

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
November 2, 2022 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present:

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut
Council Member David Harris
Council Member Richard Jensen
Council Member West Harris
Council Member Katherine Ross
Council Member Shawn Stoor

Staff present:

Robert Dotson, City Manager
Ashley Horton, Treasurer
J. Wayment, City Attorney - excused
Hayden White, Public Works Director
Lindsay Hildebrand, City Recorder
Jackson Ames, PD Chief

Public Present: Cindy Bulloch, Mark Vincent, Laurie Vincent, Leland Freeborn, and Tara Maxwell

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance- Led by Council Member Jensen**
- b. **Invocation (2 min.)-Audience invited to participate- Given by Council Member D. Harris**
- c. **Inspirational thought- Given by Council Member D. Harris**
- d. **Approval of Agenda for November 2, 2022- Council Member Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member W. Harris seconded and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Approval of Minutes for October 19, 2022- Council Member D. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member W. Harris seconded and all voted in favor.**
- f. **Ratification of Expenditures- There was none.**
- g. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda- There was none stated.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leland Freeborn gave some background information about himself. He was raised in California. He bought 1800 acres of land in the Parowan valley. He bought more land in Milford. He crashed his plane between Parowan and Beaver. He sold all of his farms after the incident and built a fallout shelter for his own family. He has talked to millions of people about World War 3. He said from December 18 to New Year's Day, there will be no power. The entire power grid will be down. Nuclear explosions will begin to hit the United States. He passed out a bookmark. The biggest killer is ignorance. He said there will be no power for months. He suggested storing food and supplies. He also passed out an article of things that people will need to do to prepare. He asked that everyone study it and be prepared. He intends to visit every municipality in the area.

Cindy Bulloch is a representative for Chris Stewart's office. She wanted to meet everyone and asked that if they needed anything that they would reach out. Chris Stewart is glad to still be representing Southern and Rural Utah. She told the Council that if there is anything in their official job or personal life that they need, to reach out to her office directly.

- 3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO A NEW PD OFFICER – Lindsay Hildebrand, City Recorder**
Lindsay administered the oath of office to the new officer, Rick Vincent.

4. SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED WATER RATE CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2022

City Manager Dotson explained that most customers are residential. The current base rate is 29\$ a month. He explained the tier structure. He went through the rate changes, especially for the mobile home park. Council Member Ross said if they are using culinary water, they are charged more. She asked where the 10,000 gallons, shown were from. City Manager Dotson said the average house uses 8,000 gallons. So, there is a little bit of a buffer. In 2022 with changes, we will have \$18,000 over our contribution for reserves. In 2023 we would have minus \$8,000. We would still contribute \$149,000 to reserves.. but be short on that in the next 2 years. Mayor Chesnut asked if the red assumes a change in consumer behavior for the first 2 years. City Manager Dotson said yes. Council Member D. Harris noted that they would review it periodically. Council Member Jensen said he's not thrilled with it, but because they have all hashed it out, he is willing to pass the proposed water rate structure, as long as they come back and review it. Mayor Chesnut said this council has been great in that they have the willingness to revisit it and have a difficult conversation. City Manager Dotson said we are planning on blasting this out on social media to educate.

Council Member D. Harris made a motion to set a public hearing for November 16, 2022. Council Member Ross seconded and all voted in favor.

5. CONSIDER PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATION(S)

City Manager Dotson said we have a list of projects for consideration. Cindy Bulloch said Community Funding Projects are the old earmarks from Congress. It is not increasing the budget. One percent of the top-line budget that has passed is already set aside for community projects. Each member of the House of Representatives can submit a number of forms that will go through transparency. The Congressman put it on his website. Don't submit something that you don't want everyone to see. Requirements can be governmental or non-profit. You could also combine a project from Cedar City. She gave an example of a fire station. Once you narrow it down they can look and see. The reason we are talking about it now, there is only a two-week window. It has to work through an existing project so the money can funnel down. It also can work with other federal funds. City Manager Dotson gave an example and said if we wanted a drainage project and the best fit is through NRCS then they have a match requirement already for whatever project that is. Cindy said the only caveat is that we can't do a project that is not complete. In the first two years, the funds had to be spent within that year, but they are anticipating that the requirement may come out. She showed the form on the screen and asked that they rank those requests. Often times the process is competitive. She gave an example of a letter of community support. The Congressman has to verify that this isn't benefitting him. If it's through NRCS, for example, we need to be working with them so that we know that they are ok with it. If we can't get ahold of that agency and we can't make sure that they are ok with it, we might lose out on that money. She showed a chart of projects that were awarded funding. They are ideas of the types of projects out there. They did say that they may not award for a recreational project.

City Manager Dotson said shovel-ready is something that we are going to do anyway and we don't have the capacity to do it. He gave several examples of projects we need to complete. The police department needs a public safety building. Each officer is currently sharing their desk space. They have a storage container and their evidence is

being stored at the public works department. That's one thing that we planned on doing. We have a potential design for that. There is also the potential for a new City Office. A fire station is something that has been discussed over the years. He mentioned an Industrial park. We have a road that is in our industrial area, Bark Avenue that needs work. We need curb and gutter. There are some manufacturing facilities that have been built and potential for other large facilities. We have a bunch of transportation challenges. We are also talking about that box culvert that you can drive through off of Highway 91 and it only goes north. There is a potential for it to go south and connect to Cedar City. We have some other roads that we would like to get fixed up. Storm drainage is another item. We would have to have engineering design it. Council Member Ross said she would like to focus on our drainage projects. City Manager Dotson said it comes down to phasing the projects. When we met with Chris Stewart last time they had already had a conversation with NRCS regarding the East Bench Watershed Project and guessed it was about \$25 million. They are planning on putting it in their queue. Cindy said that window will open in March and won't be until the approved budget in the fall of 2023 for 2024. So, it's a way out there. Mayor Chesnut said we appreciate all of the help that we get from the Congressman's office.

6. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

Chief Ames said at the last meeting he told everyone that they needed to fill a spot for a crossing guard. They still haven't received any applicants. Michelle is a part-time shelter tech and offered to do it, so we are hoping to get her started. Council Member Ross said she could help on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Hayden White said he has been running the dump at night. They have been working on the Old Highway 91 water project. They crossed Highway 91. They have been doing some pothole patching. The parks are shut down for the winter. He met with Grimshaw's drilling and they are getting started on a couple of our projects.

Ashley Horton said she has been staying busy. She got quarterly tax returns filed.

City Manager Dotson said we are planning on having a Christmas party. He asked if they would like to help by providing an appreciation for our staff. The Council decided to hold a Christmas party for the Boards and staff on Wednesday the 21st.

Lindsay Hildebrand said the Angel Tree is out in the foyer. She has been working on monthly reports for business licensing and building permits.

Mayor Chesnut said he attended the Iron County Coordinating Council which has become the Iron County Coordinating Council of Government. They passed the Transportation Priority List. There were a few updates. Cedar added a couple of projects. The big push is the interchange. It's current estimated cost is \$65 million. We also had discussions about Cedar City's waste water treatment plan. A bunch of organizations submitted ideas; however, it was as if that didn't happen. They are open to ideas. Unfortunately, we will continue doing what we have been doing in the past. There was more discussion about the wastewater treatment plant project.

Council Member Ross said she missed the Planning Commission meeting and will miss the next City Council meeting.

Council Member D. Harris said they did not have an official Water Board meeting and are scheduled to discuss a secondary irrigation requirement for developers.

Council Member Jensen said Wreaths Across America met. They are having a challenge finding someone to lay the wreaths. The date is Dec. 17th at noon. They need to collect money for next year. They need about \$1200. He also mentioned the video that went viral. There were discussions among Canyon View High School students about potential protesting and shootings. He asked to make sure everyone is talking to their children about such things.

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9. ADJOURN – Council Member W. Harris made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ross seconded and all voted in favor. 7:20 pm

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Lindsay Hildebrand, City Recorder	Date