

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY WATER BOARD
June 9, 2022 at 4:30 pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road
Meeting ID: 840 9974 6127

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Coby Zobell-absent, Doug Grimshaw, Steve Woolsey-absent, Alan Miller and Spencer Jones

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Dotson, Council Member David Harris, Deputy Recorder Lindsay Hildebrand, and Public Works Director Hayden White-absent. Julie Watson, City Recorder was on Zoom

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING-**By Doug Grimshaw
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance** –Led by Alan Miller
 - b. **Invocation** –Audience invited to participate. Given by Spencer Jones
 - c. **Approval of agenda for June 9, 2022** –Alan Miller made a motion to approve the agenda. Spencer Jones seconded and all voted in favor.
 - d. **Approval of minutes for April 14, 2022-** Spencer Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Alan Miller seconded and all voted in favor.
 - e. **Conflict of Interest Declaration-** Spencer Jones stated he owns water rights for agricultural and other uses. There were no other conflicts stated.

2. **DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO CODE 14.100.113 – APPLICATION FOR WATER CONNECTION**

City Manager Dotson explained we have had numerous discussions about culinary water use by agricultural (AG) users. The culinary system shouldn't be used for agricultural uses and he explained in more detail. Using secondary water would be possible. Changing the Code would take it from being a legislative function and give it to City administrative staff. If a water right is given to the City it is permanent and not returnable.

Spencer said his thought is it would be okay to allow stock watering which is less than a home would use. He expressed concerns that there should be an option for an AG user who might have a well go down so they have the option to use a hydrant meter to maintain operations while the well is being repaired. He was not in favor of stock watering with a hydrant meter and preferred to say that is not allowed. There was more discussion of the intent and examples of what is being done for this use now. Doug said he can't see why we require them to do a change application and prove up for temporary use. City manager Dotson said it will be cost-prohibitive to do this on a long-term basis noting fees are in the process of being increased.

There was a discussion of bulk AG users and there was agreement that water would not be provided in any circumstance for commercial use. Alan confirmed this would eliminate using a hydrant for AG use. City Manager Dotson said yes, that is the point, however, it allows the City Council an option to approve that use with the other requirements of deeded water rights and a lease situation. There was more discussion of the need for an emergency clause for some AG uses with more definitions.

Doug asked how serious a problem this is. City Manager Dotson said as the Code is now written we can't deny AG use to anyone. He added this is an attempt to get AG users on our

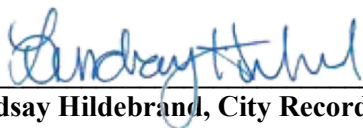
secondary system and require water rights and prove up on the use of water rights per State requirements. He also noted the rate is set for the hydrant meters already. We are trying to accomplish getting them off culinary water and onto the secondary system. There was more discussion of possible scenarios such as small self-sustaining family farming operations, stock watering, and emergency needs as different examples of AG use. Doug said he can see where City Manager Dotson is going and agrees we should not provide water on a long-term basis for this use. Alan asked how you could limit it so it does not go on forever. City Manager Dotson said Enoch will not provide culinary water for AG use, period. Meters and valves are separate issues. This came up so AG users can't hook onto the culinary system. City Manager Dotson said the rate is pretty hefty so that is self-limiting in itself. We want to keep culinary for culinary and irrigation for irrigation. City Manager Dotson said this is written for large farms. We don't want to allow this use for anything above five acres. Spencer suggested saying in the language that for anything above five acres the answer is NO. Doug said we don't want large AG users on either system. What we are trying to accomplish is eliminating future usage of this type. City Manager Dotson said he will rewrite this based on the discussion. Any permanent meter requires a water right. No water will be provided for any AG use except for parcels of less than five acres and approved by the City Council. **No action was taken pending the rewrite.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS-none

4. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Dotson reported the new well house is progressing. We are waiting on an electrician now. The power line has to be moved. This requires State approvals. The City is getting \$400,000 in ARPA money anytime now. It will be used for a waterline to the Garden Park well to tie that into the secondary system. It will also be used for the new water tank which we are putting next to other tanks by the Rec Complex. The study to put it on BLM land was too costly so that plan was abandoned. We are decreasing water use by irrigating 33,000 SF of lawn by taking the grass out at the office. The odd and even days for residential watering are voluntary. Most residents comply and it is working out to keep the tanks on a more even keel.

5. ADJOURN-Spencer Jones made a motion to adjourn. Alan Miller seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 5:55 p.

 7/14/2022
Lindsay Hildebrand, City Recorder Date