the festival, noting that it was free for adults and was promoted as a family-friendly event that was particularly appealing to young families. She requested that information about the festival be included in the city newsletter to help promote it and encourage attendance. The festival was to be held at Main Street Park.

He noted that the band would be performing outdoors on the lawn near Hermie's area, which was where they had performed in previous years. The council discussed the sponsorship amount, with various members weighing in on whether \$250, 500, or \$1,000 would be the most appropriate. Mayor Rushton suggested that \$500 might be a good middle ground. Council Member Ley indicated she would be more comfortable with \$500.

Before making a motion, Council Member Harris addressed a potential conflict of interest. He noted that he served as chairman of the Water Conservancy District but had no financial interest in the sponsorship. City Attorney Wayment advised that Council Member Harris should announce his position with the conservancy district and then confirm that he did not feel it would affect his ability to vote with an open mind. Wayment noted that since the \$500 would not go into Harris's pocket or provide him any personal financial benefit, he could participate in the vote after making the disclosure.

Council Member Harris emphasized that the sponsorship would certainly not benefit him personally and that the issue was about transparency more than anything else.

**Council Member Harris then made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2026-04-15 to approve Cedar Valley Water Festival sponsorship opportunities with a sponsorship amount of \$500. Council Member Miner seconded and a roll call vote was held as follows:**

**Council Member Stoor: Yes**

**Council Member Harris: Yes**

**Council Member Ley: Yes**

**Council Member Trower: Yes**

**Council Member Miner: Yes**

## **6. CONSIDER AMENDING THE WATER RATE STRUCTURE AND USER FEE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 6, 2026**

Council Member Harris explained the proposed four-tier water rate structure, noting a base tier for usage up to 20,000 gallons per month, a second tier for 20,001–30,000 gallons at \$1.00 per thousand gallons, a third tier for 30,000–50,000 gallons, and a fourth tier at \$3.00 per thousand gallons; he acknowledged the tier numbering needed reorganization for clarity. He said the structure aimed to curb heavy usage, charge high-volume users proportionally more, and generate revenue to fund additional water sources (the city's greatest need). City Manager Robinson reported Ensign Engineering had proposed a five-tier model with revenue projections, but the water board favored the four-tier plan after noting higher rates would likely drive consumption down and reduce projected revenue; Robinson confirmed major upcoming

projects (with a cost spike projected around 2031) had been included and the board preferred small incremental rate increases over time. Council Member Ley emphasized explaining to residents that rate revenue would fund infrastructure for existing customers. City Attorney Wayment warned that conservation-based rate structures were likely to become a funding requirement and argued intervention would be necessary when individual water use damaged community resources, citing regional subsidence. Trower and Harris highlighted conservation successes—new construction using substantially less water and per-capita usage declining—and Trower noted valley farmers’ shifts to efficient irrigation (LIPA/LISA) supported by the Water Conservancy District; Harris cited regional watershed efforts to preserve agricultural water use. Council Member Stoor inquired about metering capabilities; Hayden White explained meters were read every 12 hours (not true real-time) with usage viewable via an app, that the system had recently identified 190 continuous leaks, and that notifications to residents and staff could be configured. The council discussed the proposal and supporting analyses.

**Council Member Harris made a motion to set a public hearing on the water rate structure and user fee for May 6, 2026. Council Member Trower seconded and all voted in favor.**

## 7. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

### Hayden White - Public Works Director Report:

- Cemetery and Infrastructure Work:
  - Department had been working on cemetery improvements, digging out the next phases of roads in preparation for asphalt batching
  - Catching up on work orders and tasks deferred during the winter months when crews were focused on the pipeline project on Mid Valley Road
  - Conducted water shut-offs and meter re-reads that day
- Iron County Fair Tractor Parade Request:
  - Met with the organizer for the tractor pull and tractor show for Iron County Fair
  - Requested permission to park equipment, trucks, and trailers at City Hall on Saturday, September 5th
  - Plan involved staging approximately 30 tractors for a parade down Minersville Highway through the gap to the fairgrounds
  - Most trailers would accompany tractors, but some would be temporarily left at City Hall until participants could return for trucks and trailers. The Council expressed no objections; the request was approved by consensus
- Anderson Well Drilling Project:
  - Project anticipated to take 60 to 90 days if drilling only occurred during daytime hours. It could potentially be completed in 30 days if nighttime drilling was permitted
  - Awaiting confirmation about loan or grant funding; expected to hear on Friday
- Little Eden Well Concerns:
  - Well testing high for nitrates at 10.2 mg/L, very close to the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10.5 mg/L. The State is allowing the well to remain in service for now, but requiring extensive testing. There is a concern that the well might ultimately be lost to service. It produces approximately 800 gallons per minute.
  - Potential loss of this well was a major reason for pushing forward with the Anderson Well project, regardless of funding status
- Water Regionalization Discussion:
  - Council Member Trower suggested pushing for Cedar City and the Water

Conservancy District to help fund the Anderson Well, allowing Enoch to push excess water back into the regional system. She planned to meet with colleague Paul to discuss regionalization efforts.

- Key challenge identified as getting Cedar City to commit to the project
- Regional water deficit identified as 3,000 acre-feet of water between Cedar City, Enoch, and the Water Conservancy District. The North Well and Anderson Well together would address the deficit. The associated pipeline estimated to cost approximately \$3 million to be shared among entities.
- White noted the Water Conservancy District had substantial financial resources and plans for drilling wells in the Southwest Desert

#### Ashley Horton, City Treasurer

- She is working on reports, tax returns, and processing payments

#### City Manager Robinson Report:

- Grant Applications:
  - City submitted a grant application through Representative Malloy's office for Community Project Funding (also called rural water community funding). This is a federal program where each congressperson receives an allocation of projects to fund (believed to be 20 projects). He expects to hear by Friday whether the application was successful.
- SUU Business Innovation Center Visit:
  - Robinson and Mayor Rushton visited the SUU Business Innovation Center at Southwest Tech. The Center assists startup businesses with business plan development and financial projections—elements banks require for loans, provides extensive marketing support, has impressive facilities include screening room for video production, podcast recording capabilities, and product placement photography setups. All services are completely free.
  - Mayor Rushton noted the center helps both startups and established businesses needing guidance. He expressed excitement about Lin's development and incoming businesses like The Hub.
- HR Manual Updates:
  - All-staff meeting scheduled for the following day to review HR manual changes
  - All employees required to sign acknowledgment of reviewing updated policies

#### Lindsay Hildebrand - City Recorder Report:

- Utah Municipal Clerk's Association Conference:
  - Attended conference at Southern Utah University the previous week. It included both Institute and Academy components. It was five full days of all-day training sessions.
  - Topics covered: contracts, data privacy, grammar, AI usage, policy implementation, and legislative updates. She found the conference extremely informative and valuable.
  - Appreciated opportunities to collaborate with other city clerks throughout the state and region.

#### Council Member Stoor Report:

- Arbor Day is coming up on the 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be planting 10 trees with a state arborist to do a demonstration.
- He has been in conversations with RDI for the park. Its all about water

conservation and still having turf. There's potential for 60-70% usage as a potential pop-up service. They go all over the world where there is no water and create crops. They will try to show us.

#### Council Member Ley Report:

- A concerned citizen asked whether the city would officially back neighborhood emergency planning efforts so organizers could recruit volunteers; Council Member Stoor noted collaboration was already occurring through a local church, and Council Member Ley said neighborhood block captains wanted the city included rather than the effort being solely a church activity. Council Member Trower cautioned that the city must follow strict emergency guidelines. Miner reported that George Colson was drafting the county emergency plan and recommended waiting for that plan to be finalized, noting the issue was multifaceted and citing the recent wildfire encroaching on Iron County as an example. City Manager Robinson said he had met with Colson, reviewed the city's plan (last updated in 2011), and identified the need to update contact information; he recommended circulating the plan to the council and noting areas requiring clarification. Trower supported creating a council committee or body to facilitate efforts and urged involving Colson and other community members.
- She has been working with a 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee for the city's celebration.

#### Council Member Trower Report:

- Planning Commission Meeting Updates:
  - Reported on the Planning Commission meeting held the previous night. The Commission discussed changing parking requirements from 1.5 spaces per room to 1.0 space per room. There will be a public hearing scheduled for April 28, 2026.
- RAP Tax and Recreation Needs:
  - Planning Commission briefly discussed RAP tax (Recreation, Arts, and Parks tax)—potential one percent tax to help fund parks and recreation
  - Received resident inquiries about walking trails for Enoch
  - Interest expressed in indoor recreation areas for youth, similar to a YMCA facility
  - Acknowledged that such a facility seemed almost impossible given current constraints, but wanted to raise the idea
  - Mothers from community groups are frustrated because St. George offers numerous indoor and outdoor family activities while Cedar City has very limited options, especially in winter. St. George facilities are a mix of city-owned, HOA amenities, county facilities, museums, and other entities
  - Acknowledged no immediate solutions but wanted to plant an idea for long-term consideration
- Regional Water Meeting:
  - Mentioned regional water meeting occurred that day with valuable discussions about water management and regionalization

#### Council Member Miner Report:

- Emergency Management Committee:
  - Discussed the need to reactivate the city's emergency management committee. George Colson serves as emergency management coordinator for Iron County. He is still working on developing a comprehensive emergency plan. Once the plan is finalized, the city could identify how community members could fill gaps and support emergency response. He expressed respect for Colson's collaborative

approach during the recent wildfire threatening Iron County.

- Example: Colson worked with Utah Food Bank instead of Red Cross because local organizations could respond much more quickly. Mayor Rushton suggested Miner meet with City Manager Robinson and then George Colson to begin reactivating efforts.

8. **CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; PENDING OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION, THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ANY FORM OF WATER RIGHTS OR WATER SHARES; DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, DEVICES OR SYSTEMS; INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT.**

**Council Member Harris made a motion to close the regular council meeting and go into a closed session with the purpose of buy, sell, or exchange of real property, personnel matters, or imminent litigation. The motion was seconded and a roll call vote was held as follows:**

**Council Member Stoor: Yes**

**Council Member Harris: Yes**

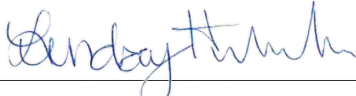
**Council Member Ley: Yes**

**Council Member Trower: Yes**

**Council Member Miner: Yes**

**9. ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING**

**10. ADJOURN**



05/07/2026

**Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder**

**Date**