

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
April 1, 2015 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present:

Mayor Robert Rasmussen
Council Member Destry Griffiths
Council Member Steve Johnson
Council Member Kirk Lovell
Council Member Gary Wilcken
Council Member Mike Olenslager

Staff present:

Julie Watson, Recorder
Dan Jessen, Treasurer
Gary Kuhlmann, City Atty.-absent
Earl Gibson, Pub.Works
Jackson Ames, PD Chief
Robert Dotson, City Manager

Public present: Nicole Johnson, Michelle Pritchard, Pat Reed, Jim Allen, Ken & Carolyn Bauer, Jolene Lee, Krista Bulloch, Dilworth Armstrong, Cassie Easley, Debra Ley, Vern Grimshaw, Bob Graul, Michael O'Rourke and Lisa Lowden

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-By Mayor Rasmussen at 6:00pm. He welcomed the audience.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-**Led by Julie Watson
- b. **Invocation-**Audience invited to participate-Given by Council Member Lovell
- c. **Approval of Agenda for April 1, 2015-**Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Lovell. Motion seconded by Council Member Olenslager and all voted in favor.
- d. **Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2015-**Council Member Olenslager questioned the vote count on item #2. City Manager Dotson said the vote was to reconsider voting and that should be clarified striking "so motion died for lack of votes". Council Member Olenslager made a motion to approve minutes with corrections noted. Motion seconded by Council Member Johnson and all voted in favor.
- e. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-**none stated

2. DISCUSS WATER BOARD RECOMMENDATION AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR RASMUSSEN TO SIGN LETTER TO CICWCD REGARDING TEST WELLS AT RUSH LAKE

Mayor Rasmussen referred to the Water Board minutes, recommendation and the letter written to the CICWCD in the packet and asked for concerns. Council Member Olenslager cited some concerns with the language in the 4th paragraph preferring less challenging verbiage like "we prefer you not drill within close proximity to our water resources which could have negative impact on our water". There was more discussion of the language and a couple of other corrections. It was noted that the CICWCD has many other resources from which to draw water that are not adjacent to Enoch and may be more fruitful and easier to develop. Dilworth Armstrong of the Water Board gave more details on the Rush Lake property telling about old wells and current wells and about the other water resources the CICWCD has available to use.

City Manager Dotson gave some history about why we are writing this letter saying the CICWCD came to a Water Board meeting to ask for our "blessing" to drill test wells at Rush Lake. Their thought is that this will benefit all if they can balance the aquifer in the whole valley by idling wells at Quichipa. The Water Board wanted to draw a line in the sand regarding our

interests in Enoch and the possible effect on our wells. City Manager Dotson added they will do whatever they want to. If they meet the standards of the law then we have to prove they are affecting us which isn't easy to do. Council Member Olenlager said he agrees with the concept but wants to use less confrontational language. City Manager Dotson went on to say we want to work with everyone and be good neighbors but we need to say we have issues and may file protests to do our due diligence. Council Member Johnson added we are trying to show we are not doormats and we do care what they do.

City Manager Dotson told about the geochemical study going on for which Enoch received a grant from the CICWCD. We want to continue that study with everyone in the area involved to map the water. What is believed currently is hearsay and this study could inject some actual facts. He noted that this letter becomes policy if the City Council approves it. We can't stop them but they are on notice about our concerns and this becomes our policy. There was more discussion of the details of the pumping at Rush Lake.

Mayor Rasmussen asked the Council what they want to do. City Manager Dotson said Council Member Olenlager's wording makes sense and he will also correct any typos. Mayor Rasmussen asked for motion regarding the letter with changes as discussed. **Council Member Johnson made a motion that we approve the letter to the CICWCD with changes as discussed. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wilcken and all voted in favor.**

Council Member Wilcken thanked the Water Board for their diligence and research and for watching what is going on

3. DISCUSS 2015-2016 BUDGET

Mayor Rasmussen said this is very preliminary. Dan will go through what has been presented by department heads to this point. Dan said this is a tentative budget and he has forecast revenues and department needs. He is forecasting an increase in sales tax, franchise tax and some revenues and that will help the bottom line with costs always going up. Dan said a large line item is healthcare costs which we just received today. The increase in health insurance is 4.5 % for this year. In past years it has been as high as 6-10 %. Most other cities had higher increases than we did and that is driven by usage. He gave more details on effected plans and how they apply to our employees.

Dan said expenses will outweigh revenues by \$7000 without any changes and it will be fairly easy to overcome that. In other years, the deficit has been in the hundreds of thousands. He explained the sections on the budget chart saying the figures are "actual as audited" figures and columns show "year to date" noting that not all revenues and expenses have yet happened as the year is not over until June 30th. The "current" to "next year's" budget is being compared here. He talked about property taxes and sales taxes and how they come into the city. Higher revenue in sales tax reflects a better economy. We expect to receive \$20,000 more than last year. Dan told about the process of analyzing trends saying he spends a lot of time analyzing these things.

Going through the budget, Dan highlighted:

- Class C road funds and the new law taking effect in 2016

- The property tax rate that is approved by the State and comes late in the budget process

- More details of sales and franchise taxes and what we receive

- Growth, building permits and impact fees based on 27 new homes and some commercial business that has come in

- PD safety grants and how they fit into the budget

- NRCS money noting we will have none coming in 2015-2016

Going on to expenses he noted:

- Increases in public services in "dispatch" which is what we pay to the State to provide service and is paid at the county level

Spillman is the computer system they use in dispatch. The State is increasing the amount they bill us but they don't know that amount yet. It could be as much as \$2-3,000 more
Animal control donations are way up and this reflects an upward trend
The NRCS matching funds will be gone in the next budget year

Dan noted we charge a dispatch fee on the utility bill and suggested the City Council could consider a .25 cent increase as a way to cover our increased costs. It is \$1.50 now. He wanted to be clear there are two areas we expect an increase and we don't know the exact cost yet. There was a brief discussion of the switch from Reverse 911 to the Everbridge system which costs slightly more and is a 4-year contract based on population from the last census

There was more discussion of other items of note:

The new IP phone service is saving quite a bit of money while offering more capability
Travel and training is budgeted at \$4500. Some training occurs in the spring and some in the fall which puts them into two different budget years.

The "easement" line is funded because we have to have it in case the need arises

The "engineering" line item in administration which we took it out in the 2014-2015 budget is funded because there are other needs for engineering services not pertaining to other departments.

Municipal election year occurs every other year and is in 2015 so that is higher

Iron Days Festival was run through the City budget because they did not have their 501(3)C set up but do now so their funds will not show in this budget

4th of July was removed from the last budget so that is not funded again

Replacement/routine maintenance needs of the office building for things such as carpet that we have postponed

Liability insurance is less due to fewer claims

Office equipment has to be funded in case something breaks down

Going to the PD budget Dan explained some line items that are being adjusted:

How the wages and salaries are shown

How computer and software is shown

Maintenance is growing due to older vehicles

Fuel went down but is not expected to remain low

The general fund allots \$10,000 and then whatever grants they get adds to that

Dan explained we are not spending new money just reallocating how it is shown. Other items that will look different this year include cell phones through with Verizon which allow us to better allocate actual use in departments Dan said when we open the budget some line items have gone over and we may need to move unspent funds to other line items. If not used it becomes savings in the general fund and goes towards the amount not designated to a specific use. Council Member Wilcken said we want to save money and benefit but there is to be no slush fund to be used without this body's approval. Dan said that is not our mentality and the only way we reserve money is if we designate its purpose. Donations to the animal control department must be used for them only. He does not make Chris go spend all of that money. It can be carried year to year and is only a small amount which the auditors have OK'ed. Dan said savings can only be 5% to 25% of an unassigned fund balance. There was more discussion of public services which is anything that does not have a department but benefits the public like street lights. Everbridge and the fire agreement are not yet paid this year and we have to guess what the amount will be based on calls for this year and previous expenses. Streets and roads are significant and the increase shown is in maintenance. Citizens have been asking about the roads that are torn up from the NRCS project. The plan is to

use budget money to first patch the part of the road that was dug out. Then those roads will be totally resurfaced in the fall. Parks shows some significant costs. Actuaries from the insurance company identify threats to the City or possible insurance claims. One issue found is the sand in Liberty Park gets packed and hard and is a liability which they suggested fixing. One remedy suggested could be about \$15,000. The options are do nothing, which is not good with the insurance company. We could buy a tiller to till up the sand and use it in other parks too or we could put wood chips in the fall zones. The Council will weigh in on this decision. Coach pitch will involve more volunteers and the program is being revamped to have machine pitch which better prepares kids to move on. Susan Carter is over that program and recommends this one time equipment purchase. Dan said we also usually transfer capital funds to accrue for the new shelter. The City Council has done that every year to maintain that commitment which gets the budget to \$7,175 in the negative.

The water company forecasts revenues from new homes coming in. We also project savings in utilities for pumping costs due to analysis of when we pump and which wells we use. City Manager Dotson said we are working towards using green energy like solar for emergencies and for the smaller wells. We may be a few years out to get capital improvement money for that. There will be increased costs for the geochemical water study. Fees creep up for card use to pay utility bills. The water company bought a truck for \$34,100 which was badly needed and a great deal and we hope to buy a generator. The funds will carry over if we don't buy it this year. Meter purchases are being debated on what type of meters we will get as technology is changing. We will need an upgrade at some time in the near future. The new well is over budget now and is not finished which will require funding. The plan is to get permission to convert the test well to culinary use, put in a pump building and run power, all listed in the expense line. We have not been able to apply for CIB funding yet as we have no firm estimates of costs but that is coming and there are various options. The sewer company is about the same showing more revenue due to growth. We moved money to start the storm drainage enterprise fund. Paying for the treatment plant upgrade is their main expense and when that goes online in 2016-17 the budget will go up.

Dan said the storm drain fund has accrued \$25,000 with \$35,000 coming by year end. We have also started depreciating the storm drain system so that is a new line item. There are no projects budgeted or employees allocated to that department yet. We created the fund to do things and we do have two projects engineered. City Manager Dotson said priorities will need to be discussed. Dan said he balanced the enterprise funds budgets and they are expected to bring more revenue than expenses.

Mayor Rasmussen asked for Dan to email this budget to each Council Member. The next step is for the tentative budget to be approved at the first meeting in May. We will discuss this again at the next meeting after there is time to review it. He asked the Council Members to come into Dan with their proposals. When the tentative budget is approved we will set a public hearing and at that time the budget will be available for review by the public. Mayor Rasmussen thanked Dan for his hard work on this budget.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cassie Easley said last meeting she brought up the Second Amendment issue and thought it would be on this agenda and it was not. She said she is not trying to offend anyone and knows that public comments are not for Q&A so she is just making statements. When she finished at last meeting Council Member Lovell said we are not enforcing firearms laws. She asked who decides what is enforced and what is not. Do they have a list? Is that available? Shouldn't all laws be enforced or taken off the books? Does she to get decide what laws to follow? She added things are brought to the Council's attention and they do not do anything about it.

Bob Graul thanked Dan for the good budget presentation. He had questions about if taxpayers are paying fees when someone uses a credit card to pay a bill. Dan explained the only fee is when a

person calls in to make a payment over the phone and staff has to manually key in the card. There is a \$3 fee for that paid by the person paying the bill. They have a choice to pay some other way if they want to avoid the fee. It costs us additional fees when we can't swipe the card so that is the charge and the customer chooses that.

Vern Grimshaw said in 2012 we talked about relocation of the pound and said it would happen by 2015. City Manager Dotson said we have to "think about it" by 2015 in the agreement and we are working on it. Vern said the pound is right in the center of a residential area and is hurting property values. He told of a person he talked to who said they would not buy in Legacy Estates because it is close to the pound.

5. CORRESPONDENCE-none

6. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS

Council Member Olenslager asked about the girl's ranch and if they could help take care of the shelter animals as part of their rehabilitation and perhaps relocate the shelter out there. City Manager Dotson said we did talk that over with the owner and they would like to use other animal therapy in their program however we would not move the shelter out there.

Council Member Griffiths commented he thought we said the second amendment was set to come on an agenda "soon" and not necessarily tonight's agenda.

Chief Ames said he was not here when this came up last meeting. He said City Manager Dotson and Julie emailed him with some changes and as he compared language to State law it was an over simplification that did not jive with State law. As he looked at it he was not comfortable bringing it and needed more time to look at it adding it deals with parks specifically. Mayor Rasmussen asked him to move on it soon. He said he would work on it for the April 15th agenda. He also reported we had the annual Easter Egg Hunt and had a good turnout. He thanked the Easter Bunny and local businesses who donated with special thanks to Susan Carter who organizes the whole thing every year.

Council Member Johnson commented that he read the ordinances of another city and they simply refer to State law in regard to gun laws. Chief Ames agreed we don't need to reinvent the wheel and may reference State law in our Code amendment.

Council Member Wilcken asked that they be given the State law in the packet as part of Chief Ames' research.

City Manager Dotson said April 25th is Arbor Day here at the City Office beginning at 10:00am with workshops on irrigation and landscaping. A pruning demonstration will be held at the Midvalley LDS Chapel. The Church Building has a variety of trees and shrubs to use to demonstrate pruning techniques. At "Garden Park" Park there will be a tree planting demonstration. May 16th is the Business Fair put on by the Economic Development Committee and held at Enoch Elementary. Businesses can have booths to show their wares or services. Other resources will be available such as SUU Small Business Development. Utah State Emergency Management will have a workshop to teach preparedness to business owners. He said a business owner told him that he started to network with others because of the last business fair and because of that he saved thousands on his taxes with resources he got there.

Dan Jessen said he is available to talk with the Council or public about the budget however please call to schedule time with him.

Earl Gibson said the crew installed the last section of 60 inch pipe today and now the finish work and clean up starts. The NRCS engineers will be here on Monday April 13th to do a walk-through of the project to be sure it is functional and completed. Earl reported Rob procured 55 jersey barriers at -0- cost to be used in the ditch for rip rap. This was due to great networking and connections and good people at UDOT which saved the City money.

Mayor Rasmussen asked about having the dumpsters open on a Saturday for community clean up during the open burn period. After discussion it was decided to advertise a community clean-up on Friday May 8th and Saturday May 9th from 8:00 am to 5:00pm.

Council Member Johnson said we need to do some housekeeping on changing where our sales tax rate states we charge ¾% and we actually get 1%. Dan said he would take care of that.

7. ADJOURN-Motion to adjourn by Council Member Lovell. Motion was seconded by Council Member Olenslager and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 8:20pm.

Julie Watson, Recorder **Date**