

## Erda City Council Minutes

6/16/2022 – 7:00 pm

Tooele County Building - Auditorium

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Terry, Kael, Jess, Craig, Scott all present
3. Pledge
4. Public Comment
  - a. Derald Anderson - Thanks to all for the effort. Well done. Well thought out. Nice to see the things the community says in print. PSOMAS has done a quality plan. Next item - Time to start working on Tilby Village and Erda Estates. What's the direction from the city? Is Jake the planner? Or come to the City Council? Or John? Which direction should we go? I'll reach out in the future.
  - b. Craig moves to close, 2nd by Terry. Motion passes.
5. Approve meeting minutes from 6-9-22
  - a. Jess moves to adopt, second by Scott. Motion passes.
6. Committee Assignments Report and Discussion
  - a. Finance (Miner/Droubay)
    - i. Treasurer Report
      1. Terry - Wrote 3 checks this week. CVE technologies for Google accounts. \$260.68. Utah League of Cities and towns \$2096. Clerk's salary \$910.57. Today I deposited over \$2000 into bank account from building permits. We are up to 60 applications so far in building permits. Balance of \$31,513.18 in buildings. Will go down quick when we get Ensign's bill. We also got 3 credit cards. Will be same authorization as a check, need receipts, etc. Also, at the end of June we owe \$103k to the county for roads and \$132k for law enforcement. Everybody has the latest copy of the proposed budget coming up. We need to get it posted so we can get it approved next Thursday. Jess - I need to get the credit card to go on GoDaddy for our website so the web developer can get to work on that. Also, Terry, are you picking up checks from Ensign? Can we do that as some sort of direct deposit? Terry - It's really not that much work for me. John - The accountant has 6 months to do the audit. Terry - If you need that credit card, talk to Jenn, she will have the sign out sheet. You can use it for GoDaddy and Google if you need it. Can I make sure the chair and co-chair approve that I make all of those monthly payments? Jess - APPROVED. Craig - (Nods head)
    - b. Land Use/Zoning (Bird/Smith)
      - i. General Plan and Map Discussion and Adoption
        1. Any discussion? Scott - What changes have we discussed. Chris (PSOMAS) - We just cleaned up the high intensity to be just Oquirrh Pointe. Jess - The only high-intensity in Erda is Oquirrh Pointe. Craig -

What I like about this, is that it gives us a lot of flexibility in a lot of areas. The county used it to deny somebody last night because 1 acre lot was high intensity in a particular area. Since there is no density defined, we can interpret what that density will be. Chris - That is supposed to be contextually based. Jess - I have a lot of faith in the planning commission to interpret that correctly. Scott - I made an issue last week about not having agriculture. I think I've resolved in my mind is that one of the problems we have is if we designate agriculture areas, it leaves those areas open to condemnation at the lowest value possible. To try and avoid that, I think we should leave it like it is. Chris - That's the purpose in changing those. If condemnation happens, they get greater value. It's not official, but part of the thought process. Scott - We are actually protecting agriculture by putting a higher value on those properties. Jess - I wouldn't change it anyways. . . . As we get this batch of things wrapped up in July and August we can think about more laws to protect the agriculture that's going on. Scott - OK. Kael - I'm happy with the general plan. Jess - No GP is going to be perfect. It's a great big compromise. How many participated in it? Chris - At least 200+ participants. Jess - We had that just in Erda, quite the turnout. Terry - I just wanted residents of Erda to give input of how it will look. We had input and the planning commission input, so I'm happy. Jess - It's not perfect, but I see a lot of compromise. Jess - Do we have an ordinance to approve this general plan? John - We do. Jess - I can't even function without Jenn anymore. I forgot to print it. Craig - Do we need to read it, or can I make a motion? If we are ready, I will make that motion. I do see a couple of changes. We need to change the word 'Millcreek' to say 'Erda' in the 5th paragraph. Jess - Any other changes? Craig - That's the only one I've seen. Jess - Reads the entire ordinance, as written. Craig - Moves to table until we send proper notice by notifying Utah Geospatial Resource Center. (Seconded by Terry) Jess - Do we need to notify anybody else? Chris - They will probably need the GIS stuff that I sent you guys. John - The county, North Tooele Fire District, Tooele School District, Mosquito Abatement District, SPID, Rocky Mountain Power, Dominion (Gas), any public phone provider, (Scott - I'll bet none of them care), all need to be notified. Jess - Send any others to me. Jess - It's moved and seconded to table until we notify the proper parties. Any further discussion? Roll call vote - All say yes.

c. Roads (Droubay/Miner)

- i. Scott - We met with Wasatch Regional Front Council last Friday and their idea is to try and coordinate transportation needs. There is nothing that we haven't already discussed. We discovered there is a proposal to make a commuter route from Tooele city, East of the railroad tracks clear down to Lake Point, around the mountain and connect up to 21st South. Grant Farnsworth pigeoned out a little 3 mile stretch that would cost over \$400 million. I don't think we're building that. I found out in the last meeting that the WFRC can help with other funding besides transportation. I'll get more information on what they fund. You have to have a project and matching funds. It may help us with things like future planning. Chris - That's already part of the General Plan.

- d. Ordinance Adoption (Smith/Martin)
- e. Economic Development (Martin/Smith)
- f. IT (Martin/Bird)
- g. Office (Martin/Bird)
  - i. Kael - We got info on the mailbox, what's our next step? Jess - We are good to put it in. Kael - Anybody want to go to Home Depot with me and help put it in? Jess - What kind do we want? Drill Pipe? Terry - Home Depot has a bigger one that is for parcels. We should be able to do envelopes and everything. Jess - Do we bid it out? Country boy it? Craig - This is small enough. Kael - We could put it on drill pipe and brackets. We could even just drive a t-post into the ground. Terry - It has to meet federal requirements. Kael - They told me to just slap one in. Terry - There is like height requirements and stuff. Jess - Let's get that done. Do we need to authorize some money for that? Terry - That would fall in office supply or equipment. Jess - Let's check out a credit card to Mr. Martin and send him to buy a mailbox. Kael - If I find one I like, I'll send some pictures and try to get 3 voices to say that we like it, then I'll buy it. I'll take a shovel, sackrete and we'll get a mail box. Worst case scenario we can take a welder out there and tack it on. Scott - Is our agreement with them signed. Terry - Yes, we were supposed to start in May. Kael - I'll go look at those on Monday. Terry - I also left a message with the fire about fireworks and his recommendation. Again, still waiting for an answer. Jess - I'll be in Denver M-W next week, so maybe next Friday I can help you. Kael - Can't do it Friday. Craig - Give me a call earlier in the week and I'll come help you. Jess - Is Craig volunteering to do the welding? Craig - I can do that. Jess - Sounds like we got a plan

#### 7. Council Representative Reports

- a. Terry - We had a meeting from 3-5 today. It's to develop a comprehensive emergency management plan. They say to be prepared to spend 72 hours on your own, no Red Cross, etc. The municipalities are legally bound for shelter in place, etc. It's our responsibility to have that established and help them man it. Whatever shelter and stuff we select as a site are required to be ADA compliant. Need to have water, ice, MREs and a tarp. Also, we should get the community involved so we know who has special needs. It will take a lot of community involvement. Scott - Terry and I thought we ought to try and piggy back this with preparedness efforts that have already gone on in Erda (mostly through the church). Rather than have 2 different entities, Erda and the church, work together. We'll see what they think about that. We'll try to make our efforts compliment each other. There's no deadline or anything, but we need to be working on it. As a city, we are responsible to help in any kind of emergency that comes around. Jess - So, we are expected to warehouse generators and MREs. Terry - No, just to have contacts and contractors. We just have to have the first step. If it's beyond our ability, then we go to the county, etc. Scott - The logical way to do this is to get our citizens involved. Find out who has generators, backhoes, trucks, vans, and we have that list assembled to see who is willing to help. That way we don't fill up a parking lot with stuff that is just sitting there waiting for the next big catastrophe. If there is a MAJOR event, we aren't going to get anything. We will need to take care of ourselves. Jess - We are supposed to build a small community of volunteers? We have one volunteer, Allison Kipp. Terry - Jenn said there was one more. Bucky said he was going to try and help round up some people. Scott - We can ask some people if we need to.

- b. Scott - In the Council of Governments, we talked about taxes. There was a brief discussion about how property values and home values have been going up, and will continue to go up. If projections hold, and we are in a real slide a year from now. The evaluation on our properties is on a delay, so it will continue to go up for 3 years. Our property taxes will continue to go up, no matter what. I asked if there was something we could do to leverage taxes to not go up. It is outside of the realm of this council to prevent it. We are encourage to go to a truth in taxation meeting and express our concerns. John - As values go up, tax rates go down. You should pay the same amount of dollars. Scott - They are talking that the tax rate isn't going to go down and that we are going to pay more. We have a 91 year old couple on a street in my community. Their income doesn't go up. Their real value in their property doesn't go up, but their taxes go up. Municipalities are going to have less money to fill the same amount of services. It also costs more to get the services (like filling a pothole) than it did just a couple of years ago. Terry - You don't get any of that money back, even if they make a mistake. They once agreed that they made a mistake on my property, but didn't refund anything. Scott - We ought to lobby for the rate to go down across the board. A rep from the school board there said that everything costs more. (They get 76% of our property taxes) We ought to make sure that our (erda) taxes stay the same, or go down. John - You can reduce your rate. Scott - I want it to at least remain the same. I know we are short on money as it is. I'm not lobbying for taxes to go down, but I am lobbying for them to stay at a current level.
- c. Craig - Mosquito Abatement met on Tuesday. We had to do an audit. 40 page book. We have a budget of \$800k a year. It was an interesting process to go through. Let me know if anybody has a mosquito problem. Kael - Can they test for West Nile? Craig - They already do that. They haven't seen that in a long time. Kael - How many horses around who don't have West Nile shots? A West Nile shot could be a bad deal. Craig - You'd be amazed where you can find standing water. They fog regularly. They check their traps, if they find them, then they fog. If you are going to have an event, they will come to a pretreatment so there are no mosquitoes there. They are happy to provide services.
8. Comments from Council Members
9. Adjournment
- a. Moved by Craig, second by Kael. Motion passes.

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

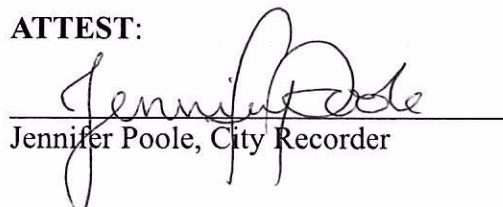
Prepared by: Cory Warnick, Minute taker for 6/16/2022

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Council this 30th day of June, 2022.

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Jess Bird, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jennifer Poole, City Recorder