

**ENOCH CITY WATER BOARD
NOTICE AND AGENDA
August 11, 2022 at 4:30pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road
Meeting ID: 833 8985 7214**

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Dotson, Council Member David Harris, City Recorder Lindsay Hildebrand, Public Works Director Hayden White

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Tingey

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Doug Grimshaw
- b. **Invocation –Audience invited to participate** - Given by Spencer Jones
- c. **Approval of agenda for August 11, 2022 – Alan motioned to approve the agenda. Steve seconded and all voted in favor.**
- d. **Approval of minutes for July 14, 2022- Steve motioned to approve the minutes. Alan seconded and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Conflict of Interest Declaration-** Spencer is a consumer of Enoch’s water and the rates could impact everyone. Doug, Steve, and Alan agreed as they are a consumers as well.

2. CONSIDER WATER RATE PROPOSAL AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City Manager Dotson said Mr. Kennedy ran the numbers of the four different proposals that the Water Board put forth and gave it to the City Council. They reviewed and discussed them. Then they created two different proposals, which were in the packet. He re-capped the proposals and explained that the base rate would include 0-20k gallons of water. This first proposal would not meet the recommended reserves for over five years. However, raising the base rate to \$30 would. The contributions to reserves basically pay for depreciation. Doug asked if these new rates will inspire conservation. City Manager Dotson said yes, with a conservation rate of 3.5%. This means that the usage is projected to go down by 3.5% based on the rate. The revenue reflects that reduction over a 5-year period. The previous proposal by Council Member Jensen was 10k for the base and the overages went up significantly. His conservation rate was calculated at 7.5%. Doug said he was surprised at the numbers because this should generate quite a bit more revenue. City Manager Dotson said the difference is that it’s about how many residents use what amount of water. He said 90% of users don’t go over 10k in the winter. It has to do with the conservation percentage. Doug said one significant difference is the base rate going from 10k to 20k. City Manager Dotson said the City Council didn’t recommend the 10k. Spencer said he recommends the proposal showing a \$30 base rate and thought the 20k would be a good compromise. All of the variable costs would be paid for by the overages. That’s where he came up with the numbers that he did. The City Council compromised on the gallons used and the dollar amount for the overages. Spencer asked the group what they thought about the 20k. Steve said he realized that we needed to lower that from 30k. Surrounding cities have a base of 10k. City Manager Dotson

said the City Council also talked about reviewing it every year during the budget cycle anyway. They would question how the rates have had an impact over the previous year. That way they can see what the results are and maybe change the rates. Doug wanted to know what our affordability rate would be compared to other communities. City Manager Dotson said Council Member D. Harris used Brian Head as an example of why you can't really compare us to other communities. The affordability index is projected by grants and loans. Our affordability had to be high enough to get state approval for grants. The Water Board all agreed that the rate change should be marketed to the residents with a \$30 base and 20k gallons included. Alan said this will leave room for making adjustments over time. Residents should get the change over the summer. Steve assumed that at some point the explanation about it will be in the newsletter. City Manager Dotson said there will be at least one public hearing if not two. There is a political factor to consider. Spencer said if they are going to move forward they should review it in one year, this time next year, to revisit it and see if 20k is good. Alan suggested every year between November and December they look at the data and then in January present it to the City Council.

Spencer motioned to approve the proposal by Mathew Kennedy, which included 20k gallons of water at a base rate of \$30 per month with tiers as discussed. The rates will be reviewed between November and December of 2023. Alan seconded and all voted in favor.

Doug asked if this needs to go through a public hearing every time the rates change. City Manager Dotson explained that the City Council wants to go through a public hearing process so the public is educated, but we also have to do that for the tank loan. One of the things we have to do is make sure the average bill is \$47 a month.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Tingey said this will be interesting and he really likes this idea. He requested the spreadsheet showing the water rates. City Manager Dotson said the spreadsheet takes 5 to 10 minutes to calculate. There was a discussion about RCAC.

4. BOARD/STAFF REPORTS

Hayden White said we are siding the well across the street. They did some asphalt work on the speed bump on the roundabout. The new guys are pretty much trained. Siding and power is the only thing left on the Grimshaw well. Little Eden well has been test pumped and they are waiting for funding. They put a surface seal on the Little Eden well and they had to have it re-drilled. They went deeper into it. City Manager Dotson said we are still going through the process with the new tank. Most Likely that will be a culinary tank and the BLM tank up higher will divert that so it goes north up to Village Green and such. Eventually, the plan is to put another tank to the north.

City Manager Dotson said he shared the proposal sent to the City Council and they sent out an RFP to lease water from the treatment plant. Paul Monroe and City Manager Dotson put it together. We basically took the requested information and explained what our proposals are. The one thing requested was how it will impact their water rights and how much we are going to pay them. We don't know what they are going to do with this. It was due last Friday and we got it in. It's the Cedar City Wastewater Treatment Facility.

5. ADJOURN Spencer motioned to adjourn. Steve seconded and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 5:40 pm

Lindsay Hildebrand, City Recorder	Date
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