MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
August 19, 2026 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**STAFF PRESENT:**
Mayor Jim Rushton	**Ryan Robinson, City Manager**
Council Member David Harris	**Ashley Horton, Treasurer**
Council Member Shawn Stoor	**Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder**
Council Member Debra Ley	**Jackson Ames, Police Chief**
Council Member Kimberlee Trower	**Justin Wayment, City Attorney**
Council Member Jacob Miner	**Hayden White, Public Works Director**

Public Present: H Paul Walker, Delaine Finlay, Tyler Melling, Jonathan Wilson, and Byron Black

1. **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
   a. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Given by Katherin Ross
   b. **Invocation (2 min.)-Audience invited to participate-** Given by Council Member Stoor
   c. **Inspirational thought-** Given by Mayor Rushton
   d. **Approval of Agenda for August 19, 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 August 5, 2026 – Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Trower seconded and all voted in favor.**
   f. **Ratification of Expenditures – Council Member Harris made a motion to ratify the expenditures. Council Member Miner seconded and all voted in favor.**
   g. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-** There were none

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tyler Melling, identified as a resident of Enoch, addressed the Council to express appreciation for the recent Movie in the Park event. He stated that he believed events like that were increasingly important, explaining, "Especially if you ever go on social media, people are more crazy than they used to be. I think in part that's due to just the economy, which is mostly driven now on what can cause the most fear and anxiety, in part because we don't have that sense of community we used to." He praised the event as a low-cost, family-friendly community-building activity. It was "a great time" and expressed appreciation to the city for putting it on.

No additional public comments were offered.

3. **FRONTIER HOMESTEAD VOICES AND VOTES PRESENTATION.**

Katherine Ross, Curator and Education Liaison at Frontier Homestead State Park, presented to the Council regarding an upcoming exhibit. She introduced herself and explained that Frontier Homestead is "a park for all of Southern Utah," collecting items from Iron County and surrounding areas and seeking to involve communities outside of Cedar City as much as possible.

Ms. Ross described an exciting upcoming exhibit titled Voices and Votes, a traveling Smithsonian exhibit presented through Utah Humanities, scheduled to run from January through March of the following year. She explained the exhibit's theme: "When American revolutionaries waged a war for independence, they took a leap of faith that sent ripple effects across generations. They embraced a radical idea of establishing a government that entrusted the power of the nation, not in a monarchy but in the citizens." The exhibit, she noted, would explore questions such as who has the right to vote, what are the freedoms and responsibilities of citizens, whose voices will be heard, and how one participates as a citizen.

Ms. Ross also presented a companion local exhibit being developed alongside Voices and Votes, which would be hosted at the Cedar City Library. She explained that she had previously reached out to all incorporated cities and the Iron County Commission to ask what historical topics they would like highlighted. She expressed particular excitement that Enoch had responded, noting that she had spoken with the Enoch City Historical Society, who had proposed articles on the following subjects: the Enoch barbed wire telephone line, livestock in Enoch with a focus on sheep, the Johnson Fort story, the ironworks, the John Penning Jones story, and possibly the Old Spanish Trail. She distributed sample articles and a layout example, explaining that each article would be framed with a color corresponding to the represented city.

Ms. Ross asked whether the Council had additional topics they would like included, and also requested permission to display the Enoch City logo on the exhibit. She clarified that all chosen articles would be shared with the Council for review before finalization, and that the goal was to have everything in place by the end of October.

The Mayor asked about the time frame for historical content, inquiring whether content would span from the founding era through the present day or whether there was a cutoff. Ms. Ross responded that she was planning to cover 250 years of highlights and, having measured approximately 100 feet of wall space at the library, had enough room to go "right up to present day."

The Mayor also asked whether the exhibit would include artwork in addition to news articles. Ms. Ross confirmed that artwork could be incorporated if it was historically significant and could be accompanied by a brief explanatory blurb about Enoch. The Mayor noted that Enoch residents may have paintings or drawings of historical significance worth including.

After brief discussion, the Council agreed to approve the use of the Enoch City logo on the exhibit, contingent on prior review of each individual article or piece of artwork before it is finalized.

Council Member Harris made amotion to approve uses the Enoch City Logo in the Voices with Votes display upon approval of individual articles. Council Member

Trower seconded and all voted in favor.

4. CONSIDER AMENDING THE IMPACT FEE FOR THE HUB PIZZA AND GOLDEN HOUR COFFEE

City Manager Ryan Robinson introduced the item, providing background on the three businesses previously discussed: Ellis Electric, Golden Hour Coffee, and Hub Pizza. He noted that the LS Electric matter had been resolved through a reclassification that resulted in a reduction of impact fees by $160,000.

Regarding Hub Pizza and Golden Hour Coffee, City Manager Robinson explained that city staff had worked with Sunrise Engineering to obtain definitions for various restaurant types, including fast food restaurant with a drive-through window, fast food without a window, quality restaurant, and a mid-quality category, in order to determine how each business should be classified. He stated, "I don't think we could reclassify those based on those definitions as anything other than fast food. It seems pretty clear that's what those definitions fit under."

City Manager Robinson then shifted focus to what recourse was available to the businesses. He explained that Hub Pizza had submitted historical customer traffic data from when they previously operated in Enoch in 2022, showing an average of approximately 76 customers per day over a seven-day period. He noted that, using the Traffic Engineer's Trip Generation Manual figure of 2.2 persons per vehicle for a fast-food restaurant, the resulting trip count would still be significantly lower than the standard fast-food benchmark. He outlined two options: require the businesses to commission an engineering study to support a reduction in impact fees, or explore whether existing data could suffice.

City Attorney Justin Wayment provided important legal context. He stated that, per state statute, cities are "mandatorily required to give people an opportunity to look and determine what they think the impact fee should be," and that if a business disagrees with the city's assessment, "they have to provide us with empirical data. They cannot come in and say, well, we just don't think it's that way." He noted that engineers familiar with trip generation counts and city population data could work with the businesses to produce the necessary study, adding that if the data supported a reduced impact, the city would then be "obligated to reduce our impact fees to match what their impact is." He summarized: "The whole idea is the state wants to assess people according to their actual impact on the community."

Member Wayment also addressed the question of timing, noting that while a business could theoretically pay their fees up front, receive a rebate after a completed study, he did not believe forcing that sequence was ideal. He said, "I think we'd be willing to work with them, but I don't think we ought to say you pay your impact fees in 3 months from now. It needs to be paid up front. And if there's a rebate, then we'd rebate it back."

Council Member Harris expressed concern about the cost of a study, saying, "I think the study is going to cost more than the impact fee." He also stated that he believed Hub Pizza's low traffic count was accurate. He emphasized that Hub Pizza "does not have anywhere near the impact that a fast-food restaurant like McDonald's or Wendy's has," and that being accurate about actual impact is what matters. He said he would not want to force them to commission an expensive study and suggested city engineers might have comparable data from similar businesses.

Council Member Ley asked whether the legal explanation City Attorney Wayment provided needed to be incorporated into the city's own ordinances. City Attorney Wayment clarified that the requirement already exists in state code, which supersedes local ordinances, and that the state code provides the right to challenge the impact fee assessment.

Council Member Jacob Miner summarized the desired process: "If they come back to us with Sunrise and say, yes, the study still stands, but they're going to be about 70 percent of that traffic, we would recommend this impact fee, it's basically what we need, and then we'll vote yay or nay."

City Attorney Wayment noted that while a staff-level decision might be administratively permissible, the city's ordinances should be reviewed to confirm whether Council approval is required for any fee reduction. City Manager Robinson indicated that the matter could be brought back to Council after the engineer weighed in, and that staff had a meeting scheduled with Sunrise Engineering the following day to discuss next steps.

City Manager Robinson and City Attorney Wayment confirmed that no formal action was required on this item at the present meeting. The direction to staff was to advise the businesses of the process and required documentation, coordinate with Sunrise Engineering, and return to Council with engineer-supported findings for a vote on any fee reduction.

5. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS

Mayor Rushton introduced Marcus Keller of Cruz Municipal Advisors, who was present to discuss potential financing options for a proposed parks and recreation project. The Mayor also noted that City Manager Robinson and Finance Director Ashley Horton were involved in the discussion.

Marcus Keller addressed the Council and explained that Cruz Municipal Advisors had been working with city staff and the Mayor to explore how a proposed parks and recreation project could be financed. He noted that the recommended approach was to utilize the city's sales tax revenue, the same funding mechanism used for the police station financing, in order to seek the lowest possible interest rate from investors.

Mr. Keller explained that the resolution before the Council was a parameters resolution, which would set the upper limits of what the city could borrow, without obligating the city to borrow any specific amount. He stated clearly: "It doesn't mean that we have to borrow that much. It doesn't mean that we have to borrow anything." The parameters resolution, if adopted, would authorize borrowing of up to $5,000,000, at a not-to-exceed interest rate of 6.5%, a discount of not more than 2%, and a term not to exceed 21 years.

Mr. Keller acknowledged that those figures represented conservative upper limits well above expected actual terms. He explained that setting a wider buffer was intentional: "If we were to say the park's gonna cost exactly $2,130,000 and it comes in at $2,140,000, we would have to start the entire process over again." He noted that current conversations with lenders indicated rates in the 4% to 4.5% range, and that a term closer to 15 years was being contemplated.

He clarified that the $5,000,000 figure was derived from a preliminary ballpark estimate of costs associated with the purchase of land and full development of the park, including three to four ball fields, a playground, and areas for soccer. City Manager

Robinson noted that the engineer who had been working on the project was recently out of the country and had not yet provided a more precise cost estimate.

Mr. Keller explained that adoption of the Parameters Resolution would initiate a mandatory 30-day notice period and authorize staff to schedule a public hearing, which he anticipated would occur at the Council's second meeting in September, later confirmed to be the September 16th meeting. He also noted that the resolution, once adopted, would allow the IRS's 60-day look-back period for tax-exempt bond reimbursement to begin running from the date of adoption, which he described as a prudent protective measure.

Council Member Ley asked if there was a point where indebtedness impedes the city. Mr. Keller acknowledged this concern, stating, "Yes, too much debt can be a very bad thing for personal finances as well as a city in any case." He clarified, however, that the $5,000,000 was simply an authorization ceiling, and that the actual amount borrowed would be determined by what Finance Director Horton confirmed the city could afford in annual debt service payments.

Finance Director Ashley Horton provided the Council with an overview of the city's current debt obligations. She noted the city currently carries four bonds, with only one drawing from the general fund and another, the police department building, being paid by police impact fees. She stated that if the city were to borrow the full $5,000,000 using only sales tax revenue, "it could be tight depending on some things," but that the city had ideas for bringing in additional park funding. She emphasized that the full $5,000,000 was not necessarily anticipated to be used.

Council Member Trower noted the importance of pursuing grants and other funding mechanisms. She thought it was really important to recognize that we are going out to look for up to so much money, but that we're also going to go and find every single grant that we can find to cover this so that it's not on our taxpayers' backs. City Manager Robinson agreed, noting that staff had already reached out to various community organizations and were exploring naming rights, including for fields, dugouts, park benches, water fountains, and pavers, as additional revenue sources. He stated: "Our intent is to go get the majority of it paid for with grants and naming rights."

Council Member Stoor sought to clarify: "This isn't a direct burden on the tax on the citizens. It comes from sales tax revenue. It would be from existing funds. Correct?" Mr. Keller confirmed this.

Mr. Keller also informed the Council that prior to the meeting, he had reached out to potential bond purchasers, who responded positively: "They quickly did some analysis on the city, and they were just like, please call us as soon as they're ready to look at bonding because we like their credit," which he offered as an affirmation of the city's sound financial management.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of tax revenue bonds. Council Member Trower seconded and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Council Member Harris: Yes
Council Member Ley: Yes
Council Member Miner: Yes
Council Member Stoor: Yes
Council Member Trower: Yes

6. **APPOINT NEW MEMBERS FOR:**
   A. **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**
   B. **WATERBOARD**
   C. **PARKS & RECREATION**

City Manager Robinson presented the people recommended for appointments to three boards and committees.

1. **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

City Manager Robinson reported that Katherine Ross and Bob Tingey had both agreed to serve on the Wreaths Across America committee in addition to the names previously brought forward by the Council: Ron Corey, Carolyn Jones, Caitlin Nielsen, Jill Davis, and Angela Winkler.

Council Member Harris made a motion to appoint Ron Corey, Carolyn Jones, Caitlin Nielson, Jill Davis, Angela Wankier, Bob Tingey, and Katherine Ross to the Wreaths Across America Committee. Council Member Trower seconded and all voted in favor.

2. **WATERBOARD**

City Manager Robinson reported that Ross Peterson, a hydrologist with Sunrise Engineering, had been recommended for the Waterboard. He noted he had been informed by another Sunrise engineer that Peterson was "well respected and does a good job," and that Peterson had agreed to serve. Peterson would be replacing a previous member who was unable to continue due to time constraints.

Council Member Harris made a motion to appoint Ross Peterson to the Water Board. Council Member Trower seconded and all voted in favor.

3. **PARKS & RECREATION**

City Manager Robinson reported that Celeste Lyman had agreed to fill a vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Committee, completing the board.

Council Member Harris made a motion to appoint Celeste Lyman to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Council Member Trower seconded and all voted in favor.

7. **CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08-19-A, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ENOCH CITY ORDINANCE 16.100.180 ARBORIST LICENSE AND BOND – See Planning Commission Rec.**

City Manager Robinson introduced this item, explaining it was a cleanup of existing city code that had previously been reviewed and approved through the Planning Commission process, including a public hearing. He outlined the key provisions of the amendment:

The ordinance establishes a process by which the city can provide a 30-day written notice to a property owner when a tree, bush, or branch is encroaching into a sidewalk, right-of-way, or street, requiring the owner to have the encroachment removed within that timeframe. If the property owner does not comply, the ordinance authorizes Public Works to remove the encroachment and bill the property owner for the cost. Additionally, in cases of emergency, such as a tree falling into a roadway, the ordinance grants Public Works the authority to act immediately without waiting for the 30-day notice period.

Council Member Trower expressed support for the ordinance. Council Member Ley asked for clarification regarding sidewalk ownership and maintenance responsibility, questioning whether weeds and sunflowers growing up through sidewalks would fall under the same framework. City Manager Robinson confirmed that the same general principle would apply. A notice could be sent to property owners to address vegetation encroaching on the sidewalk, and suggested that property owners may not always be aware of their responsibility to maintain the area from their property line to the street. Staff suggested that a reminder in the city newsletter might be a useful public education tool.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve ordinance No. 2026-08-19-A, an ordinance amending Enoch City Ordinance 16.100.180 Arborist License and Bond. 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

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ENOCH CITY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

City Manager Robinson introduced this item, noting that the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual had previously been reviewed and updated in February or March, and that this resolution represented continued refinements as new needs emerged. He outlined the key amendments:

Hiring Process: The amendment expands the hiring process to include supervisors, in addition to the Mayor, City Manager, and department head already specified in existing code. It also better defines each party's role in the process and clarifies that a job offer may be extended but remains contingent upon successful completion of a background check and drug test.

Residency Preference: A previously existing provision stating that, all things being equal, preference would be given to Enoch City residents or their dependents when hiring was proposed for removal. Manager Robinson explained that while the sentiment behind it was understood, the language as written was problematic. The amendment removes that mandatory preference.

Salaried Positions: The amendment removes a specific list of positions designated as salaried or appointed from the code, so that the city would not need to amend that section every time a position's compensation structure changes. City Manager Robinson noted that the existing list was inaccurate; some listed positions were not salaried, and some salaried positions were not listed.

Probationary Period and Leave: A provision previously requiring that employees on probation did not qualify for leave was removed. City Manager Robinson described a practical scenario that illustrated the problem: "If we hire someone a couple days before the 4th of July, do we let them work longer hours to make up that time? Do we just say, sorry, you're out of luck on your paycheck that week?" The amendment eliminates that restriction. Finance Director Horton noted this change was consistent with a broader effort to provide new employees with benefits upon starting, as other benefits such as health insurance had already been adjusted to begin immediately.

Voluntary Training and Retention Agreement: A new provision was added allowing the city to fund additional voluntary certifications or training that are not required for an employee's day-to-day role. In such cases, the city may enter into a written agreement, up to three years, requiring the employee to remain with the city for a specified period or repay a prorated portion of the training costs if they leave early. City Manager Robinson stated: "The intent is not to say you can never leave, but if we're paying for this extra training that is not a day-to-day requirement, we'll get our money back."

Annual Leave for Lateral Hires: The amendment adjusts the initial leave bank offered to lateral hires. Previously, 40 hours were granted at the outset. Under the amendment, the initial grant would be set at a minimum of 20 hours, with the remainder accruing through the probationary period, so that by the time probation ends, the employee would still have 40 hours available. City Manager Robinson noted that flexibility in the specific number was intentional, allowing it to be used as a negotiating tool during the hiring process when salary flexibility was limited.

Finance Director Horton summarized the overall intent: "Essentially, it's just giving them all their benefits up-front when they start." She noted the practical benefit for the Police Department in particular, where officers need to meet a 40-hour-per-week requirement for URS retirement, and having holiday pay and the ability to bank vacation and sick time from day one was important.

No objections were raised.

Council Member made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-08-19 a resolution approving amendments to the Enoch City Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. 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

9. **CONSIDER A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF PIDDING LLC PROPERTY, PARCELS D-0162-0163-0196, D-0164-0001-0005, D-0164-0001-0000, D-0164-0000-0000, AND D-0197-0002-0000** – Approve or Deny by voice vote

City Manager Robinson provided important procedural context before discussion began, reminding the Council that accepting a petition for annexation was not a final decision: "You have to accept the petition for further study. So that's all you're doing here tonight. You can deny it, and then it just ends the petition, and they're done. But this is just to accept it for further study." He confirmed that if accepted, the matter would return with public hearings before any final determination was made.

Council Member Ley noted the unusual shape of the proposed annexation area and asked for clarification on its location. Tyler Melling, the applicant's representative, came forward to explain. He described the parcels as comprising all private land to the northeast of Enoch up to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) boundaries. He noted that a cell tower parcel on the other side of Interstate 15 had been split off and excluded from the annexation, and that a small sliver on the other side of I-15 was included because it abuts the potential future location of a freeway interchange, a location that, he noted, would require congressional approval if moved elsewhere due to BLM ownership of surrounding land.

Mayor Rushton referenced a small piece visible on the map near the recreation center soccer fields. Melling confirmed that this piece was adjacent to the city's recreation complex and was being included to "square off everything that's not in the city up to the BLM," with the exception of the cell tower parcel across the freeway that would never have city services.

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the petition for annexation of Pidding LLC Property, Parcels D-0162-0163-0196, D-0164-0001-0005, D-0164-0001-0000, D-0164-0000-0000, and D-0197-0002-0000. Council Member Ley seconded and all voted in favor.

10. NOTIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION OF PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF PIDDING LLC PROPERTY, PARCELS D-0162-0163-0196, D-0164-0001-0005, D-0164-0001-0000, D-0164-0000-0000, AND D-0197-00020000 AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 7, 2026

City Recorder Lindsay Hildebrand explained that this item initiated the formal notification process required following acceptance of the annexation petition. She noted that, as City Recorder, she is required to certify the petition and then provide a 30-day window during which affected entities may appeal. She confirmed that, assuming no appeals were received, the public hearing would proceed as scheduled.

Council Member Harris made a motion to set a public hearing for Oct. 7, 2026. Council Member Ley seconded and all voted in favor.

11. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

<u>Hayden White, Public Works Director</u>

- Paving of the cemetery was underway and expected to be completed.
- The storm drain intersection project at 0.5 Mile Road and 5200 West encountered a setback, the storm drain box had been constructed four feet too tall and had to be corrected. Completion was expected by Friday.

- The following week, crews were expected to begin prepping for asphalt on 0.5 Mile Road, specifically from where the existing asphalt ends at 5100 West up to 5200 West, and then turning west on 5200 to serve a nearby subdivision. Director White noted that while the developer was not required to install that segment (as it does not border his property), the city wanted all construction traffic to route around the neighborhood rather than through it, and confirmed the work is impact-fee eligible.

- The new well on Horseshoe Drive was still being developed, with approximately 200 feet remaining. Test pumping was anticipated in approximately two weeks, pending resolution of a question regarding the appropriate pump motor. Director White explained that he was only willing to purchase a motor capable of delivering the full safe yield if test pumping confirmed the well could produce at that level, noting that pump bowls alone were estimated at $100,000.

- Council Member Trower asked about the status of the trail from Bicentennial Park down Highway 91. White indicated that a design phase of approximately one year would be required before funding could be sought, estimating construction was likely about three years out.

- Council Member Ley asked about work on Highway 91. White attributed delays to rain pushing back the contractor's prior job. He noted rain was again forecast for the coming weekend and could not guarantee a start date for the following week.

- Council Member Miner raised a concern about a sign obstructing visibility at the corner of Midvalley and Highway 91, noting it created a significant blind spot. Director White stated he had sent two text messages, two voicemails, and four emails to the responsible party without receiving a response, and characterized it as "a pretty serious blind spot."

<u>Police Chief Ames</u>

- School had resumed for the year and, thus far, had been "very uneventful at the schools, which we love."

- The flashing light battery for the school crossing guard signal was on order and expected to arrive soon. In the interim, temporary warning signs had been installed on either side of the school.

- The department had processed just over 1,200 cases for the year, placing them on track for approximately 1,800 cases by year's end — a 60–70% increase over the prior 10-year average of 900 to 1,000 cases. Chief Ames noted the department was "feeling it for sure."

- Vandalism had been occurring at several new developments and construction sites, including at the city's new public works facility. Video footage captured masked individuals removing materials from the site at night, but positive identification had not yet been made. The Chief asked Council Members to pass along any leads.

- One of the city's Flock cameras had been cut down twice. Chief Ames described the most recent incident: a woman wearing a ski mask used a Sawzall to cut the pole down and fled. The department was still attempting to identify her.

- Council Member Trower suggested installing a non-cuttable pole. Chief Ames noted that law requires breakaway poles for road safety near vehicles, though staff had discussed a solution that would still break away upon vehicle impact but resist cutting.

- Council Member Miner jokingly suggested filling the pole with red dye, similar to bank dye packs. Chief Ames found the idea amusing and not entirely dismissive.

- Chief Ames also reported that someone had posted a sign below the camera at night to identify its location to others; the sign was quickly identified and removed, and no further signs had appeared.

- Chief Ames acknowledged both sides of the debate around license plate reader cameras: "I totally appreciate and understand the community and some of the uproar and the perception that's there. I can also, being on the law enforcement side, there is certainly a lot of benefit, and we've been able to solve a lot of crimes and help victims of crimes see justice."

<u>Ashley Horton, Finance Director</u>

- Finance Director Horton flagged a potential future agenda topic: a vendor that processes the city's credit card payments had informed staff that 65% of utility customers were still receiving paper bills. She noted the city had previously attempted to incentivize paperless billing with a one-time $5 credit, with limited success. She raised the possibility of charging a $1-per-month paper billing fee, as many other cities do, noting: "We have more cost than a dollar just to send that bill out, but I feel like it might be a good push when people call, because they will call to say, 'why is my bill a dollar higher now', to get them off the paper billing." Council discussed the idea briefly, including the possibility of granting discretionary waivers for elderly residents who are not comfortable with online billing. The Mayor agreed it was worth placing on a future agenda.

<u>Ryan Robinson, City Manager</u>

- Staff had been working with a social media intern from SUU, who had developed a draft social media policy and a series of templates for use on city platforms. The policy would define the purpose of the city's social media accounts, outline what types of comments would and would not receive a response, and specify criteria for content removal. City Manager Robinson noted the intern had been doing "a great job" and that the templates, created using Canva, were designed to be handed off to staff following the conclusion of the internship. The Council was advised that the policy would be brought back for review at a future meeting.

- A public poll regarding the potential renaming of Minersville Highway had been posted on city social media. As of the prior Friday, 68% of respondents said to leave the name as Minersville Highway, with 18% supporting the name "Enoch Parkway." City Manager Robinson shared a humorous comment submitted by a resident: that it should be named Enoch Parkway "so they can drive on Enoch Parkway and then park in their Enoch driveway." Council Member Ley noted she had received two phone calls from residents suggesting the name "Union Field Lane," which was the road's original name. City Manager Robinson agreed to look into adding that option to the poll. The poll was to remain open for a few more days, with the matter to be brought back at the next meeting.

- Senator Vickers, the local state senator, had been invited to present at the October 7, 2026 City Council meeting to discuss legislative matters and issues he anticipated would impact the city. City Manager Robinson noted that Senator Vickers may be serving as Senate President by that time.

- The Southern Utah Economic Alliance had been sending the city RFPs for potential business recruitment. City Manager Robinson noted the city had responded to several, including one that day for an Aerospace Precision company involved in advanced materials and aircraft assembly. He also noted a prior RFP for dairy products manufacturing.

Lindsay Hildebrand, City Recorder

- Enoch City youth soccer had begun for the season. City Recorder Hildebrand noted she had been distributing jerseys to families who had not yet picked them up.

- The city newsletter was being prepared; Council Members were invited to submit any items they wanted included.

Mayor Jim Rushton

- The Mayor reported that the Movie in the Park event had been a success, estimating attendance of approximately 100 people. The event had to be moved from Friday to Saturday due to rain, which he acknowledged may have reduced attendance and caused some vendors to withdraw. He thanked all volunteers who helped, and noted the plan was to host the event monthly during the following summer season. Discussion was also had about the possibility of a Halloween-themed event, noting that Halloween fell on a Saturday that year and that pairing it with a trunk-or-treat and movie screening could be a fun community activity.

- The Mayor had attended the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce golf tournament, where he noted a booth for Special Olympics Utah with a variety of upcoming events. He encouraged community members to visit their website.

- The Mayor noted that his children were involved in the Cedar City Children's Musical Theater production of *The Little Mermaid*, running that weekend, and encouraged anyone interested to attend.

Council Member Stoor

- Council Member Stoor reported that a third attempt was being made to successfully establish turf at Jones Memorial Park, this time in coordination with RDI, who would supply materials. Staff would be removing the existing sod, amending the soil, and applying the new materials after receiving training from RDI, approximately six to eight training sessions.

- He announced that on Saturday, September 12, the city was organizing a Day of Service in coordination with the local church, running from 9:00 AM to approximately noon, followed by a barbecue. He asked whether the city's dumpsters could be made available that morning, which staff confirmed.

Council Member Harris

- The Mayor reported attending a meeting at the Water Conservancy District, where Formation presented the findings of their environmental impact study for the West Desert Water Project. He described the results positively, noting the study modeled outcomes over 50 years and that the findings "look really good." A separate meeting on regionalization of water systems also took place, with progress continuing. Another water meeting was scheduled for the following evening.

<u>Council Member Ley</u>

- Council Member Ley raised a concern regarding the meeting minutes, observing that while the AI-generated summaries were well written, they tended to attribute most content to a primary speaker rather than capturing contributions from multiple Council Members. She suggested that more specificity as to who said what in the minutes could better serve the public record.

- The Mayor responded by asking whether there was a way to configure the meeting microphone system to recognize and identify individual speakers. City Recorder Hildebrand confirmed this was possible but noted it would involve additional cost. The Mayor directed staff to look into the cost of that capability.

<u>Council Member Trower</u>

- Council Member Trower reported that the Planning Commission had discussed a request from a local asphalt business owner, Matt Phillips, who came forward seeking permission for temporary workforce housing on his property for seasonal and traveling employees. She noted that he's asking for specific permission to be able to have temporary workforce housing."

- Planning and Zoning was proposing to address the request through the conditional use permit process, limiting the use to the Research and Industrial zone. The proposed framework would allow temporary workforce housing, defined as temporary structures such as RVs rather than permanent dwellings, up to a defined threshold, after which the business would need to return to the Council for a new conditional use permit. It was also noted that if occupancy exceeded a certain level, connection to the city sewer system rather than a septic system would be required.

- City Manager Robinson clarified the purpose of the conditional use designation: "It's an allowed use, but we can put conditions to mitigate some issues." He also noted that density standards would be included to prevent scenarios such as a property owner filling 50 acres with temporary housing units.

- Council Member Trower indicated the matter would continue through the Planning Commission process and would come before the Council at a later date.

<u>Council Member Miner</u>

- Council Member Miner reported that the Local Homeless Council had no new updates, with the next meeting scheduled for August 27.

- Regarding the Iron County School District, he noted school had started and that the district was considering a change to the last week of the school year schedule, as graduation had conflicted with significant athletic events. He planned to attend the school board meeting on August 25 to learn more.

- On Economic Development, Council Member Miner reported he was working to build an economic development council and was specifically seeking high-caliber community members with relevant experience, rather than simply filling seats. He invited Council Members to submit names of potential candidates.

12. **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 meeting and convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing the buy, sell, or trade of real property, personal matters, or imminent litigation. Council Member Trower seconded and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Council Member Harris: Yes **Council Member Stoor: Yes**
Council Member Ley: Yes **Council Member Trower: Yes**
Council Member Miner: Yes

13. **ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING –** No action taken

14. **ADJOURN – Council Member Harris made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Trower seconded and all voted in favor.**

Lindsay Hildebrand 09/03/2026

Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder Date